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## Planning Institute sides with SOS for more certainty and prescription — and a boost to public transport

By Ian Wood

*On 25 November 2004, the President of the Victorian division of the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA), Trevor Budge, wrote an open letter to Premier Bracks and the Minister for Planning supporting urgent reform of the planning system.*

*While SOS doesn't endorse every aspect of the letter, we strongly welcome further recognition from the planning industry itself that the planning reforms we have been advocating are long overdue.*

*In particular, industry groups, councils and residents alike all want more certainty in planning and that means some level of prescription or mandatory provisions, eg on Rescode amenity standards, overlay provisions, etc.*

Just three months ago, SOS won the first battle in the war for more prescription when Bracks introduced mandatory height controls in Residential 3 Zones and neighbourhood activity centres.

The present complexity in planning is the result of allowing for the exercise of discretion on just about every aspect of a development - the introduction of some prescription will reduce that complexity and uncertainty which has only led to compromised outcomes and excess costs in time and money for both residents and developers.

We agree with PIA that bipartisan political support is needed because by its very nature urban planning a long-term exercise. However, it is somewhat hypocritical for the Liberals to join the attack on Melbourne 2030 when they have yet to renounce their own 1995 planning document "Living Suburbs", which was almost identical to Melbourne 2030 but lacked the ALP's public consultation process (subsequently ignored by the bureaucrats) and glossy presentation evoking sustainability and glamorous city living.

At least the Liberals didn't hide their previous intention to prioritise urban consolidation. Unfortunately, the ALP has encouraged the same result while preaching otherwise, as evidenced by the actual implementation of Melbourne 2030. It was introduced without the fundamental public transport upgrades it was supposedly predicated on and which public consultation had demanded. It was also made law before councils had even been funded to produce the structure plans with which to implement it.

The policy was introduced without the fundamental public transport upgrades that prior public consultation had demanded, and it was made law before any of the hapless councils that had to administer its local implementation had the chance to produce the structure plans it was supposed to be based on!

We also agree with PIA that there is a desperate need for forward planning to upgrade the public transport network and the frequency, quality and safety of its services, especially in the outer suburbs. Without this, the accessibility of our city will be constrained - the city will remain in the stranglehold of the motor vehicle, and the inhabitants of the world's most livable city will continue to suffer from traffic congestion and the health impacts of pollution and lack of pedestrian access.

The irony of the State Government's M2030 Integrated Transport Plan is that more than two years later there still isn't one, in terms of serious budget allocation for infrastructure development over the next two or three decades.

However, we differ with PIA over their support for the "short term and easily-achievable changes" that the "Better Decisions Faster" (BDF) policy will allegedly facilitate.

SOS certainly supports simpler planning procedures to achieve high standards and quicker outcomes - but they must be efficient, fair,

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## President's Address



At our AGM last month SOS conducted elections for the first time in its history. These elections saw a mix of new and old faces as a natural process of renewal continued. I welcome our new Treasurer, Joy Steward, our new Secretary, Ian Quick, and new committee members Sheryl O'Donnell, Cheryl Forge and Richard Rozen. Whilst I take no comfort from the circumstances surrounding the election I am very pleased that for the first time in three years we have a full committee. The energy and vitality that new members bring to an organisation is a positive dynamic.

At the same time as welcoming new members I also wish to express my profound thanks to those committee members who have chosen to step down. Gayle and Greg MacKenzie are taking an extended overseas trip. Gayle has been our secretary for the past two years and with Greg has made an excellent contribution to your organisation. Geoff Ronald has stepped down from a very successful three year term managing the Treasurer's role but still remains on the committee.

Lastly, our vice President for the last two years and committee member for six, Cheryl May has decided to retire. We have been very lucky to have had someone of Cheryl's ability playing a leading role in policy development, responsible for organising our forums and being part of the negotiating team seeking practical reforms to our planning system - particularly the recently announced mandatory height controls. A huge amount of work.

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Speaking of the reforms. It is essential for all of us to make sure that our local councils take advantage of the new residential zone incorporating mandatory height controls. And the opportunity to introduce the neighbourhood centre mandatory height controls. There is a great deal of misunderstanding about these two vital reforms and I encourage you to contact us if you need clarification. Also, please let us know if your council is falling down on the job and not implementing these reforms.

