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### Bracks against tower bid

**Wednesday, 2 September 2009**

Article in The Advertiser by Goya Bennett

“FORMER Victorian premier Steve Bracks appears confident that a proposed 13-storey development will not go ahead in Williamstown.

Evolve Development has submitted plans for a multimillion-dollar high-rise development at the former Port Phillip Woollen Mill site in Nelson Place.

Plans show four apartment blocks between seven and 13 storeys high and 84 three-storey townhouses.

Evolve managing director Ashley Williams has been pushing for a priority development panel to be appointed by the Government to fast-track the planning process.

Mr Bracks, a Williamstown resident since 1990, said Planning Minister Justin Madden had made it clear to the developer that Hobsons Bay Council was responsible for

assessing the proposal.

Asked for his view on the 13-storey tower, Mr Bracks said: "I don't think it's going to happen. I think, clearly, with the decision of the minister [and] with the decision-making that will happen at council, you'll see a different, more appropriate development and I think that will be the right way to go....."

.....**Mr Bracks said legislation protected the viability of BAE Systems' military operations.** Objectors fear the future of Australia's biggest defence contractor, which employs 400 people at its Williamstown shipyard, could be threatened by encroaching residential development and the prying eyes of neighbours.

**"They are under legislation already and have a planning ordinance which requires that purpose for that use; that's already the case and I assume that will be maintained," Mr Bracks said.**"

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### State's priority projects placed on a fast track to nowhere

**Saturday, 5 September 2009**

Article in The Age by MARIKA DOBBIN AND NATALIE CRAIG

"THE State Government's intervention in major development projects to invigorate town centres and increase housing density has failed.

An audit by The Age of all the Government's Priority Development Panel's past projects in its five-year history has found more than half have been abandoned or shelved. Out of 37 projects deemed of state significance or mooted for panel-endorsed priority development zones, construction has gone ahead in just four cases, despite more favourable planning controls.....

.....RMIT University associate professor Michael Buxton, who advised the Government on Melbourne 2030, said

some developers entered a panel review with no intention of building but instead sought to maximise the site value for sale.

"It's a form of speculation and the Government, in effect, is colluding," he said. "It's quite scandalous that the Government seems never to monitor the success of its own interventions....."

<http://www.theage.com.au/national/states-priority-projects-placed-on-a-fast-track-to-nowhere-20090904-fbg9.html>

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### Paying to object to planning development?

Wednesday, 9 September 2009

The Age POLL

Building blocks : Should people be forced to pay to object to planning development?

Yes - 16%

No - 84%

Total Votes: 714   Poll date: 09/09/09

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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



### Steve Bracks' stance welcomed

Thursday, 10 September 2009

Article in The Advertiser by Goya Bennett

"WILLIAMSTOWN residents opposed to a 13-storey tower proposal have welcomed support from former Victorian premier Steve Bracks.

.....

"I don't think it's going to happen," Mr Bracks told this paper. He indicated his support for the continued viability of BAE Systems' naval shipyard, which is opposite the proposed development.

Objectors fear the future of the Williamstown shipyard, which employs 400, could be threatened by encroaching residential development and the prying eyes of neighbours. Save Williamstown spokesman Godfrey Moase said residents were encouraged by Mr Bracks' comments. "We are strongly supportive of Steve Bracks' stance in coming

out against the development," he said.

"We also strongly support his comments in relation to protecting the shipyard facility and making sure we protect local Williamstown jobs, and we think it's another factor that shows the developers have to reconsider their proposal.

"I think it shows that it's an ill-considered proposal and I think the developer is underestimating the strategic importance of the shipyards and the Williamstown community.".....

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### Williamstown carpark still on table

**Thursday, 10 September 2009**

Traffic and parking problems continue in Williamstown

Article in The Hobsons Bay Leader by James Twining  
“A DOUBLE-deck car park in Williamstown is still on the cards under a council plan to create more spaces in the suburb’s congested shopping and tourism precincts. Hobsons Bay Council last week said it was open to “joint ventures with existing owner/developers” and “improving the layout of existing car park facilities”, referring to a double deck car park between Coles supermarket and the town hall.

The idea was mooted in a draft Williamstown Activity Centre Parking Study, released in May.

.....

Williamstown Chamber of Commerce said a double-deck

car park above the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria car park should also be explored.

How would you solve Williamstown's parking woes?

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### Give us facts, not a gimmick on Newport mill - mayor

**Thursday, 10 September 2009**

Article in The Hobsons Bay Leader by James Twining  
“AN unimpressed Hobsons Bay Mayor Peter Hemphill has hit back at a Newport flour mill site’s prospective developer for sending out “silly postcards” which encourage residents to pressure him to fast-track rezoning of the site. Developer Massi last week urged Hobsons Bay Council to speed up the rezoning of the 8800sq m Melbourne Rd industrial site so it can build multi-level apartments.

....

