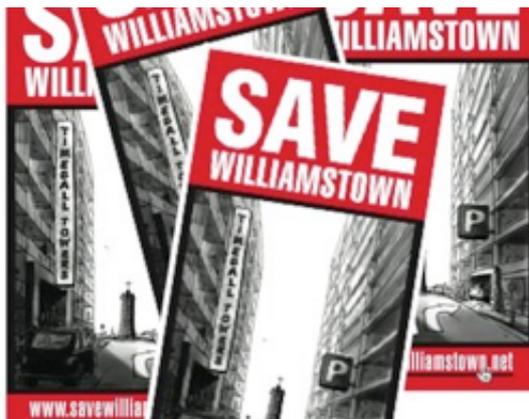


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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



### Guy rejects advice on height limit

Thursday, 1 December 2011

The Age  
Jason Dowling  
December 1, 2011

“PLANNING Minister Matthew Guy has rejected the advice of an expert planning committee for compulsory height controls at a key development site in Williamstown, which is part-owned by former Liberal Party heavyweight Ron Walker.

The Nelson Place Village proposal by Evolve Development for the Woollen Mills site, includes 412 units and towers up to 13 storeys.

It has been bitterly opposed by some locals, including former premier Joan Kirner. Mr Walker said he had not discussed the proposal with Premier Ted Baillieu, or with Mr Guy.

"I have not spoken to or met with Matthew Guy since he has been elected, and nor have I spoken to him about it before he was elected," he said.

A planning advisory report from May recommended mandatory height limits of up to 25 metres (eight storeys) for buildings on the site.

But new planning controls expected to be introduced today by Mr Guy will instead introduce a mix of mandatory and "indicative" height limits for the controversial Woollen Mills site.

This will allow the developer to exceed the 25-metre limit if it gains the approval of Hobsons Bay Council or the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

While the Hobsons Bay Council welcomed a decision by Mr Guy to make the council the responsible authority for future building applications on the site, it is unhappy about the decision not to have mandatory height limits there.

"Without a mandatory limit, developers will inevitably seek to go higher than the 'indicative height'," Hobsons Bay mayor Michael Raffoul said. "Not delivering clear mandatory height limits will only lead to uncertainty for the community, the developer and the council."

Andrew Davidson, of the Save Williamstown community group, said the government was planning to remove "the single most important control" recommended by the advisory committee.

"This will give the developer a free licence to build whatever height they can get through VCAT," he said.

A spokesman for Mr Guy said the combination of mandatory and discretionary height limits that would be applied to the former Port Phillip Woollen Mills site "are as advised by the department".

"Hobsons Bay Council will have full responsibility for any decision in relation to deciding any permit application, including consideration of any proposed heights across the remainder of the site, mindful that the maximum indicative height is eight storeys at the tallest point," the spokesman said.

He said Mr Guy had not discussed the proposal with Mr Walker in the past year.....

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/guy-rejects-advice-on-height-limit-20111130-1o71u.html>

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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



### Labor moves on Woollen Mills site in Williamstown

**Thursday, 1 December 2011**

Media Release

Wade Noonan MLA Williamstown

December 1, 2011

Member for Williamstown, Wade Noonan MP, has today announced that Labor will move a disallowance motion in the Upper House of the Victorian Parliament next week in an attempt to block the Baillieu Government's removal of mandatory height controls at the former Port Phillip Woollen Mills site in Williamstown.

Following the release of the Independent Advisory Committee's Report earlier this week, Minister for Planning, Matthew Guy wrote to the Hobsons Bay City Council to advise them that he had decided to rezone the site to mixed use and apply a new set of planning controls.

"Minister Guy must explain to the community why he has ignored the key recommendation of his Independent Advisory Committee," Mr Noonan said

“By removing the mandatory height controls for the Woollen Mills site, Minister Guy is really saying the sky’s the limit for this development.”

“The Independent Advisory Committee made it absolutely clear that mandatory height controls for this site were warranted and supported.”

Minister Guy has also failed to heed the expert advice of the Independent Advisory Committee in relation to developer contributions and the appointment of a Design Review Panel.

