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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



Developer applies for Demolition Order but has the planning scheme amendment become law yet?

**Tuesday, 31 January 2012**

Council Notification in The Hobsons Bay Weekly  
Thursday, 2 February 2012

*Urbis Pty Ltd has lodged an application to demolish buildings and structures at 3-39 and 41 Nelson Place, Williamstown (former Port Phillip Woollen Mills site). The application and supporting documentation may be inspected at the Hobsons Bay Civic Centre 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday, or via Greenlight, the Council's online permit management system at [www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au). Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the Council in writing, including the reasons for an objection and stating how the objector would be affected by 15th February 2012. Objectors will be advised of the decision. For further information, please contact Verity Castles on 9932 1000.*

Its very premature - not only is there no approved Planning Permit for the

site BUT the Planning Scheme Amendment C86 isn't law yet... As the minister exempted himself from the Planning and Environment Act to sign this amendment it still needs ratifying by Parliament Legislative Council and that hasn't happened yet.

Should it become law? Is it morally right that the community and industry presented important information to the Port Phillip Woollen Mill Advisory Committee and after the committee prepared a report, the minister then asked his departmental public servants who recommended overturning the main findings of the report. Look at the facts, the minister had a Port Phillip Woollen Mill Advisory Committee who prepared a report based on hearings over 3 weeks with many expert witnesses BUT the minister ignored many recommendations of the report and preferred the views of public servants who without any public consultation advised against many findings and recommendations of the report. IS THIS DEMOCRATIC OR A MOCK CONSULTATION LIKE THE WINDSOR HOTEL WAS TO BE.

Residents in the neighbourhood are receiving the Developer's application to demolish the Former Port Phillip Woollen Mill Site Buildings.

The community is worried about the removal of this sound barrier between the lovely heritage houses with no sound insulation and the heavy industry on the Pt Gellibrand.

Could this move by the developer stop night time work at BAE Systems - nationally significant ship builder and Mobil with 70% of Victoria's fuel arriving at this port.

AND MORE IMPORTANTLY DOES A DEVELOPER WHO SEEMS TO HAVE HAD THE EAR OF FACILITATION BRANCH IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REALLY CARE ABOUT THE LOCAL RESIDENTS OF WILLIAMSTOWN OR INDUSTRY IN MELBOURNE'S WEST?

Bulldozers and sledgehammers will soon sound loud during the day but it is the night-time noise from existing heavy industry which will tip the balance when residents sleep is disturbed. The Port Phillip Woollen Mill Advisory Committee report considered the community submissions and Wade Noonan's submissions on this very matter and stated there should be a CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT PLAN. Where is this plan and why hasn't council been required to adopt that prior to demolition at the site. As SEPP1 says night-time noise also has a psychological disturbance factor too..

