

The Hon Cameron Dick, MP
Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning
1 William Street
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Dear Minister,

The introduction of the Queensland Heritage Act 1992 by the Labour Government was heralded by many as a major step forward in the Queensland State Government's attempt to protect Queensland's built heritage and land after the 'nocturnal demolitions' of the Bjelke-Peterson government.

Pat Comben, Minister for Environment and Heritage, announced that from 11 March 1990 no properties listed on the National Trust of Queensland (NTQ) or Australian Heritage Council (AHC) registers could be developed, and in May 1990 the Heritage Buildings Protection Bill was introduced.

According to the State government, over 1600 private and public places are now protected under the Queensland Heritage Act 1992 and have subsequently been placed on the Queensland Heritage Register.

The Anglican Church owns one of these listed sites and surrounding woodlands. They are now attempting to rewrite History at the expense of the community by creating a commercial Joint venture with the for profit company The Village Retirement Group to construct 8 x 6-7 story High rise towers on the site of Lota House 162 Oceana Terrace, Lota.

The current application is stage 1 for 4 towers. An application made by a company that Supports the Liberals and publically on social media criticises the Labour Party stating " they resort to spin and lies just to stay in power".

The community in the Labour Electorate of Lytton have spoken and are a united voice of 90+% against this proposal, they do not want High-rise in the residential area of Manly/Lota.

The accurate surveys completed by volunteers and Labour councillor's officer's from Wynnum, contradicts all data stated or submitted by the Anglicare and Village Retirement group to support their application where the incorrectly state as being requirement and wanted by the region.

This in political terms would be a land slide and our democratic process would be enforced.

As a community we are appalled by this deception and the course of intimidation, infactual and misleading statements they have submitted in Government meetings, in application documents and as they presented in a recent community consultation process held 20th and 21st of November on site at Lota house.

This process was due to pressure from the community after their refusal to engage with the community.

55,000 brochures were printed and delivered to the community from Lota to Mr Gravatt inviting people to inspect their application on site as part of the event held 20-21 November. 145 people attended, an exit poll showed 87% were opposed to the application and 13% were for.

There was a great number of questions and passion from the community and many direct statements made to the Church and Village retirement Group. These questions were met with confusing responses and to often met with a negative and disappointing response of contempt toward the concerned community.

Labour Councillor Peter Cummings was on site all evening, as were all other local Government members earlier in the evenings

The surveys and reports presented by the Anglican Church and Village Retirement Group are inaccurate and reflect data that is out dated and manipulated to strengthen their views that this proposed development is required and supported by the community.

For 30 years the Church have gained the support of the community by promising to build aged care needs to meet the care needs of the community, not high-rise high cost retirement units.

The church has in writing and publically endorsed/ supported Heritage reports which state no buildings above the height of Lota house to be constructed on site which also supports the Labour Governments current act of 1992 to protect.

The community voice has stated to all levels of Government representing the areas of Lytton (State) Wynnum (council) and Bonner (Federal) there views and this has been fully supported in a bipartisan manner publicly in the media where MP Joan Pease is on record as Stating she will not support or allow Heritage orders to be removed that protects Lota House or the Woodlands.

We as a community expect this type of commitment and it is why Labour maintains the vote in this area.

Minister we ask you to maintain Queensland Heritage Act 1992 orders for this site, maintain the Heritage reports of Ruth Woods (1997) and Ivan McDonald (2016) as provided to Government, which were supported and paid for by the Anglican Church in past and recent applications to extend Aged care on site, and listen to the community as a whole Meetings with the community will further reinforce the views as reflected in this letter and allow the facts to be well presented

We ask you not to allow this type of Bjelke-Peterson government process to be repeated in our community whilst Labour is in Power and supported by this and the greater community.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours Sincerely