




Speech By
Hon. Mark Bailey

MEMBER FOR YEERONGPILLY

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ADJOURNMENT

Tarragindi, Proposed Development

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (12.13 am): I rise to bring to the attention of the House a matter of great concern to my local constituents in the suburb of Tarragindi. The matter of concern is the seven-storey development proposal before the Brisbane City Council regarding the privately owned Tarragindi Bowls Club site, which is located at 30 Andrew Avenue, Tarragindi. I have been contacted by many alarmed Tarragindi residents who have expressed their well-founded concerns that a seven-storey development in this location would create a dangerous development precedent for the character, liveability and future development of Tarragindi.

For as long as I have represented this area, both in my capacity as a state member of parliament and a former Brisbane City councillor of nine years, my record has shown that I have always strongly supported maintaining the low-density residential character of Tarragindi and I will continue to stand up for local residents. I would also like to draw the attention of the House to the fact that this development proposal was originally raised in late 2015 but was withdrawn before the council election and has since re-emerged with an increase in density subsequent to the 19 March Brisbane City Council election. That means that a total number of 95 units are proposed on this site.

I join with my local constituents to say that this is totally unacceptable. I support Tarragindi residents who object to it being out of character and far too intense for the surrounding low-density residential zoning under the city plan for four reasons: the development is inconsistent with current low-density zoning for Tarragindi and the height of seven storeys is too extreme; the project will result in a loss of local green space; the sheer bulk and size of the proposed development is excessive and goes against the council's own neighbourhood plan; and there will be significant and unacceptable traffic impacts for the surrounding area from 95 units.

Unfortunately, given statements made to date I am not confident that the Brisbane City Council, via local councillor and senior civic cabinet member Krista Adams, will do the right thing by Tarragindi residents. As a senior councillor with influence, it is the councillor's role to ensure a development outcome consistent with the city plan provisions for Tarragindi. While Lord Mayor Graham Quirk has not commented on the development proposal to date, I am hopeful that the Lord Mayor will play a positive role and back Tarragindi residents on this matter when it comes before him given that he is a former alderman for Tarragindi.

The decision on this proposal will be made by the Brisbane City Council under its own Brisbane City Council City Plan, passed in 2014. Just like other local development proposals across Brisbane, this application is a local government responsibility. Public suggestions made by Councillor Adams otherwise are misleading and disingenuous.

I stand wholeheartedly with my local constituents in calling for the Lord Mayor and Councillor Adams to listen to the Tarragindi community by ensuring that a high-density precedent, whether it be seven storeys, six storeys, five storeys or four storeys, is not set for Tarragindi on this site via a council approval.