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## Coburg plan collapses

**Thursday, 1 September 2011**

The Age  
Philip Hopkins  
September 1, 2011

“THE much touted \$1 billion, 20-year Coburg revitalisation plan, one of Melbourne's biggest urban regeneration projects, has been dealt a body blow.

Moreland City Council has cancelled its partnership with its preferred developer, Lorenz Grollo's Equiset, which, angered, is considering legal action.

Equiset was enlisted three years ago as a private partner in the grand Coburg vision, which was estimated to create \$1 billion in investment over 20 years transforming 35 hectares around the Sydney Road and Bell Street intersection into a vibrant hub.

The five-volume Coburg Initiative masterplan, released last November, was expected to create 9800 jobs and pour \$3.2 billion each year into Coburg's economy, turning the suburb into Melbourne's "northern gateway".....

.....Explaining its decision, Moreland said it could not reach an acceptable financial agreement that would deliver the plan.

"It [Equiset's partnership] has given us confidence that this project has the right ingredients to be a great success," the mayor, Oscar Yildiz, said.

"However, we need to ensure we can deliver it using a financial model that does not present a financial risk for the current and future communities.....'

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Australia's housing market is oversupplied. Yes, oversupplied (VERY INTERESTING...)

**Saturday, 3 September 2011**

Property Observer

By Michael Matusik

Wednesday, 31 August 2011

“Australia’s population growth has slowed by close to 150,000 in just two years, with a 100,000 drop in the actual growth rate over the last 12 months. As a result, the underlying demand for new housing has dropped from 180,000 starts per annum to around 125,000. While dwelling starts are declining, we are now building too much stock.

Unless new housing starts decline in earnest or population growth accelerates, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and the Northern Territory face an oversupply. Perth and Canberra are better positioned, with Queensland currently at equilibrium and New South Wales undersupplied.

Much of Victoria's potential pain lies in Melbourne's recent inner-city apartment boom, during which an unprecedented proportion of the state's new dwelling starts are apartments. This mostly speculator-fuelled surge has provided some very misleading media headlines of late about the rise of apartment living and how it is becoming the new Australian dream. Yet two-thirds of Australians continue to buy a detached dwelling.

What?! This cannot be right. The housing industry and banking economists keep reminding us how undersupplied the Australian housing market is. Don't we have a shortfall of something like 300,000 new homes across the country? And isn't this shortfall going to double in size within the next decade?.....'

<http://www.propertyobserver.com.au/residential/australia-s-housing-market-is-oversupplied.-yes-oversupplied/2011083051360>

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### **“MHF IMPACT ON NEARBY RESIDENTS”** Blasts from massive chemical fire rock Canberra

Friday, 16 September 2011

ABC News  
Friday, September 16, 2011

“People in Canberra are being warned to stay indoors this morning as firefighters battle a massive chemical fire at an industrial estate in the city's north.

The fire broke out at a building in an industrial estate at Dacre Street in the suburb of Mitchell in the city's north at about midnight.

Fire crews initially brought the blaze under control but were forced back by a series of explosions which witnesses said sent flames shooting up to 200 metres into the air at about 2:00am.

The fire was visible from kilometres away this morning. Black acrid smoke is spewing into the air and roadblocks have been

set up around the scene.

The Fire Brigade says the chemical PCB is burning but says no phosgene has been detected in the smoke plume this morning. It says the 10km 'stay indoors' zone (pictured below) will be "significantly reduced" if tests continue to come back negative. ABC political correspondent Melissa Clarke says she was woken by the "booms" from multiple explosions at 2:00am. "There's been a couple of large explosions that have sort of shaken the house and rattled the windows and you know the fire bombs have been massive," another resident said. At this stage there are no reports of casualties.....

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### **“MHF IMPACT ON LOCALS”** Huge Canberra blaze now under control

Friday, 16 September 2011

The Age  
Friday, September 16, 2011

“A chemical blaze in an industrial suburb of Canberra has sent fireballs soaring into the sky and left a thick plume of potentially toxic smoke hanging over the nation's capital. But this afternoon firefighters said they had the fire under control but it could take hours before it is extinguished. Residents in the city's north were woken about 2am by a series of explosions at the Energy Services Invironmental factory. Smoke can still be seen from many kilometres away, but firefighters managed to bring the blaze under control and contain it to the building before 10am. The fire forced the closure of several schools as authorities this

morning enforced a 10-kilometre exclusion zone around the factory. The exclusion zone was later revised to include just the suburb of Mitchell.