“Minister Guy has also rejected the expert advice contained in his Advisory Committee’s report to impose a levy on the developer to support public infrastructure, such as landscaping, footpaths, and community spaces,” Mr Noonan said.

“The recommendation to appoint a Design Review Panel to allow public input into the design of the building has also been trashed.”

In the lead up to the last State Election in 2010, the Liberal Party openly pledged to stop high-rise development plans in Williamstown.

“The Liberal Party’s pledge at the last election to stop high-rise developments in Williamstown is now in tatters,” Mr Noonan said.

“Labor will move to block the lifting of mandatory height controls for this site in the Victorian Parliament next week.”

“Labor’s disallowance motion will provide a chance for Bernie Finn and Andrew Elsbury, the Liberal Party’s two representatives in Melbourne’s west, to place the interests of local people ahead of their Party’s masters.”

“If successful, the disallowance will provide the breathing space needed. The cost of the Government ramming this Planning Scheme Amendment through without any consultation will be paid by future generations that may have to live with an unsightly tower and inadequate infrastructure.”

The Victorian Parliament resumes on Tuesday, 6 December 2011.

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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



Victoria Government Gazette No. S 391

**Thursday, 1 December 2011**

Planning and Environment Act 1987

HOBSONS BAY PLANNING SCHEME Notice of Approval of Amendment  
Amendment C86

The Minister for Planning has approved Amendment C86 to the Hobsons Bay Planning Scheme.

The Amendment comes into operation on the date this notice is published in the Government Gazette.

The changes apply to land known as Precinct 20 as defined by the Hobsons Bay Industrial Land Management Strategy 2008. Specifically the Amendment applies to the following properties:

- 1, 3–39, 41, 57 and in part 2–10 Nelson Place, Williamstown;
- 17 and 21 Ann Street, Williamstown and
- 15, 23, 25 and 27 Aitken Street, Williamstown.

The Amendment modifies the controls for the precinct as follows:

- Rezones that part of Precinct 20 that forms the boundary to Kanowna Street and Nelson Place to Mixed Use Zone; and
- Applies the Design and Development Overlay Schedule 11, and the

Environmental Audit Overlay to all of Precinct 20.

A copy of the Amendment can be inspected, free of charge, at the Department of Planning and Community Development website at [www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/publicinspection](http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au/planning/publicinspection) and free of charge, during office hours, at the offices of the Hobsons Bay City Council, 115 Civic Parade, Altona.

PETER ALLEN Executive Director Statutory Planning Systems Reform  
Department of Planning and Community Development

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# SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



## Woollen Mill site: Tower shortened, but 'still 400 dwellings'

Wednesday, 7 December 2011

Hobsons Bay Weekly  
BY GOYA DMYTRYSHCHAK  
07 Dec, 2011 01:00 AM

"HOW high does the developer of the Port Phillip Woollen Mill site plan to go?

Evolve managing director Ashley Williams, the man behind the controversial Williamstown towers proposal, says it's "too early for us to tell".

"We still think that heights in the order of six, eight, 10 levels are still appropriate on the site. It just depends on how they fit in the different parcels," he said. "At this stage, we've seen that the market wouldn't sustain a 20-storey building in Williamstown, and we've never suggested that it would.".....

.....Instead, eight storeys will be the preferred, but not mandatory, height limit.

Mr Williams is an equal stakeholder in Evolve with former Fairfax chairman and Liberal heavyweight Ron Walker.

Last week, Mr Guy told the Weekly that he had not met Mr Walker - Evolve's silent partner - since the Liberals came to power.

Mr Williams said he also hadn't met Mr Guy since the election. "I wouldn't say we're close," Mr Williams said. "We've had the occasional meeting as part of an industry function or the like, but no more dialogue than that."

Originally, Mr Williams wanted to build more than 400 dwellings, including four towers up to 16 storeys, on a 2.1-hectare area bounded by Nelson Place and Ann and Kanowna streets.

Despite the recommended height being eight storeys instead of the planned 16, Mr Williams believes he can still fit 400 dwellings on the site.