In a nutshell. Rescode does not provide for mandatory height controls. But, by implementing the new residential zone Councils will provide residents with the certainty of a mandatory 9 metre (2 storey pitched roof, 3 storey flat roof) height level. Without the new residential zone there is nothing to stop VCAT approving a high rise residential tower in your street.

The second reform allows Councils to impose mandatory height controls over the 900 or so neighbourhood centres. This is expected to mean an average 4 storey height limit for most centres. A far cry from the Mitcham and Brunswick abominations.

Both these controls deliver certainty for residents and are long overdue.

On behalf of the committee I wish to express our thanks for your continuing support and to wish you all the compliments of the season. Lets hope the new year is a positive one for us all.

**Nigel Kirby**

Stop Press:

## New Minister for Planning appointed

Save Our Suburbs welcomes the appointment of Robert Hulls as the new Minister for Planning. We plan to include an interview with the Minister in the next newsletter.



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transparent, clear and consistent, so ongoing scrutiny of all phases of the planning application approval process is vital. Unfortunately, the thrust of many of the BDF proposals reduces the opportunity for input by residents and most of them are just a bandaid to prop up the existing system, not improve it.

SOS believes many problems could be significantly reduced if the system was more strictly enforced - i.e. if non-compliant applications were rejected outright with no appeal until they met local and state policy; if mandatory planning controls were established for key parts of planning schemes; if enforcement with serious repercussions for non-compliance was the rule rather than the exception; and if VCAT was limited to deciding only whether Councils had acted properly rather than acting as a duplicate and inconsistent planning assessment authority.

Instead, the government intends to just throw more resources at VCAT. That may reduce time delays but by definition it cannot address the fundamental weaknesses — namely, the need for greater levels of consistency and certainty in decision-making.

The simplest and fairest way to achieve more certainty is for basic Rescode amenity standards and local neighbourhood character and overlay guidelines and schedules to be mandatory. Just providing more precision in policy statements will simply compound the problem further if all policies are still subject to discretion and debate. The wide use of discretion by councils and VCAT only fuels the appeals process.

Any formally adopted changes to a planning scheme must also be given priority by VCAT, otherwise the present "ambit claim" regime will just be perpetuated.

Finally, we welcome PIA's intention to follow up their letter with detailed proposals for improving the operation of the planning system, attracting and retaining skilled and experienced planners, and for clear leadership on implementing reforms.

We look forward to working with them on our common goals to help reform the Victorian planning system.

On the next page is an edited version of the main points of the letter from PIA (Victoria) president Trevor Budge to the Premier last November.

## SOS needs to know what you think



Whenever we talk about what we think is the worst horror story, about how a neighbourhood is being destroyed by unbelievably bad development or inappropriate buildings, our stories inevitably get capped. We wish they were all written down. Such relevant stories are often wasted when they are only talked about, and worse, when they are not given appropriate publicity, developers are emboldened to perpetuate such abuses on other unfortunate people — like you. And our politicians think that all is well because they hear no protest! Shout your story from the rooftops by using SOS to publicise your predicament and hopefully obtain good results. Take photos and send them and your story to us (and the newspapers), preferably in e-mail form, but if not, type written or even in hand writing to: Ray Smith, SOS Newsletter Coordinator, E-mail: <rb.smith@bigpond.net.au>, or by letter to: 13 Toronto Avenue, Doncaster 3108. Note that SOS reserves the right to check for veracity and accuracy and to change or omit anything that may be offensive.

## Objectors! Vehicle access problems can help win your case!

By Ian Wood

Councils and VCAT both have a duty to provide minimum amenity standards for new developments, so remember that in your objections you can highlight the internal deficiencies of a proposal as well as how it will adversely affect its neighbours. This includes sub-standard stairway, window and room dimensions and, among other things, the amount of space on-site for turning and parking.

And off-street parking is now tougher. The new Australian & New Zealand standard increases the average length

allowable for the family car (the "85th percentile") from 4.74m to 4.91m - a significant increase for vehicle access to cramped modern townhouses & units. It also includes reversing templates for the first time.

