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## Fight on Williamstown high-rise plans

**Tuesday, 28 April 2009**

“WILLIAMSTOWN residents fear the face of their suburb could change forever if a 369-apartment development, including a 46.5m tower, is built in the heart of its maritime precinct.

Developer Nelson Place Village Pty Ltd has applied to rezone land on Nelson Place, near Williamstown’s naval dockyards, which would allow it to build four apartment towers ranging from six to 12 storeys.

Plans submitted to Hobsons Bay Council show the towers would be surrounded by 79 three-storey apartments. The plans also include 667 parking spaces, mostly underground. Presently, the site of the proposed development - the former Port Phillip Mill at 31 Nelson Place - and adjoining blocks are subject to a height restriction of three storeys...”

See Hobsons Bay Leader article:

### Fight on Williamstown High Rise Plans

This was the first many residents of Williamstown learnt that the two to three storey overlay for Williamstown might be fragile and about to be broken. WNSRA and POW decided that the community needed to act to protect the heritage of the suburb and make sure that no precedents were set which could change the face of Williamstown for ever.

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### High rise bid: \$110m development plan revealed

**Wednesday, 29 April 2009**

“PLANS have been revealed for a \$110million high-rise development taking out three street blocks in Williamstown. Concept designs for 'Nelson Place Village' show four residential towers up to 12 storeys high and 69 three-storey townhouses.

The 18,580-square-metre site is bounded by Nelson Place and Ann and Kanowna streets.

BAE, formerly known as Tenix, owned part of the land zoned as special use (marine engineering area), which makes the State Government the responsible authority. The rest of the site has industrial zoning.

Concept designs by Keshu Chakhvorostov were prepared for Bruce Henderson Architects and posted on the former's website. But they were mysteriously removed last week.

Mr Chakhvorostov said he was no longer employed by the firm and could not comment. Hobsons Bay councillor Angela Altair said an application to rezone the site had been lodged which, if successful, would pave the way for residential development.

"An application has been received on behalf of Nelson Place Village Pty Ltd seeking to rezone land at 31 Nelson Place and adjoining sites on Aitken Street and BAE land on Kanowna Street.

"The amendment request proposes to rezone the land from a special use zone (marine engineering area) to a residential zone.

"The amendment proposes a development plan overlay which would allow development from 11.5 metres to 46.5 metres (three to 12 storeys).

"We'd be making sure any new development complies with the current height controls and protects the amenity of the local area." .....

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### Ron Walker is major investor in controversial Williamstown plan

**Wednesday, 29 April 2009**

“FORMER Liberal Party heavyweight Ron Walker is a major investor in a property development opponents say threatens to destroy the fabric of Williamstown's historic village.

The Fairfax chairman and Grand Prix chief has a 50 per cent stake in the joint venture partners of Nelson Place Village, which proposes to rezone land close to the naval yards and build 12-storey apartment towers.

Opponents of the 369-apartment scheme, which threatens to overshadow much of the suburb, are concerned Planning Minister Justin Madden may intervene and fast-track the project.....”

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