"The height's actually been reduced on the tower portions, but the height's actually been increased in other portions of the site," he said.

"There's other areas of the site that have gone to four storeys and we need to consider how we respond to that."

Mr Williams said concerns about the site's proximity to Mobil's fuel tank farm would be addressed by a 25-metre buffer in Kanowna Street. "It's clear that we're allowed to develop lower-density residential - typically townhouse uses - in that zone," he said. "But any higher density - apartment-type uses - would need to be behind that 25-metre zone." He said an evacuation plan would be explored when a planning permit application was put to the council.

Mr Guy last week came under fire for waiving developer contributions which would have seen Mr Williams contribute \$900 per dwelling - more than \$360,000 - to Hobsons Bay Council.

Mr Williams said his only obligation to the council was an open space contribution, which is 5percent of the land value. "They can't mandate a developer contribution; they can enter into a negotiation with the developer," he said. "It can be a quidproquo negotiation, if you like."....."

<http://www.hobsonsbayweekly.com.au/news/local/news/general/woollen-mill-site-tower-shortened-but-still-400-dwellings/2384673.aspx?storypage=0>

### SW Comment

So still a bit open ended for the developer - nothing being given away - we need to be vigilant when the actual proposal surfaces because the big question is how can they develop any townhouses or low level flats which meet the noise specifications and will not impact badly on the viability of Williamstown Shipyards owned by BAE Systems.

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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



### Crack opens in mega-ship plan (Leaking ballast tank)

**Wednesday, 7 December 2011**

The Age (Business)  
Kyunghee Park  
Wednesday, 7 December 2011

“A VALE vessel leased from STX Pan Ocean Co to transport as much as 400,000 tonnes of iron ore to China will undergo repairs to fix a leak in a ballast tank about two months after being delivered.

The fault was found while the \$US110 million Vale Beijing was being loaded at a port in Brazil, STX said.

The Seoul-based shipping line said it was investigating the cause of the leak and planned to move the ship for repairs.

The Vale Beijing is part of Vale's plan for a fleet of 35 mega-ships, the biggest dry-bulk vessels built, in a bid to cut the risk from fluctuating cargo rates to China, the largest buyer of iron ore.....”

*The attached picture to the article about these ships includes a 458m Knock Nevis Oil Tanker...*

Read more: <http://www.theage.com.au/business/crack-opens-in-megaship-plan-20111206-1ohha.html#ixzz1foZd4LRO.....>

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# SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



## Woollen mill site: Fight 'has just begun'

**Thursday, 8 December 2011**

Hobsons Bay Weekly  
BY GOYA DMYTRYSHCHAK  
07 Dec, 2011 01:00 AM

“PLANNING Minister Matthew Guy has accused former Hobsons Bay mayor Michael Raffoul of being "very disingenuous".

In a letter to Mr Guy, Cr Raffoul states that ratepayers will suffer financially because of the minister's decision to waive developer contributions on the former Port Phillip Woollen Mill site in Williamstown.

At \$900 per dwelling, the developer contribution would have amounted to more than \$360,000.

"The issue of developer contributions was comprehensively discussed and the \$900 per dwelling contribution agreed to by the developer," Cr Raffoul wrote in the letter dated November 30.

He said the council was also "deeply disappointed" that no mandatory height restriction had been set.

Mr Guy has set a preferred height of eight storeys for the site.  
"What I have done is take a mix of mandatory and discretionary heights - the department has given me that advice," Mr Guy told the Weekly.  
"We've said the indicative height limit is around eight storeys."

He said it was now up to the council to renegotiate developer contributions.  
"It is very disingenuous of the mayor to make that comment because it hasn't been waived," he said.

"I would expect it would be up to the council to set the developer contribution scheme. They are the responsible authority."

Save Williamstown spokeswoman Charmian Gaud said the fight had just begun.

"The developer may try to go way beyond the indicative heights and push for a monstrous tower."

State Williamstown MP Wade Noonan and Western Metropolitan Greens MP Colleen Hartland will attempt to use Parliament to block the removal of mandatory height controls....."