The new standard (AS/NZS 2890.1-2004) was incorporated into all planning schemes except Port Phillip on 26/8/04. It's listed in each planning scheme under Clause 81 (incorporated documents), but you may need professional assistance to access the actual documentation (SOS can help here - or you could buy your own copy from AusRoads!).

So in some cases where vehicle access is particularly tight, you may have extra ammunition to help defeat the proposal or reduce its size.

# Stronger Leadership in Planning is Essential

by Trevor Budge, President, Victoria Division, Planning Institute of Australia

Dear Premier,

This letter sets out high-level issues that we believe must be addressed as soon as possible in order for Victoria's planning and development activities to succeed. We intend to follow-up this letter over the coming months with a more detailed series of recommendations and proposals. The immediate issues are as follows.

## Widespread support of core elements

The core elements of planning - the Planning and Environment Act, the State Planning Policy Framework and key documents such as Melbourne's overall strategy - must have whole-of-government commitment, widespread and bipartisan understanding and support, and effective local government collaboration. The essential elements and objectives of strategic planning, which by their nature must be applied over periods much longer than the term of any Parliament, are vital for achieving the necessary certainty for sound sustainable growth and development of the State.

There is an urgent need for wider appreciation of the purposes and procedures of State and local planning among the many and diverse local communities and other interest groups whose understanding and collaboration are necessary for the management of change with maximum benefit and minimum stress.

## Practical priorities for improvement

The opening event of Planning Week was a Planners Summit.... It was quickly agreed at that Summit during Planning Week that while some of the necessary changes cannot be undertaken without time-consuming research and genuine public consultation, there are many "short sharp pieces of work" that can yield noticeable results quickly.

I believe that the very experienced, enthusiastic and knowledgeable people who came together at that Summit, augmented by others, will over the next two three months define practicable means of making a difference in such matters as:

- Practicable initiatives to improve the operation of the planning system
- More effective deployment of highly-skilled and experienced planners, so that more bright young people will be attracted to the work, and fewer leave frustrated by conflict or triviality; and
- Ways in which clear leadership can

achieve a better balance between top-down and bottom-up determinations of policies that affect both State and local interests.

Our more detailed response will set out practical change at State, regional and local levels, recommended priorities and programs for broad reviews of policy-instruments and procedures, and the first batch of relatively simple but significant actions that we believe should be taken with a minimum of delay.

All those at the Summit readily committed themselves to further work, including extension of the support base for this important exercise. To indicate the scope of the priorities identified, below is a summary of the key issues and solutions already agreed upon.

1. Planning and managing development is complex but does not need to be complicated. It is necessary for professionals and the public to understand that the complexity does not require a planning system that is complicated

2. The level of certainty that everyone cries out for needs a very clear and robust strategic approach to planning and development. We need to rebuild a system where the focus of planners is on preparing plans not just controlling development.

3. Bipartisan political support is a vital component of the planning system. Notwithstanding some valid criticisms of the implementation of Melbourne 2030, in particular the absolute pressing need for a thirty year capital works plan for public transport investment, the lack of bipartisan support for the metropolitan strategy is very damaging to public confidence in planning. It undermines the certainty desired by developers and the public alike.

4. A whole-of government approach is critical to effective planning. We applaud your recognition of the need for an effective whole-of-government approach for Melbourne 2030 by establishing a Cabinet Sub-committee. We believe that the Government has the responsibility to do much more to ensure that the rhetoric of implementation becomes reality. The planning and managing of development involves many complex considerations; but while the system for tackling them is unnecessarily complicated, professional contributions are not as efficient as they could be. Members of the public at large are confused and often resistant to changes from which they should benefit.

5. While the Victoria Planning

Provisions-based planning scheme is a masterstroke in that it achieves a policy-based planning system where innovation and flexibility are encouraged, it has created a process whereby nearly anything is possible and practically everything is left to the discretion of the decision maker. This coupled with the lack of experienced staff in local government and a sustained period of heightened development activity that now seems to be the norm, has created many of the problems the planning system now faces. A more prescriptive approach on a whole host of matters is required. The State government must lead the way.

