



Dear Community Member

We had some great news with the cancellation of proposed changes to the Transdev ferry routes.

Thanks to all for your submissions and your strong voices at our public meeting.

We now return to our St Leonards South (SLS) battle and we need to move quickly.

WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE, TO SECURE PAGES AND PAGES OF SIGNATURES ON THE PETITION AT THIS LINK:https://mcusercontent.com/c6f5e8b74a616ec50df715c3e/files/e0d6a835-8d0a-46bf-bc3f-2f500f97c8a9/Final_petition_050320.pdf

FOLLOWING OVERWHELMING COMMUNITY CONCERN ABOUT LANE COVE COUNCIL'S SLS PLANNING PROPOSAL, THE INDEPENDENT PLANNING COMMISSION (IPC) WAS DIRECTED BY THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON THE SLS PLAN.

THE IPC WAS GIVEN SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE.

THE IPC FOUND THAT THE SLS PLAN REPRESENTED OVERDEVELOPMENT AND THAT IT WAS INCONSISTENT WITH MANY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING'S OWN DESIGN CRITERIA.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING HAS IGNORED MAJOR FINDINGS OF THE IPC (AND ITS OWN DESIGN CRITERIA) IN ITS RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO SLS.

WE ARE CALLING ON THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING

ALL THE MAJOR FINDINGS OF THE IPC.

A bit of background

In February 2020 the Department of Planning advised our Council of changes it required to Council's SLS plan.

The Department's advice ignores many of the key findings of an Independent Planning Commission (IPC) enquiry into SLS, an enquiry that the Department, itself, established in 2019.

The IPC found that SLS was not consistent with almost all the Departmental design principles for SLS and it considered that "*the scale of residential development in Council's (SLS) planning proposal would represent an overdevelopment of the site.*"

This is what the community has told Council for years.

The Department has done NOTHING to address the concern about OVERDEVELOPMENT in its revised plans for SLS.

The recommended plan merely rearranges building and heights – a bit off here and a bit added there.

No dwelling numbers are provided but it all looks pretty much like the same overdeveloped SLS that we have been faced with since mid-2015.



37 Unit Blocks - 335 Floors - 2,400 Dwellings

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING RESPONSE TO IPC REPORT



32 Unit blocks - 262 Floors (But refer 6+ buildings on Park Rd). Number of dwellings not disclosed

CONCLUSIONS

LESS BUILDINGS IN NUMBER BUT MANY BIGGER IN FOOTPRINT – SITE STILL FULLY BUILT OUT

(No Floor Space Ratios, Gross Floor Areas or Dwelling details given)

SITE STILL OVER DEVELOPED - BUILDINGS AND HEIGHTS SIMPLY RE-DISTRIBUTED

Copies of the above plans are at this link:

[https://mcusercontent.com/c6f5e8b74a616ec50df715c3e/files/5a564b06-08a2-4fdc-905e-](https://mcusercontent.com/c6f5e8b74a616ec50df715c3e/files/5a564b06-08a2-4fdc-905e-334034607ce6/Before_and_After_Plans.01.docx)

[334034607ce6/Before_and_After_Plans.01.docx](https://mcusercontent.com/c6f5e8b74a616ec50df715c3e/files/5a564b06-08a2-4fdc-905e-334034607ce6/Before_and_After_Plans.01.docx)

We have had no indication from our Council that it will push for this overdevelopment to be addressed.

This is not surprising – SLS is Council's own Planning Proposal.

The 2400 dwellings on this inappropriate site are a Council initiative.

The Department is getting very close to locking its preferred version of SLS in to the final 2036 Plan for St Leonards and Crows Nest.

At a recent meeting with community representatives, Departmental officers advised that this would happen in March or April.

So we need to secure the Minister's agreement to initiate a re-write of his Department's SLS recommendations as a matter of urgency.

And we hope for your support.

1. Please print off several pages of the attached

petition [https://mcusercontent.com/c6f5e8b74a616ec50df715c3e/files/e0d6a835-8d0a-46bf-bc3f-](https://mcusercontent.com/c6f5e8b74a616ec50df715c3e/files/e0d6a835-8d0a-46bf-bc3f-2f500f97c8a9/Final_petition_050320.pdf)

[2f500f97c8a9/Final_petition_050320.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/c6f5e8b74a616ec50df715c3e/files/e0d6a835-8d0a-46bf-bc3f-2f500f97c8a9/Final_petition_050320.pdf) and gather as many signatures as you can.

Do not overlook the many people in North Sydney and Willoughby LGAs who will be impacted by SLS.

We have included the plans above in the link

334034607ce6/Before_and_After_Plans.01.docx (also above) **as you may find it useful to show people what SLS could actually look like.**

2. **Penny Mabbutt, a member of our GCA committee, is the contact person for the petition. Penny can be contacted on 0497 768 875 or email pennymabbutt@hotmail.com**

Please contact Penny if you would like to have some petition sign on sheets printed or if you have any queries about the petition generally.

3. **Whilst we will keep the petition in circulation for several weeks, we hope to have a significant number before the next Lane Cove Council meeting on Monday 16 March.**

PLEASE CONTACT PENNY TO ARRANGE FOR COLLECTION OF YOUR COMPLETED SHEETS.

4. **Please write to or send emails to our Lane Cove Councillors, our local member, the Hon Anthony Roberts, and to the Hon Rob Stokes, the Minister for Planning and Public Places.**

All relevant contact details are at this

link [https://mcusercontent.com/c6f5e8b74a616ec50df715c3e/files/873a599c-a015-450a-a4b2-](https://mcusercontent.com/c6f5e8b74a616ec50df715c3e/files/873a599c-a015-450a-a4b2-d84e4680a69f/SLS_Contacts.01.docx)

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Hundreds, if not thousands of signatures on a petition, will signal to our Councillors and the Minister for Planning that the level of concern around overdevelopment articulated in our community in 2015 has increased, as we see increasing evidence of disruption and infrastructure stress caused by Council's developments along the highway.

Thank you all for your great support so far – we hope for a wave of support for the attached petition.

meeting on the following Monday.

Best wishes from your 2020 committee – details on the GCA website www.greenwich.org.au

Merri Southwood

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