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MEDIA RELEASE

Beachside residents take action over high-rise development

Residents of Henley, West Beach, Grange and surrounding coastal suburbs have reached breaking point over irresponsible development in the region.

Frustrated by a lack of consideration from decision-makers, the community has organised its own community forum to hear expert speakers and raise their concerns in public.

Representatives from both State and local governments will also be in attendance.

The forum hopes to emphasise the viewpoints of residents who have been disrupted by two massive developments. Another larger development is currently up for consideration by the City of Charles Sturt.

President of Western Adelaide Coastal Resident's Association, Jim Douglas, said "The community is angry and residents want to raise their voices against what is happening."

The forum will examine negative aspects of the State Government's 30 Year Plan and the City of Charles Sturt's planning vision in relation to the culture and heritage of Henley Beach and surrounding suburbs.

"Development of this nature changes the landscape, overcrowds open space, destroys character and historic homes and can cause social disruption," Mr Douglas said.

"High rise, high density and irresponsible development are destroying something very special in this community. We are exploring ways to have greater input into Council decisions so that the community's vision for the future is reflected," Mr Douglas said.

The forum will be facilitated by Professor Fran Baum, Director of Southgate Institute for Health, Society & Equity at Flinders University on **Sunday 29th May from 11am-1pm at Henley Town Hall, Seaview Road, Henley Beach.**

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