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Madden fast-tracks 38-level tower in Melbourne's east

Saturday, 9 January 2010

Article in The Age by Royce Millar

"THE State Government's fast-tracking of a 38-level tower in central Box Hill, as it tries to squeeze more housing into established suburbs, risks turning Melbourne into a Sydney-style mess of high-rises, critics say.

Planning Minister Justin Madden yesterday announced the "call-in" of a proposed \$100 million housing and retail scheme, including a 38-level apartment and office tower near the Box Hill Central train station.

If built, the tower would be the tallest building outside the CBD and St Kilda Road area.

Box Hill is designated as one of six suburban "central

activity districts" under Labor's revised Melbourne 2030 planning strategy, now known as Melbourne@5 million. The Whitehorse Council refused planning permission for the proposal by developer the Barton Group last year, largely because of the inadequate public infrastructure to cater for it.

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Yesterday, Mr Madden said the proposed retail and residential development would generate hundreds of jobs. "The Brumby Labor Government is standing up for Victorian families by speeding up the planning process to create jobs, manage growth and help families secure their lifestyle." He said forecasts indicated Melbourne would need 316,000 new dwellings in established areas to cater for its booming population.

"The focus is on locating more intense housing development in and around activity centres, along tram and bus routes, in areas close to train stations and on large redevelopment sites."

He did not explain why, specifically, he had intervened at Box Hill. But a spokeswoman confirmed the move was a response to a request from the developer, the Barton Group. The developer had appealed the council decision to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

Mr Madden has called-in the project from the tribunal, which will now be assessed by his department. He said his officers would hear from "relevant parties" before he made a final decision.

The call-in was the 14th such intervention by Mr Madden in the past 12 months..

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/madden-fasttracks-38level-tower-in-melbournes-east-20100108-lly5.html>

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Hobsons Bay City Council Media Release

Wednesday, 20 January 2010

Former Port Phillip Woollen Mill Site Information Session

Residents are invited to an informal information session regarding the potential rezoning and redevelopment of the former Port Phillip Woollen Mill site in Nelson Place, Williamstown on 11th February.

Also known as Amendment C75, the proposal involves redeveloping the industrial land to use as a residential area. After considering the merits of the proposal, the Council refused to support the original development concept and is now awaiting a revised proposal from the proponent. Williamstown Ward Councillor Angela Altair encouraged residents to attend the information session.

“As the responsible planning authority for the proposal, it is

the Council's duty to reach the most beneficial outcome for Hobsons Bay," said Cr Altair.

"The information session will give residents the opportunity to speak to Council officers about the application and find out what the next step in the process is.

"I encourage interested residents, particularly those living in Williamstown, to attend the information session and find out more about this important issue."

The Mayor of Hobsons Bay Councillor Bill Tehan said community input into the decision was vital.

"The proposal is a significant one for Williamstown in particular, and it's important that the community stay informed," said the Mayor.

"If you want to find out more about the proposal, please come along and speak to one of our officers."

The community information session will be held on Thursday, 11th February at the Williamstown Town Hall Ballroom, 104 Ferguson Street, Williamstown.

All members of the community are welcome to attend. This is not a formal workshop meeting and interested residents can attend at any time between 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

For further information about Amendment C75, please visit www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/formerportphillipwoollenmill

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WTC Project Vision Billboard

Friday, 29 January 2010

Billboard on display at World Trade Centre

Williamstown resident notices the billboard currently on display for Project Vision at World Trade Centre and notes that the Assets listed are:

McGauran Guiannini Soon
Bruce Henderson Architects
Connell Wagner
Merkon Constructions

Bruce Henderson Architects are the architects involved in the Evolve Development P/L - Nelson Place Village designs for the Former Port Phillip Woollen Mills.

McGauran Giannini Soon is the independent consultant engaged by Hobsons Bay Council to review the submission by Evolve Development P/L for the Former Port Phillip Woollen Mills.

http://www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au/Page/page.asp?Page_Id=4775&h=1

“Council Does Not Support Proposed Amendment of the Former Woollen Mills Site

.....“The Council is going to great lengths to make sure concerns about the development are followed up. An independent urban design study of the site has also been done by McGauran Giannini Soon Pty Ltd and will be made available on the Council’s website with an updated Amendment C75 fact sheet.....”

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