6. The recent amendments to the Planning & Environment Act are a positive start. However the Act is well and truly dated, and serious consideration needs to be given to whether an entirely new Act would achieve substantial improvements in the outcomes of planning and the operation of the planning system. The integration of planning for settlements, infrastructure, economic development, water conservation and natural resource management all need a new legislative basis founded on the principles of sustainability. A taskforce should be set up immediately to consider this issue.

7. The Better Decisions Faster program, promises much to fix the planning system. Every effort needs to be made to make the necessary system changes in the next six months in order to bring about significant and immediate relief to the planning system. At the Summit PIA identified further short term and easily achievable changes to the planning system to further improve processing times. I strongly urge you to give consideration to these issues when you receive that paper.

8. Better planning requires an immediate need for both a wider range and higher level of skills. This has both a short and long term dimension. More funding needs to be made available in order to provide more university placements for prospective planners. While this is an essentially a Federal Government issue, the State Government needs to understand that at the core of the current planning crisis is a lack of suitably qualified and experienced planners. This manifests itself most significantly in the local government sector, and even more so in Provincial Victoria. The only long term solution to this problem is the recruitment of more people into tertiary



# Negative gearing, unsustainable house-building growth and our Tweedledee and Tweedledumb politics

by Ray Smith

Where are all the good economists just when we need them? I'm despairing with the whole situation of Australia having good, credible economists who are so silent and ineffective. This is allowing our politicians to encourage investors to buy houses at ridiculously high prices, and gives them a safety-net so that they don't suffer by letting them write off their debts as "negative gearing". Negative gearing may be a quick-fix way to kick start something, but it has grown into an uncontrolled monster. However, the inequitable consequence is that it inflates house prices family for ordinary people struggling to own their own home and makes State governments addicted to and dependent on the taxes that they collect from the building industry.

The speculative investors are being beguiled by the current low-interest rates, but they are making themselves vulnerable when interest rates rise or the housing market falls. At present it's money for jam for investors, and the government is spreading it thick — but the government's money is *my* money and I am being fleeced. Australia's problem is that such investment in an arguably non-productive industry must inevitably result in a future train-wreck for our building-based economy.

I understand the primeval-instinct attraction of the expensive "personal palaces" and their eye-popping promotion in glossy magazines of these

humongous houses (you must keep up with the Jonse's). But I also see clearly the disquieting, inevitable consequences. Our current low levels of unemployment is because of this house-of-cards building economy, and when the bubble bursts, unemployment will hurt everybody.

However, it's this house-of-cards macro economy that frightens me more.

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As I see it, the best economists and truthsayers are veritable third-grade citizens, merely ankle-biting the sheep who are running our country. I hear, and believe what these thoughtful economists are saying. I support their agenda. I would vote for any one of them as Prime Minister. But where is the ballot paper with their name on it?

Every economist knows that this house-of-cards building economy is unproductive, wasteful and stupid, but how do you dismantle it without a severe depression? That's like asking how does an echidna make love to another echidna. The answer is, very carefully.

Our Tweedledee and Tweedledumb parties' policies are built on less-solid foundations than the house-of-cards building economy, and our minor

parties survive on protest votes. Yes, the parties could be ousted, but the forces to which they are in thrall, will keep either of their puppets where they want them to be — with their hands firmly on the fiscal levers — or they will take their bats and balls home or to some safe tax haven — and that'd really put our economy in the poo.

There are good economists in both parties who could take charge of the economy our country, but they are captive to outside interests, or, as in John Hewson's case, they fail to establish a strong support base.

Why don't good economists have as much influence as television station owners or mineral-mine companies? We have many sound macro-economists, which, as I understand the term, means viziers with a holistic view of our country. Why don't macro economists get together with a holistic and saleable "package", as the principle pressure group in both parties, not as an alternative party, because people hate buying a new beanie and throwing away their old yellow and black or blue and white team beanies.

Some good economists do have a lobby group, but it isn't working is it? Economists, there's no difference between the parties, is there? Claim that you're pinker than the pinkos or truer bluer than the true bluers. Be true politicians — lie!