“I am used to getting postcards from exotic places, but I think these ones from Massi are a distraction from the main issue here . The developer would be better off concentrating on supplying the information they are statutorily required to

do so the council can assess the merits of the proposal.  
“At the moment, we cannot form a view on the development because we are lacking basic information required under State Government laws. The council is not holding up the process, but Massi is.”.....

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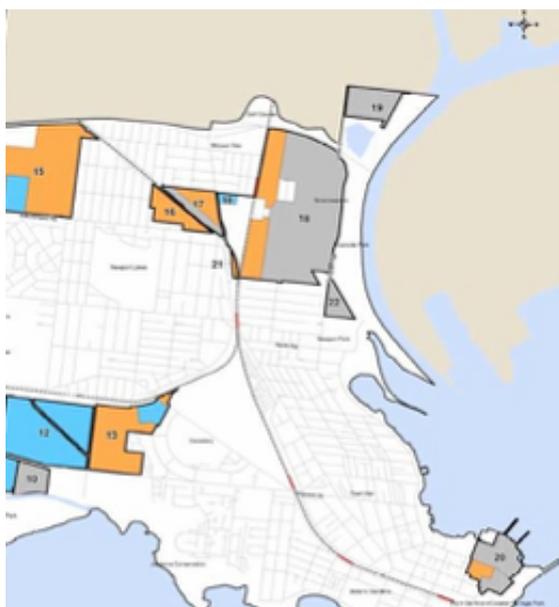
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## Under Pressure

**Tuesday, 15 September 2009**

Article in The Star

“RESIDENTS are worried a flurry of proposals for developments on Melbourne Rd could spell disaster for their neighbourhood.

VicUrban has advised Hobsons Bay Council that the corner of Birmingham St and Melbourne Rd in Spotswood could be a possible site for a major development, which would add to an increasing number of buildings along the road.

Hobsons Bay mayor Peter Hemphill said the development had been “hush hush” and would mean about an extra 280 apartments or houses on the site.

“I’m flagging that the consideration of the traffic is a major, major impact and whatever the development proposed, it needs to take that into consideration,” he said.

In August Hobsons Bay City Council received advice from VicUrban that the site had been designated for funding under the Social Housing Initiative of the Australian Government’s Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan and that the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD) was the responsible authority for the proposal.

VicUrban is under negotiations for the purchase of the site, which is owned by VicTrack.

But Cr Hemphill said more problems are created if more houses are built without solving traffic problems.

“We’ve got three (developments) at the moment that are on the books - Nelson Place Towers, this one and there’s one on the Newport Flour Mill and the Don Smallgoods site on Blackshaws Rd,” he said.....

.....VicUrban’s urban revitalisation general manager Dominic Arcaro said VicUrban was exploring the use of the site for a residential development with potential for some retail and commercial uses.

“This site represents an excellent opportunity to create a vibrant and thriving community with new amenities such as open spaces and shops for existing Spotswood residents,” he said. Federal Gellibrand MP Nicola Roxon said Federal Government funding for social housing initiatives in Gellibrand were in the process of being finalised but she would not confirm details of individual projects.

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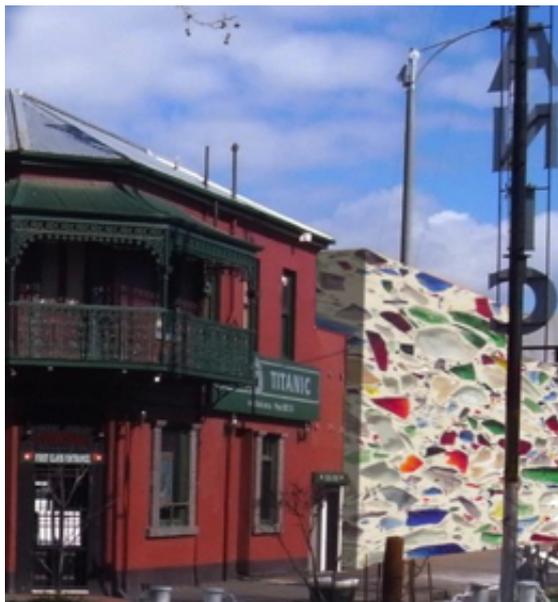
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## SAVE WILLIAMSTOWN



### Flicks tip over Williamstown towers

**Wednesday, 16 September 2009**

Article in The Hobsons Bay Leader

“HOLLYWOOD in Hobsons Bay? Williamstown could become Melbourne’s new filmmaking centre if a residents group has its way.

Save Williamstown is proposing the former Port Phillip Woollen Mill on Nelson Place be turned into film studios in a new arts and creative precinct as an alternative to the high-rise apartment towers planned for the site.

