



Canada Bay: Give us power over DA

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Breakfast Point Resident Committee secretary Paul Clarke, resident Jeanette Cameron and Mayor Angelo Tsirekas with one of the signs asking for local control over the Majors Bay DA. PHIL ROGERS

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CANADA Bay Council has signposted its demands for the state government to give back planning powers of the Majors Bay development, but the government will stay its course.

The signs, put up by council last Tuesday around Mortlake, read "say no to the Mortlake development proposal", which is being considered by the Planning and Infrastructure Department. The development, 402 residential units in 14 buildings was inappropriate in scale and density, Mayor Angelo Tsirekas said.

"It's double the council's development control plans for that area," he said.

Ben Hendriks, speaking on behalf of the developer Mortlake Consolidated Pty Ltd, said the height of the nine-storey buildings would be reduced in response to community comment.

"We are working with our traffic consultants to identify potential local traffic management measures ... to improve the functioning of local streets," he said.

Mr Hendriks said the renewal of derelict industrial areas of the Mortlake Peninsula and the remediation of contaminated sites were benefits to the community.

A Planning and Infrastructure Department spokeswoman said while most major residential DAs are determined by councils, after changes to Part 3A planning processes last year, the Majors Bay project was well advanced in the planning process and would be determined by her department.

“The department’s assessment will fully consider all matters raised by council,” she said.

But Cr Tsirekas said Part 3A meant there was no council or community input.

The spokeswoman confirmed the department would hold a public meeting after the assessment report had been finalised and sent to PAC.

THE DEVELOPMENT

- 402 apartments in 14 buildings, ranging from three to nine storeys, on 2.75ha in Hilly St, Majors Bay
- Community concerns include height and density of the buildings, traffic, parking and transport
- 140 concerned residents at a public meeting in November
- A report is being prepared by the developer in response to the issues raised in submissions and once the department has received that, it will finalise the assessment report



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