Come to think of it, "true politicians" is a non-sequitur, isn't it?

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planning courses and making planning a more rewarding and creative career.

9. The essential role of planning is to prepare visionary plans not have the bulk of our profession enmeshed in the minutiae of endless development control issues.

PIA looks forward to positive discussions on these matters with you and your Departments, and we will forward the other issues and proposals as they are developed by our working groups.

Yours sincerely

Trevor Budge

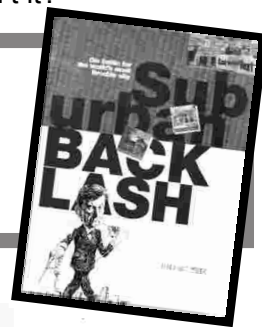
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Hey, you under that pile of paper work. I hope you are one of our planning department employees?

You are? Good!

I want you to show me how you are showing leadership and initiative?



# A plea to save our Langwarrin

by Heinz Reitmeier, *President, Langwarrin Residents Group.*

*We are losing our pleasant-to-live-in, peaceful Langwarrin. It is getting more like a soul-less suburban appendage of a soul-less city than part of the Melbourne that we loved and where we chose to live.*



*"What am I offered for this ideal site for units? \$220 000, I hear? Come come gentlemen, you could squeeze six three-storey units. \$230 000? Be reasonable gentlemen, you could get a million dollars just for the 20 metres depth of soil alone. \$250 000? That's better. Sold to the gentleman on the right for \$250 000. Now the next block..."*

Langwarrin is a town divided by many boundaries, in the good old days the metropolitan taxi boundary ran along Cranbourne Rd which runs centrally through Langwarrin, this road also divides the state seats of Cranbourne and Hastings, the metropolitan "Green Wedge" runs north south through Langwarrin, and worst of all Langwarrin is cut in half by the M2030 designated Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) land. The Melbourne 2030 scheme has given developers the green light to divide up our community and cram units onto tiny lots. This is the equivalent of an 1800's gold rush with developers "staking their claims" and buying up all now-affordable Residential 1 land on the boundary of the UGB. All this is while the pro M2030 factions within Frankston Council are sitting back and telling residents that it is not their fault — they are only following M2030 guidelines! This is despite them recently putting out for public comment the C24 draft planning scheme amendment to incorporate neighbourhood character into our planning scheme.

We have seen a 30-unit development built on a dirt road with no footpaths, next to Dame Elisabeth Murdoch's Cruden Farm, which is a heritage listed working cattle property, and an 18-unit development approved next to a centre for intellectually disabled adults who moved to this semi-rural area eight years ago so that their noise

would not bother neighbours. It is worth noting that this development is right next to the last surviving examples of the sub-alpine Eucalyptus Obliqua (Messmate) in the entire Frankston Municipality.

The Langwarrin Residents Group took this to VCAT where we lost. We were told by VCAT that neighbourhood character was only of "marginal relevance" as it was not yet part of our local planning scheme.

There are units approved on dirt roads near creeks, woodland and heath land of state significance is being torn down for new developments, yet there are



*To the politicians, Aquaduct Road is just a featureless, empty part of a map. To a developer, it's lots of money. To the people who know this beautiful piece of land and appreciate what it is, it's beyond value.*

***Don't it always seem to go  
That you don't know what  
you've got  
'till it's gone***

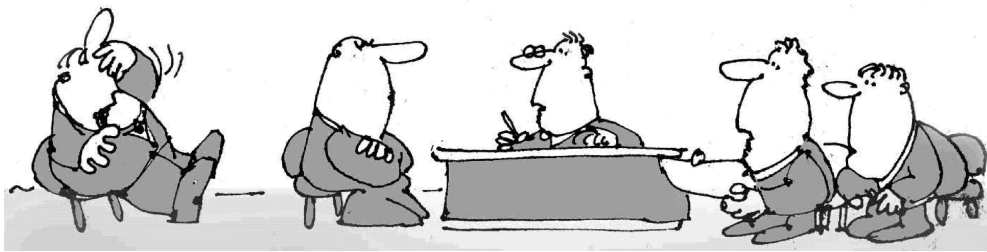
development-free cow paddocks 200 metres away, just outside the Residential 1 Zone. Our rich top soil is being stolen from us every day from those deep, so called "sand" pits adjacent to us in the Green Wedge, and, as everybody knows, our rich loam will be replaced by the noxious garbage that Melbourne doesn't want. And the cruellest cut is that the "entrepreneurs" pocket the profit but choose to not live here in the lovely suburb that they are ruining.