The former Bradmill textile factory in Yarraville is being used temporarily by some filmmakers because the space is cheaper to rent than the Dockland studios. However, the Bradmill site will be developed as apartments and shops. Save Williamstown came up with the idea after weeks of

community consultation. It also has a second proposal - a health and wellbeing complex incorporating a pool, conference area and fitness centre - for the mill. Spokesman Godfrey Moase said it was important to keep the existing buildings and have minimal impact on nearby shipyards. Employment could be generated without the need for high-rise development, he said.

“It’s more environmentally friendly not to tear down the buildings. We want to protect existing shipyard jobs and create new jobs,” he said. “We’ve got two fairly strong suggestions. They won’t make an astronomical profit, but they will allow a lot of people to make a living.” .....

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### Building springs into new, green life

**Wednesday, 16 September 2009**

Showing what a little "green" imagination can do...

Article in The Age by MARIKA DOBBIN

"A ONCE-NEGLECTED 120-year-old Docklands railway shed has become Victoria's first historic building to be awarded a five "green star" rating by the Green Building Council of Australia.

Developer Equiset, a Grollo company, yesterday received the rating after making the Goods Shed North into ecologically sustainable offices for government tenants. The shed, which fronts Bourke and Collins streets, will house state developer VicUrban and the Building and

Plumbing Industry commissions when finished in November. Among its green features are a relatively new cooling technology of slim beams of steel in the ceiling that are chilled in summer using power from a gas-fired co-generation plant. The building also has a rainwater collection and treatment system, and grey-water treatment plan.

Equiset bought the site last year, after several years of negotiations with the prospective tenants.

Developer Lorenz Grollo said a review of the building, which was originally used as a freight terminal, found contaminated soil and damage to the piles, steelwork and roof.

One corner was so badly deteriorated it had to be dismantled brick by brick and reconstructed to preserve the original structure.

"It certainly has been a massive transformation," Mr Grollo said....."

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## \$162 MILLION AND MORE THAN 831 JOBS FOR VICTORIA AS MORE KEY DEVELOPMENTS ARE FAST-TRACKED

**Thursday, 17 September 2009**

Premier of Victoria Media Releases

The Brumby Labor Government has again cleared the path for significant developments in a fourth round of fast-tracking that will create more than 831 jobs and boost the Victorian economy by more than \$162 million.

Planning Minister Justin Madden said the Brumby Labor Government is providing strong leadership in these tough global times to secure jobs for Victorians.

“These three developments include residential and commercial developments at South Yarra and Pakenham,

and a major new hardware and home improvement store at Coolaroo,” Mr Madden said.

“Victorians know what our government stands; we demonstrate our commitment by rolling out key projects throughout Melbourne that deliver economic benefits and jobs for Victorians.

“These proposals make a substantial contribution to the Brumby Labor Government’s policy to manage Melbourne’s growth by delivering new housing close to transport, services and local amenities.

“Our government is securing jobs by fast-tracking significant projects and providing certainty to the development industry while meeting the Brumby Labor Government’s Melbourne 2030 and Melbourne@5 Million planning objectives.”

Mr Madden is taking action on the following projects by:

- Becoming the responsible authority for the Woolworths’ \$13 million hardware and home improvement store at Coolaroo, creating more than 60 construction jobs and employing 130 ongoing staff. Woolworths plan to open 30 stores over the next three years, representing a total investment of \$400 million and up to 15,000 jobs for Victorians;
- Calling-in from VCAT two proceedings relating to a 15-level mixed-used development at Claremont Street, South Yarra. The \$66 million project is scheduled to commence in early 2010, with the potential to create 284 jobs during construction; and
- Referring the proposal to relocate the Pakenham Race Course to Tynong and the redevelopment of the existing Pakenham site into a mixed-use commercial and residential precinct to the Priority Development Panel (PDP). The \$83 million project could create 357 direct and indirect jobs.

The Department of Planning and Community Development assesses significant projects on a case-by-case basis, and advises the Minister for Planning on appropriate actions.

Find more information at [www.dpcd.vic.gov.au](http://www.dpcd.vic.gov.au)

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## Homes plan for Spotswood praised

**Wednesday, 23 September 2009**

Article in The Hobsons Bay Leader

“HOUSING groups and Hobsons Bay Council have welcomed plans for a large development in Spotswood which will include 68 public and social housing units. News of the VicUrban project on the corner of Birmingham St and Melbourne Rd comes amid a desperate need for public housing in the municipality.

The development will include 284 homes, 216 private, in buildings from three to five storeys. There will also be offices and other industry.

The heritage former Spotswood Railway Workshops building in Melbourne Rd will be redeveloped for a commercial purpose....”

<http://hobsons-bay-leader.whereilive.com.au/news/story/homes-plan-for-spotswood-praised/>

This application is on another of the precincts identified in the Industrial Land Management Strategy. Interestingly it includes residential, social housing and industrial components and will not cause through traffic for the Williamstown Peninsula - however it will impact schools which students from Williamstown primary schools could be forced under zoning restrictions to access if the Nelson Village Development application is successful.

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