

MEETING MINUTES



Attendees: Hon. Paul Caica MP – Member for Colton
Paul Laris, Robert Crocker, Lara Hollamby – WACRA Executive Members

Apologies: Jim Douglas –WACRA President

Date: 15 July 2011

Time: 10.40am – 11.10am

Venue: Colton Electorate Office, 318 Seaview Road, Henley Beach

Status update on request for meeting with John Rau

Background

- On 4/7/11, WACRA requested that Paul Caica (Paul) coordinate a meeting with John Rau, Minister for Urban Development and Planning. The point of the meeting was to discuss the planning issues facing Henley Beach and its environs resulting from current and proposed high-rise developments.
- The meeting would also share concerns about the inadequacies of the current Planning and Development Acts, which do not reflect the impact that urban infill and high-rise developments have on heavy residential areas.
- WACRA was advised that John Rau believed meeting with the association would be a “conflict of interest” based on Stage 2 development application currently with Council, and that the application should follow “due process”.

Meeting outcome

- WACRA expressed that the association would still pursue a meeting with John Rau, either via or independent of Paul, as the association has made a commitment to the community to do this, and sees no justification for a “conflict of interest”.
- WACRA advised Paul of the new Community Alliance Committee consisting of around 15 associations across Adelaide, all of which shared the similar concerns regarding the current Planning and Development Acts.
- It was agreed it might be more beneficial for this meeting with John Rau to be with the Community Alliance Committee.
- Paul has agreed to follow-up with John Rau to coordinate a meeting on behalf of WACRA and the Community Alliance Committee (John Rau currently on annual leave until 25/7/11).

Review of EPA Act

Background

- In previous meetings between Paul and WACRA, concerns have been raised about the inadequacies of the current EPA Act, in relation to the protection of residents from noise, vibration and pollution from development sites within heavy residential areas.
- Paul had advised that the EPA Act was under review, and that these concerns would be tabled and addressed as part of that review.

Meeting outcome

- Paul advised that many facets of the current EPA Act were currently under review.
- No time line for completion of this review was confirmed.
- WACRA highlighted the importance of resolving the noise, vibration and pollution issues as they relate to residents, as this forms an integral component of proposed conditions (see below) for the Stage 2 development application currently with Council for consideration.

Henley Square Development

Background

- Approximately 2 months ago, a set of proposed conditions for Council's consideration/inclusion as part on any 'Consent Agreement' relating to current Stage 2 development application was provided to Paul.
- Paul had agreed to present these conditions to Mark Withers (CEO, City of Charles Sturt) and Richard Antunes (Developer, Bayspring Pty Ltd).
- WACRA requested Paul further investigate who would be assessing the current Stage 2 development application – the Council's DAP or the State Government's DAC.

Meeting outcome

- Paul advised that to date, Richard Antunes had not accepted an offer to meet, and that the conditions had not yet been presented to Council.
- WACRA requested that Paul submit the conditions to Council on behalf on the association.
- Paul agreed that the conditions would be forwarded to Council.
- Paul agreed to follow up with Council for a status update on who would be assessing the current Stage 2 development application.

Local member support

Meeting outcome

- WACRA is seeking open support from Paul of:
 - resolutions from the 'Forum for Better Henley' (presented to Council)
 - petition – almost 1,700 signatures (presented to Council).
- Paul advised that his support was evidenced by his attendance at the Forum, and voting in favour of the proposed resolutions presented at the Forum.
- Paul advised he would continue to openly support the resolutions, as well as the petition.
- A copy of WACRA's presentation to Council ('Developing a Better Henley') was provided to Paul, for information purposes.