

22 November 2018

RE: Lota House development proposal

Dear Minister, Dear Mayor.

I have yet to meet a single person in my neighbourhood that thinks this proposal is appropriate for the community. Whilst most of think that more and better aged care facilities are needed across the state, high rise retirement living, which is what this proposal is really about, is NOT a requirement and would be a scar on the bayside landscape.

I am extremely concerned that the changes in the Council city Planning laws will allow this project and others to be easily approved and run rampant across the SEQ benefitting no one apart from the developers and associated organisations such as Anglicare.

Whilst I understand the necessity of updating by laws and planning for the future, it is exactly the 'future' that I am worried about. When some laws are changed, the consequences are often overlooked, and that will certainly be the case in this instance.

I am not anti-development, I just don't want the Gold Coast approach to high rise in Brisbane's backyard. That's why I live here on Brisbane. I love Brisbane.

Could you please consider a review to the planned city Plan changes? Whilst most changes seem progressive, some changes are just going to be destructive.

There are many other concerns with this proposed development including loss of Heritage access to Heritage and loss of Heritage protected woodland, but I am sure you have already been inundated with information regarding that.

The recent community engagement by the Developers and Anglicare was a sham, with a lot of information hidden and some incorrect. The conveners became quite agitated to find so many people were against the project. I don't know what their research will show, (depends on their filtering process). but our 'on exit' poll showed over 80% of people were against. A previous survey by the Bayside Action Group showed 98% of people were against it.

The community sessions were only well attended because the Bayside Action Group letterbox dropped the area. Hardly anyone we spoke to received the developers flyers. Perhaps more smoke and mirrors to hide what was a pre-sales exercise.

I look forward to your reply

Yours Sincerely
Email address