We endure unfair, undemocratic assault with little support from senior government ministers, that seem to have deserted their local MP's. We suffer developer intimidation, scant consideration of appropriate block size as part of neighbourhood character, indigenous woodland being destroyed at an alarming rate, no library, no senior citizens centre, only one minor bus route, a beautiful little wooded creek being turning into a mere, dirty stormwater drain.

Premier Bracks, we implore you to ensure that our meticulously-researched Langwarrin Residents Group's Planning Scheme Amendment Submission is seriously considered by the Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Frankston Council.

After re-imposing tolls on the Mitcham-Frankston freeway near us, we feel, Mr Bracks, that saving our suburb from greedy, bad development and an unsympathetic council planning department is the least you can do. Premier Bracks, please help us.





## You want KMQ to help you? When Harry? You're kidding?

By Ray Smith, Assistant Convener,  
*Keeping Manningham a quality place to live in (Inc).*

Chap rings me on Tuesday

"G'day. Ray Smith?"

"Speaking" I answered.

"You the chap from the group that helps with people who are threatened by bloody developers?"

"That's probably me."

"Well, they're wanting to build six bloody big units next to me that'll completely block out me home. Can you help me?"

"Sounds bad. Can you send me some plans and details?" I sympathised.

"I can come around now if you like."

True to his word, Harry (not his real name) came within 30 minutes with plans of six two-storey buildings which were proposed for next-door to him. Although they were on two blocks, they did seem to unreasonably overwhelm his home.

"I think you could make quite a good case to the Planning Department of the Council" I told him.

"That's no good, they've approved it"

I heaved a big sigh, but he explained that he'd just heard about Keeping Manningham a quality place to live in thirty minutes ago.

"Then you can appeal to VCAT"

"That's what I came to see you about. Can you help me?"

"OK," I said, and took a deep breath to explain all the details he would need. "You will need to categorise the type of housing within the street and the densities and get photos of the neighbourhood and..."

"But" Harry interrupted, "the VCAT hearing's tomorrow morning"

After explaining through clenched teeth that it's a wee bit late, but not wanting to disappoint a dear friend who told him about KMQ, I agreed to come to VCAT next morning to show some support.

At VCAT the developer had hired a

very experienced and competent consultant to present the case for the already approved plans. To my mind, the case for the units could not have been better presented. It was a lay-down misère

Then the Member (judge) turned to Harry and kindly said "Now you tell us why you think they were not good?"

"Well, I don't reckon they are!" blurted Harry.

For 30 long seconds there was a deafening silence. Everybody leaned forward thinking that this was one of those 'pregnant pauses'— in anticipation of some profound wisdom coming forth.

Nothing.....!

Red-faced, I spoke up. "Excuse me Sir..."

Now an address to VCAT by an unannounced member of the audience is not normally allowed under VCAT

### **"But" Harry interrupted, "the VCAT hearing's tomorrow morning"**

procedural rules, but the Member, realising the lack of Harry's communication skills, allowed me to speak.

"My name is Ray Smith, I'm the local KMQ Representative..." I explained how I became acquainted to the case only yesterday and that I believed Harry did have a genuine grievance, and that the same units could be built and reoriented in such a way that they would not be overwhelming.

After sessions of arguing with the developer's counsel, the Member asked Harry if we could have a competent proposal if the case were postponed for a week.

Well, to cut a long story short, I drew up alternative elevations that offered a win-win solution and next week the developer accepted it. Everybody was happy.

I do confess though that I felt like thumping Harry for being such a Deathknock Charlie and putting us under so much pressure.

However, as a reward, Harry is KMQ's most loyal disciple.

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