ACT Emergency Services Agency chief Mark Crossweller said early fears about a potentially toxic plume had since "abated immensely" as more detailed atmospheric information was gathered.....

However, the entire suburb of Mitchell had been evacuated because of the possibility of toxins in the smoke from the fire. The factory contained drums of transformer oil and of sodium powder, which were believed to be causing the explosions. Emergency Services say no one has been taken to hospital as a direct result of the fire.....”

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### **“MHF IMPACT ON LOCALS”** Toxic smoke fears as industrial fire burns in Canberra

Friday, 16 September 2011

The Age

Christopher Knaus and Ewa Kretowicz September 16, 2011

“North Canberra residents were woken by a series of huge explosions and fireballs from a factory fire in Mitchell early this morning, as emergency services raised fears over the spread of toxic smoke plumes across the area.

Emergency Services have now confirmed that the smoke is dissipating, and the exclusion zone has been reduced back to just the suburb of Mitchell.

However all government schools on the northside of Canberra, including Belconnen, Gungahlin and the Inner North, will be closed.

Residents of Franklin, Crace, Harrison, Watson, Downer,

Kaleen, Lyneham and Hackett had earlier been warned to stay indoors, close doors and windows and not use air conditioners or heaters.

About 100 people have been evacuated to Dickson College. Buses are now resuming normal services. There are no apparent flight delays from Canberra Airport.

The latest information from the ACT Government is that all schools outside the 10 kilometre exclusion zone will operate as normal, however schools within the 10 kilometres zone will be closed for the day.

The most recent atmospheric tests have confirmed no positive readings for the toxic gas phosgene.

An ESA spokesman said that if further tests also gave the all clear, the 10 kilometre exclusion zone would be drastically reduced.

Firefighters have contained the blaze to the Dacre Street factory, but have struggled to bring it under control. They initially used water and foam, but explosions heard across North Canberra and fireballs forced firefighters to retreat about 2.30am and reassess how to tackle it.....”

<http://m.theage.com.au/national/toxic-smoke-fears-as-industrial-fire-burns-in-canberra-20110916-1kccu.html>

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**“MHF IMPACT ON LOCALS”** Massive chemical fire under control after explosions rock Canberra

Friday, 16 September 2011

Herald Sun  
September 16, 2011 6:21AM

“FIREFIGHTERS say a huge chemical fire at a factory in Canberra is now under control and contained. The ACT Fire Brigade said the fire was contained within the factory building in Mitchell and crews are preparing to attack the fire directly with foam. However the fire was still sending potentially toxic smoke over the suburb and a 300 metre exclusion zone around the factory remains in place. Atmospheric tests of the smoke plume have so far found almost undetectable levels of phosgene which is contained in the by-product of the substance being burned, PCB.

Phosgene can cause irritation to skin and eyes, sore throat, nausea, headaches and dizziness, vomiting, chest pain and breathing difficulties.

Testing will continue throughout the day but the ACT Fire Brigade believes the risk to residents is low.

All schools in Canberra's north have been closed for the day as a precaution.

ACT Emergency Services Agency chief Mark Crosweller said early fears about a potentially toxic plume had "abated immensely".

The entire suburb of Mitchell was evacuated this morning amid fears of toxic smoke as fire crews continued to battle to bring the fire under control in a building in Mitchell after being called around 2am, ACT authorities said.

Sky News reported explosions began around midnight, sending huge fireballs into the sky.

Smoke from the fire has drifted to the neighbouring NSW centres of Queanbeyan and Bungendore, about 40 km from Canberra.....

....."We heard the explosions and went into panic mode," one of the evacuees said this morning.

People living within 10km of the factory in suburbs including Lyneham, Hackett and Watson have been warned by emergency services not to use their ducted heating or air conditioning to prevent drawing toxic black smoke into their homes....."