<http://www.hobsonsbayweekly.com.au/news/local/news/general/woollen-mill-site-fight-has-just-begun/2384679.aspx>

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## Guy quizzed over port development

**Monday, 12 December 2011**

Hobsons Bay Weekly  
BY GOYA DMYTRYSHCHAK  
12 Dec, 2011 11:24 AM

“In a candid interview in Wednesday’s Hobsons Bay Weekly, Planning Minister Matthew Guy talks to reporter GOYA DMYTRYSHCHAK about the Port Phillip Woollen Mill site in Williamstown and residential development near major hazard facilities. He explains why he approved high-rise development near Mobil’s tank farm and BAE’s military shipyard before receiving advice contained in the much-anticipated Ports and Environs report, which will shape future development around Melbourne’s ports. Here is a preview.

Weekly: Hobsons Bay Council, surely, is bound by state guidelines on buffer zones between residential development and major hazard facilities?

*Matthew Guy: “That’s right, absolutely.”*

But those buffer zones haven't been determined yet.  
*So what are you asking me to do, shelve everything?*

The Ports and Environs report and the Port Phillip Woollen Mill report were both received at the same time, so why is one taking so much longer to be released [the former]?

*They come out of my department. I can't pre-empt their timing. I can't pick up the phone and say hurry, hurry, hurry. It just comes when the department does it.*

Will you publicly release that report?  
*Uhum.*

The Weekly's Freedom of Information application for the Ports report was rejected on the grounds that it was exempt from release.

*Well it probably is at the moment because it's going through a cabinet process. There's advice that hasn't been provided back to me. After that, then it should be.*

Should be or will be?  
*Will be.*

Full report in Wednesday's Hobsons Bay Weekly.....”

<http://www.hobsonsbayweekly.com.au/news/local/news/general/guy-quizzed-over-port-development/2389715.aspx>

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# SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



Woollen Mill site: Guy won't deal with 'hypothetical' hazard issues - **QUALITY JOURNALISM FROM LOCAL PAPER**

Wednesday, 14 December 2011

Hobsons Bay Weekly

BY GOYA DMYTRYSHCHAK (Winner of 2010 Quill Award)

14 Dec, 2011 11:27 AM

"In a candid interview in Wednesday's Hobsons Bay Weekly, Planning Minister Matthew Guy talks to reporter GOYA DMYTRYSHCHAK about the Port Phillip Woollen Mill site in Williamstown and residential development near major hazard facilities.

He explains why he approved high-rise development near Mobil's tank farm and BAE's military shipyard before receiving advice contained in the much-anticipated Ports and Environs report, which will shape future development around Melbourne's ports.

- Hobsons Bay Weekly: Should the Port Phillip Woollen Mill report and the Ports and Environs report have been considered together?
- *Matthew Guy: "Well, no. One's site-specific and one's more general."*

- At the Mill site, development has been allowed within 300 metres of Mobil's Point Gellibrand facility. What if the Ports report, for example, recommends a greater buffer distance between residential development and major hazard facilities?
- *To be honest, it's a hypothetical. I'll just deal with it when it comes back to us as a fact.*
- How would you, as the minister, deal with conflicting buffer recommendations?
- *Well, I've got to get conflicting buffer recommendations first.*
- The Port Phillip Woollen Mill developer [Ashley Williams] tells me there are no evacuation plans; that will come at the planning permit stage. Some people are saying Williamstown could experience another Black Saturday if the Mobil tank farm explodes. They're on a peninsula. How do they get out? Residents are actually saying the government could be responsible for death in the event of another Buncefield fire, like in England.
- *I think that's a hypothetical. I can't make comment on recommendations on reports that I haven't even seen. I don't want to pre-empt any of them.*
- But in relation to the mill site, Mobil is still very concerned about the dangers.
- *Well, I just take the advice of both the department and what was considered from the department in the panel report.*
- But you didn't listen to all of the recommendations in the report.
- *Yeah, that's right.*
- Why did you go against the recommendations?
- *Because I have a department of 650 people and they provided me advice and I took the department's advice.*
- Why did you choose the department's advice over the advisory committee's advice by deciding not to make eight storeys mandatory?
- *Well, there is still mandatory heights in that area and there's an indicative height across the other two thirds. The mandatory height is the buffer area on the side towards Mobil, and in the remainder of the site is indicative up to eight storeys.*
- Why did you choose the department's advice over the advisory committee's advice by deciding not to impose mandatory heights on the entire site?
- *The department's advice was that the council, as the responsible authority or RA, will be able to consider either lower-level height closer*

