



TOMAREE PLANNING CRISIS

The Tomaree Ratepayers & Residents Association is calling for a deferral of all changes to local planning control documents until the numerous proposals under consideration for the Tomaree Peninsula are finalised and consolidated into a holistic masterplan document.

There is considerable overlap and potential conflict present between a number of current proposals - these include three foreshore management plans, the Nelson Bay (CBD) 2030 Plan, the RSL Club rezoning application, the Gan Gan and Anna Bay proposals, and land release options from Salamander Bay to Soldiers Point.

The Committee of TRRA believe that the piecemeal approach to changing development controls could lead to a planning disaster for the area.

“Much unsuitable and unattractive development has already irretrievably occurred in Port Stephens as a result of this ad hoc approach”, Mark Brady, President of the Association, said. “The Association is not opposed to development but is adamant that an integrated approach is necessary for the future amenity of the area”.

At its next general meeting, to be held on 28 April at 7.30 pm in the Nelson Bay Bowling Club, the Association plans to propose a moratorium on approval of any changes to existing planning control documents. These should be deferred until all the plans now being prepared are finalized, exhibited and fully available for public comment in one integrated Master Plan, so that a coordinated, sympathetic and strategic approach to development can be implemented on the Tomaree Peninsula.

The Association is seeking member discussion and approval prior to requesting cooperative discussions with Council planners and Council. All people who are concerned about the future of development in the area are invited to attend the meeting.

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