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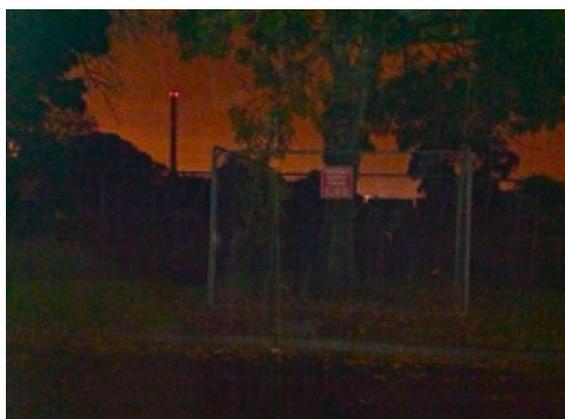
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### New bid on former Newport Timberyard site

**Tuesday, 20 September 2011**

Hobson Bay Leader  
Tuesday, 20 September 2011

“43 dwellings sought after 40-home project refused  
THE developer behind a plan to turn the old Newport timber yards into multi-storey housing has lodged a new application with Hobsons Bay Council.

Plans for a 40-dwelling development on the Paine St site were rejected by VCAT in April. But VCAT member Dalia Cook left the door open for an amended proposal, saying the development was “high quality”, of “appropriate scale and form” and would not detract from the area’s heritage value.

Ms Cook did not object to the density, but wanted the facades “reworked”. Peter Cahill, of Domain Hill Property Group, now hopes the changed plans — which include 43 dwellings — will

be approved by the council.

But Protect Newport residents' group is still opposed to the plan. Group spokesman Anthony Simmons said the new proposal did not appear much different and was even bigger.

“ It’s disappointing because there was the opportunity for the developer to take on the feedback from VCAT and we don’t believe he’s done that,” he said. “The development has not been scaled down as much as we would have expected.” .....’

<http://hobsons-bay-leader.whereilive.com.au/news/story/new-plans-for-newport-timber-yards/>

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## New legislation clarifies roles during emergencies

**Tuesday, 20 September 2011**

Media release

The Hon Peter Ryan MP

Deputy Premier Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Minister for Bushfire Response Minister for Regional and Rural  
Development

Thursday 15 September 2011

“New laws introduced into Parliament this week will help make Victoria safer by clarifying the roles of government and emergency service agencies in responding to natural hazards. Deputy Premier and Minister for Police and Emergency Services Peter Ryan said the Emergency Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2011 would create greater interoperability between emergency services.

“This legislation will help steer Victoria’s emergency

management towards an 'all hazards, all agencies' approach so that, for example, CFA and VICSES volunteers will be able to operate under either agencies' structure," Mr Ryan said.

"The Coalition Government is implementing all 67 Bushfires Royal Commission recommendations and these changes will directly fulfill recommendations 11 and 51."

Mr Ryan said amendments to the Victorian State Emergency Service Act 2005 would further increase efficiency among agencies.

"Changes include broadening the powers of the Chief Officer, Operations to enable them to direct individual VICSES members, or any other person who volunteers," Mr Ryan said.

Mr Ryan said amendments to the Emergency Management Act 1986 would promote greater interoperability between emergency service agencies by:

enabling the agency in control of emergency response activities to transfer control of any response activity to an officer of another agency; and

providing for the appointment of controllers or assistant controllers from other agencies who can then exercise the powers of the chief operational officer of the control agency.

"Other amendments to the Emergency Management Act 1986 include clarifying the roles of the Victoria Police Chief Commissioner and the Minister for Police and Emergency Services during emergencies," Mr Ryan said.

"Under these changes, the Chief Commissioner will have responsibility for co-ordinating the response to an emergency and for keeping the Minister for Police and Emergency Services informed during an emergency..'

[http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/images/stories/documents/mediareleases/2011/110915\\_Ryan\\_-\\_New\\_legislation\\_clarifies\\_roles\\_during\\_emergencies.pdf](http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/images/stories/documents/mediareleases/2011/110915_Ryan_-_New_legislation_clarifies_roles_during_emergencies.pdf)

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### Rich jump planning queue

Tuesday, 20 September 2011

The Age

Peter Munro September 18, 2011

“WEALTHY developers will be able to fast track multimillion-dollar projects through the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal under a new user-pays system that critics say sets a "dangerous precedent" by putting a price-tag on justice.

The state government's push to reduce delays in "the people's tribunal" means developers of housing projects worth \$10 million or more can pay a premium to have their dispute decided in VCAT within 18 weeks, less than half the 40-week wait faced by ordinary consumers.