*to homes and then that might be offset by greater height in the tower, or the other way around — lower height in the tower, and higher buffering homes. But they felt that the flexibility was better for the responsible authority, which in this case will now be the council.*

- There's a feeling that Hobsons Bay Council's been given a Clayton's choice. Yes, they can refuse development if it's over eight storeys, but they have to accept it if it's within eight storeys in the centre of the site. Do they really have a choice?
- That would have been the case (they wouldn't have had a choice) if it *was mandatory. That absolutely would have been the case. The panel actually recommended mandatory controls over everything and that I be the responsible authority. That height level is there to be flexible. The council can consider a proposal that is smaller than that.*
- However, the developer told me just last week that they're already looking at 10 storeys because the market in Williamstown can't sustain 20. Do you think that there's going to be an eight-storey development?
- *What I perceive is that the council will now be the responsible authority and I've said from the very start that I think that it's best that the community, through their council, be the responsible authority for that site. While that wasn't recommended to me, that was something that I believe was important and that's what I've gone with....."*

<http://www.hobsonsbayweekly.com.au/news/local/news/general/woollen-mill-site-guy-wont-deal-with-hypothetical-hazard-issues/2392766.aspx?storypage=0>

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# SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



## Council Meeting 13th December receives PPWM report

**Wednesday, 14 December 2011**

A large contingent of Save Williamstown supporters crowded into the Hobsons Bay Council Chambers last night to listen to reports of council officers and councillors questions about the future of the Former Port Phillip Woollen Mill Site.

Council's chief planner reported on Planning Scheme Amendment C86 that

- the site had been changed to Mixed Use which was in line with the Industrial Land Management Strategy for that precinct;
- the mandatory heights had inexplicably been changed from those recommended by the Port Phillip Woollen Mill Advisory Committee to indicative heights and that presented a problem for council in handling any developer applications;
- the removal of developer contributions from that agreed by all participants including the developer was a disappointment for the community infrastructure funding such developments impose.

Details at [http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page\\_Id=6875&h=0](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=6875&h=0)

Councillor Altair asked if the minister had made any changes to the Heritage Overlay and was informed that that had not changed. The old pubs on the site had heritage merit but decayed state could be used by developers to demolish such heritage buildings. She also asked about whether advertising would occur when the developer made its next move. It seemed that the minister in passing the decision to Council had provided a specific list of referrals for the planning application and public advertising was not listed. However the heritage provisions did require advertising and public feedback on proposals which impacted on heritage would need to be considered. A further matter was the anomaly of the map used in the rezoning changing the zoning of property on the corner of Ann and Aitken St. The planning officer indicated that this could be fixed up by referring the item back to the DPCD.

Draft minutes including the responses to item 11 Public Question Time will appear on this website [http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page\\_Id=6906&h=0](http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=6906&h=0) in the next few days

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# SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



## Hobsons Bay Council Meeting 13th December PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Wednesday, 14 December 2011

Item 11 on the Council Agenda was Public Question time. Council's CEO answered the questions raised by Save Williamstown residents Charmian Gaud, Suzanne Orange, Godfrey Moase & Daniel McKinnon.

