

Legoland's fate up to councillors

The fate of 'Legoland' is in the hands of 15 councillors of Sutherland Shire for now – as a cheap pre-fabricated new housing estate at Woronora caravan park, under an obscure Section 68 (Local Government Act).

Ask your E-Ward councillor to vote against it when it comes up (list below).

It fails if they reject it, since the Local Planning Panel cannot then approve it under complex legalities.

The plan is for 62 sites with up to 12 residents allowed on each area the size of a two-car garage. There is a real fear that a huge boarding house is then possible, or an unofficial red-light district, if the cheap fibro/tin cabins do not sell as sub-standard housing.

A threat to fill the caravan park with "druggies and ex-convicts" was made earlier, according to one resident.

This planned eyesore is despite strong objections from the local community since December 2018. The display by the developers misled the public, and showed only 48 cabins on site, 25% less than in the formal application put up only months later (see photo).

Simple arithmetic says that a two-storey expansion would double the population of the existing one-storey caravan park, at least.

Contrary advice from Council is that the population will not rise: one + one = one.

All Councillors were asked to advise their stand on Legoland, and the reasons which support it, to inform local residents this week. The first such request to all councillors was two months ago, with no replies.

It is a higher-density, low-cost redevelopment under the Planning Act (EP&A Act). The Panel is normally the only decision maker, not Council.

The NSW Government removed planning powers from all State councils in 2017 to reduce potential corruption. It still has the final decision.

State MPs in the Shire have declined to speak although the Minister has the last word.

Formal reports have now been with Council and the Panel since July to consider (ref:MA18/0400, DA18/0049).

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