Attorney-General Robert Clark will announce today that developers may opt to pay an application fee of \$3000 - more than double the current amount - plus a new daily hearing fee of

\$3115 to put their project on a "major cases list".....'

...But local councils, legal groups and consumer bodies slammed the user-pays scheme, describing it as a two-tier justice system for the rich and poor. "It's offensive that if you pay more you get heard quicker. Access to courts and access to justice should be equal and fair for everybody," said Law Institute of Victoria chief Michael Brett Young. "The danger is governments will keep chipping away funding and it could eventually lead to all individuals having to pay to access justice - we say that's the obligation of the state not individuals.".....

...Mr Young said the tribunal should be treated differently to courts. "VCAT is the people's jurisdiction, it was created as a forum that most people could access fairly, cheaply and quickly. Our concern is if you start providing a fast track purely by payment of fees that the government will see this as a means of avoiding further funding.".....

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## “MHF IMPACT ON LOCALS” Huge “WHAT-IF” for people safety at Point Gellibrand Williamstown

Tuesday, 20 September 2011

The Canberra chemical fire (reported as involving 400 thousand litres of toxic chemicals) on Friday shows just what sort of impact can be expected to occur on the local community up to 10 km away, if there were a major explosion from a chemical source.

Point Gellibrand in Williamstown has over 2000 people living and working within 1 km of the Mobil Major Hazard Facility “MHF” (storage capacity of 50 million litres of fuel in its on shore tanks plus tanker ships in port with carrying capacity up to 150 million litres of fuel, which pump crude oil into the tanks and pipelines). Foreign registered shipping tankers are incapable of self evacuation as they must be guided in and out of port, by Port of Melbourne pilot vessels. The presentation of the expert

witness Captain Bill Kovevaar to the Port Phillip Woollen Mill Advisory Committee explained the logistics of the oil tankers arriving and departing Point Gellibrand and dangers associated with fires on tankers. From experience of a shipping tanker fire in the Indian Ocean, Captain Kovevaar reported to the Port Phillip Woollen Mill Advisory Committee and the Ports and Environs Advisory Committee that for days after the start of the fire, no one could get closer than 500m of the fire and at 1km the heat from the fire was unbearable for more than a very short period of time. The intense heat of fire on board ship limited fire fighting capabilities.

Despite all the safety precautions of an industry well versed in safety procedures, there have been massive fires elsewhere in the world ie Buncefield UK, oil tanker ship in Port of Providence New York, crude oil tanker in Xingang Harbour China and now this recent incident in Canberra (see the press report links on our news blog pages).

Save Williamstown has argued that the risks should not be exacerbated by the introduction of 1000 new residents into an area which already needs special consideration for its existing evacuation procedures relating to proximity to a MHF. We have asked Hobsons Bay Council to "OPENLY" define and communicate effectively with the existing local residents and businesses what the evacuation and emergency procedures are. Council has not yet responded and to the best of our knowledge it does not have any proper plan..

The incident in Canberra highlights the needs for the community to be aware of what the warnings might be and how they would occur and how evacuation proceeds. How does local or state government communicate with the vulnerable people in its community, do they even know who the vulnerable community are?

*ABC radio AM on 17th September reported that in Canberra, non-english speaking residents did not receive or understand the SMS messages, some residents did not have mobile phones and even some english speaking residents thought the messages were hoaxes because of bad spelling errors etc. Publicity about working out what is a virus on the computer by recognising bad spelling was obviously translated into the mobile phone platform!!!*

Canberra and the Australian Capital Territory has a good road network for evacuation - this is not the situation in Williamstown.

Victorians are already well aware of communication problems in emergencies and have sought to improve procedures with the Bushfire Royal Commission.

The Williamstown community again asks Hobsons Bay Council to work with the community in defining risks and setting appropriate evacuation procedures which are part of a KNOWN plan and of which all residents within the likely buffer zones are FULLY aware.

FURTHER it is sheer folly to even think about increasing the number of residents as planned by the developers of the Former Port Phillip Woollen Mill Site. These plans must be rejected because of the impact on the safety of existing residents and workers at BAE Systems.

Exxon Mobil informed the Port Phillip Woollen Mill Advisory Committee that "people safety" was an issue. It is plainly clear from the Canberra explosion that the scale of any disaster at Point Gellibrand would far exceed that of Canberra.