Questions related to:

1. What was the current status of developer contributions for the Former Port Phillip Woollen Mill Site? The CEO said that the council would seek to obtain developer contributions but the role of VCAT on appeal might remove or vary these as they were not contained in the minister's decision to hand the power of planning authority back to council.
2. Had the council received prior notification of the minister's decisions? The CEO detailed the communications from the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD). He explained the lack of any notice to council of the minister's decision. Council received its first information from an article published in the Herald Sun on Monday 28th November "Council to decide on Williamstown's high-rise row" and then

rang the DPCD to ask for a copy of the Port Phillip Woollen Mill Advisory Committee report which was then forwarded. Strangely the story in the Herald Sun didn't relate to the advisory committee report. A letter to the mayor arrived on the Tuesday, which referred to rezoning and came without attachment so that the council had to contact the DPCD again to receive the Planning Scheme Amendment C86. The mayor wrote to the minister referring to the lack of information and changes made to the advisory committee recommendations of maximum height limits to indicative height limits, removal of developer contributions and removal of the reference group for architectural assistance. See press release HOBSONS BAY COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

3. Had the council received any documented memo about why there was a discrepancy between the advisory committee report and the ministers decision? They only received the accompanying documents of the Planning Scheme Amendment C86 which contains information about how it meets the objectives of planning in Victoria.
4. Could council confirm that it will be taking into account the proximity of the Pt Gellibrand terminal MHF in any proposal for residential development? Council needs to wait for a formal application and then consider matters within the planning process. The amendment does requires council as planning authority to seek the views of owner of tank farm and Worksafe Vic.
5. Will the council rely on the evidence of the developer in determining the buffer zone around the Pt Gellibrand facility or seek advice from experts? The amendment states council is the responsible authority and should use the expert advice of Worksafe Victoria and other stake holders.
6. Does council have a legal duty to consider the safety of residents under the provisions of the Planning and Environment Act in Hobsons Bay? Council has the responsibility to consider safety and a broad range of other matters in assessing an application

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# SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



Woollen Mill site: 'People vs profit' on development site

Wednesday, 21 December 2011

Hobsons Bay Weekly  
BY GOYA DMYTRYSHCHAK  
21 Dec, 2011

"SAVE Williamstown protesters 'crashed' last week's Hobsons Bay Council meeting vowing to "stop at nothing" to ensure sustainable development on the Port Phillip Woollen Mill site.

The protest follows a state government decision to allow high-rise development at the Nelson Place site, while failing to set maximum height limits.

Planning Minister Matthew Guy was the target of protesters' wrath for his decision to make eight storeys the preferred, but not mandatory height limit. He also came under fire for waiving developer contributions that would have boosted council coffers by more than \$360,000.

Save Williamstown spokesman Godfrey Moase said protesters had come out to show their endorsement of the council's tough stance. "I think it's clear that we've made an impact in the campaign so far," he said.

"We've never thought that we'd be able to get the place rezoned into mixed use and we've got the council back as the responsible authority.

"They're two big victories for the community and a way to protect the jobs down there and protect our safety with the major hazard facility."

The proposed development is next to BAE's military shipyard and Mobil's Point Gellibrand fuel tank farm and loading dock. "I just feel like we're in a two-horse race between people and profit," Mr Moase said.

"The state Liberal government has tried to change the rules of the game in favour of their favourite horse - profit. Otherwise, we can't really explain why the developer's contribution should go. We don't know of any other explanation for the height limit going from mandatory to indicative, which is almost without precedent in terms of Victorian planning. It's like we're making stuff up here to suit the developer's plans."....."

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# SAVE **WILLIAMSTOWN**



## Foreign buy-up flat out

**Wednesday, 21 December 2011**

The Age (Business)

Simon Johanson December 21, 2011

“FOREIGN developers have grabbed a 30 per cent share of Australia's apartment market, a trend not seen since the Japanese office and hotel development boom of the late 1980s.

Overseas investors are behind 13,000 apartments in 37 projects across the country. Based on the average number of apartments completed in 2011, that represents market share as high as 32 per cent, research from property group CBRE found.

About 40 per cent of those were under construction and the rest were being planned or marketed.

"Asian developers, predominantly from Singapore, are leading the pack, accounting for 92 per cent of all apartments being proposed or developed by foreign companies," CBRE executive director Kevin Stanley said.

"Development activity in Australia involving foreign companies has reached levels not seen in more than two decades," he said.....”

<http://m.theage.com.au/business/property/foreign-buyup-flat-out-20111220-1p3x6.html>

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