



Ref: PP-5/2013
25 September 2014

The Hon Pru Goward MP
Minister for Planning and Environment
GPO Box 5341
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister

Re: Planning proposal for 105 Wellington Street tennis courts

Further to my last correspondence on this matter I write with urgency seeking a resolution for the planning proposal to rezone 105 Wellington Street, Bondi Beach.

The issue of a Gateway Determination on 15 September 2014 has disappointed and frustrated our community and puts the planning proposal one step closer to removing invaluable recreation space in our area.

The issues of this planning proposal are clear and recognized by everyone involved. The PAC were very clear that they did not accept the basic premise of the planning proposal - i.e. that Waverley was in need of additional housing choice. The PAC recognized that Waverley exceeds housing targets that have been set or may be set via any Metropolitan Strategy. The chairman acknowledged that the planning proposal would simply result in a financial gain for the developers.

Additionally there is a demonstrated deficiency in the availability of recreational spaces and facilities throughout Waverley that will be lost forever if the rezoning proceeds. 17% of all the residents of Waverley are under the age of 14 and we have 16 schools in our 9.2km² Municipality. Our existing sporting facilities are over utilized already and we are undertaking many projects to increase that supply with the understanding that as a community we cannot afford to lose any open space whatsoever.

I understand that on 17 September 2014 you met with a group, including Deputy Mayor Tony Kay, and that you resolved to seek legal advice on whether the Act provides you with the appropriate authority to intervene and determine not to proceed with the planning proposal. I urge you to seek this legal advice at your earliest convenience.

Our residents and the Council have already been down this road with the same developer on the same site. The whole community, Council and our local Member, Hon. Gabrielle Upton stand side by side in an ardent hope that this land will remain open space. In your considerations please be aware of the previous action taken on a similar rezoning application for this site. In his letter of 15 July 2011, the then Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Brad Hazzard MP, wrote personally to Waverley Council acknowledging the

inappropriateness of the Department's involvement and that a local planning decisions such as this "is the responsibility of Council as the local planning authority".

I am more than happy to support the local community and Gabrielle in urging you to seek the legal advice you require and look forward to your response.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sally Betts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sally Betts
Mayor of Waverley

c.c. Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP

c.c. Gabi Tobias, Bondi Rescue Group