Save Williamstown Strategy Group  
Tuesday, 20 September 2011

**ARTICLES** about the Canberra Explosion 16th September 2011

<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/massive-chemical-fire-after-series-of-explosions-rock-canberra/story-e6frf7jo-1226138504876>

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Planning, yes, but little forethought - **PLEASE MINISTER IF RESIDENTIAL CAN BE CHANGED AT VENTNOR WHY NOT AT POINT GELLIBRAND WILLIAMSTOWN**

**Friday, 23 September 2011**

The Age  
Royce Millar  
September 23, 2011

"MATTHEW Guy is an ambitious man in a hurry. He is also a politician who needs to take time out to self-reflect.

His decision to rezone farmland on the edge of the Ventnor hamlet on Phillip Island residential was ill-advised and ill-conceived, and from the outset.

The rezoning idea had already been rejected by Bass Coast Council - an institution known more for cuddling up to developers than for environmental zealotry. It had been twice rejected by independent planning panels.

Local federal MP Greg Hunt - a Liberal colleague of the minister - says community opposition to the rezoning was "near universal" across the

island.

So why do it?

In a letter to the council, Mr Guy justified his unilateral intervention on three grounds: boosting housing affordability, availability of existing infrastructure and services at Ventnor, and because the landowner had asked for the rezoning.....

.....The decision amounted to a flagrant dismissal of local planning processes and the state's own coastal strategy, which seeks to arrest coastal sprawl.

Mr Guy's panicked backflip followed protests by well-heeled residents and holiday homers - notable among them Brighton residents .....

.....Neither the original decision nor its overturning were well-considered decisions. In fact, this sort of decision making is not planning at all. And it's not the first time for Mr Guy.”

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### Baillieu hit by island debacle - influenced by Brighton Residents & Twittering Hollywood Starlet Miley Cyrus

Friday, 23 September 2011

The Age  
Royce Millar  
September 23, 2011

“A KEY figure in the Baillieu government, Planning Minister Matthew Guy, has been forced into a humiliating backflip over a land rezoning at Phillip Island after some of his own Liberal colleagues lined up against the proposal with local Bass Coast property owners and councillors.

In the most damaging of a series of controversies under his watch, Mr Guy has reversed his decision to rezone 23 hectares of farmland for residential development on the fringe of Ventnor hamlet on Phillip Island.

It is believed the reversal came after fellow cabinet ministers expressed concern about the plan, and Premier Ted Baillieu's office intervened.

Announcing his change of heart yesterday, Mr Guy said: "The government

has heard the community and the council's concerns on the proposed rezoning in Ventnor and will not pursue land supply in this area."

He did not say why he did not consult the local council before making the rezoning decision on September 8. The decision was revealed by The Age last Friday.

A government insider confirmed the Premier's office had sought a deferral of the declaration of the rezoning, which was due yesterday. Another source said Mr Baillieu was "happy" about Mr Guy's change of heart.

The Age understands Tourism Minister Louise Asher was lobbied about the plan by Ventnor property owners who live in her Brighton electorate, and that Attorney-General Robert Clark expressed concern.....

....Cyrus, the former Hannah Montana star, told more than 2.4 million Twitter followers: "Phillip Island is such a magical place, it would be a shame to see it change." She had visited the island with her boyfriend, Australian actor Liam Hemsworth, who grew up there....."

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/baillieu-hit-by-island-debacle-20110922-1knbv.html>

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### Island rezoning row heats up

Wednesday, 28 September 2011

The Age  
Royce Millar  
28 September 2011

"THE row over the Baillieu government's bungled bid to rezone farmland at Phillip Island has been reignited by the revelation that the company behind the move is a generous contributor to the Liberal Party and headed by a former president of the party's Queensland branch.

Brisbane-based Brown Consulting played an instrumental role in Planning Minister Matthew Guy's surprise decision to rezone 23 hectares of farmland for residential development on the fringe of Ventnor hamlet on Phillip Island.

When Mr Guy wrote to Bass Coast Shire on September 8 stating his intention to override it and rezone the Ventnor site he said he was responding to "a request from Brown and Tomkinson Pty Ltd [the former name of Brown Consulting]" on behalf of land owner John Cadogan.

His intervention came despite a decade-long planning process by the

council, during which two independent panels opposed the extension of Ventnor's boundaries to take in the site.....”

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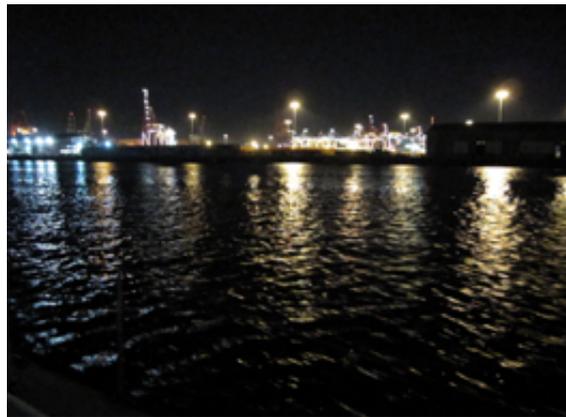
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## Lack of 'soul' has Docklands tenant ready to leave

Wednesday, 28 September 2011

The Age  
Jason Dowling  
28 September 2011

"ONE of Docklands' cornerstone corporate tenants has threatened to quit, saying infrequent public transport and a lack of "charisma" and "soul" puts it at risk of losing staff....

....it has not lived up to expectations, has few trees and open spaces, and is grinding to a halt with congestion.....

....."But I just don't get the lack of design and creativity in the streetscape, where 50,000 people walk, exercise, commute, eat and socialise - or try to," he said. "No trees, no birds, no grass, a lack of community but a plethora of structures."

Mr Savvides is particularly critical of the decision to turn the heritage-listed Goods Shed at Docklands into office space rather than a food hall.

One of the Goods Shed's tenants is VicUrban, the government developer partly responsible for Docklands.....

.....Mr Johnston would also like to see more waterside attractions to make

Docklands a destination that Melburnians recommend.

"If you think Hobart and Salamanca, Docklands could consider a Salamanca-type development along Harbour Esplanade," he said.

Salamanca was an old warehouse and storage area close to the docks, which was transformed into bars, eateries, galleries and craft or gourmet-based retailers."

<http://m.theage.com.au/victoria/lack-of-soul-has-docklands-tenant-ready-to-leave-20110927-1kvgz.html>

*SW comment - putting concentrated residential towers in an area with no open space and community facilities may make money for developers but it lacks the components of a good community. The Former Port Phillip Woollen Mill Site proposals is just another concrete jungle and would have similar problems.*

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### Nelson Place high-rise opponents spy glimmer of hope

Wednesday, 28 September 2011

Hobsons Bay Weekly  
BY GOYA DMYTRYSHCHAK  
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"WILLIAMSTOWN residents opposed to a proposed high-rise development in Nelson Place are hopeful that a planning decision on Phillip Island could bode well for them.

Planning Minister Matthew Guy last Thursday said he had changed his mind about rezoning farm land for development at Ventnor, on the island. "Our commitment to listen is genuine, and the government has heard the community and the council's concerns on the proposed rezoning in Ventnor and will not pursue land supply in this area," Mr Guy said.

Save Williamstown spokeswoman Charmian Gaud said she hoped Mr Guy would listen to local residents and reverse the residential rezoning of the former Port Phillip woollen mill site.

Mr Guy is yet to decide on an amendment that will determine the future of a 412-unit, 13-storey development proposed by Nelson Place Village.

Former Labor planning minister Justin Madden paved the way for it by rezoning the site residential. "If they can reverse Ventnor's residential zoning because everyone is against it, why can't they reverse Williamstown's?" Ms Gaud said. "Both were [rezoned] on the developer's request with no proper reference to appropriate authorities. In the case of Williamstown, it isn't Guy's own zoning he would be reversing but Madden's zoning. So why not do it?"

Ms Gaud said Greg Hunt, the federal Liberal MP whose seat covers Ventnor, had opposed the rezoning because of "near universal" opposition across the island. "The Port Phillip woollen mill advisory committee heard that in Williamstown there was also near universal opposition - 97percent against."

Ms Gaud said nearly every presenter at a VCAT hearing (*NB it was a Minister's Advisory Committee Hearing*) was against the woollen mill rezoning. The exception was the developer....."

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