



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Inquiry into Protections within the Victorian Planning Framework on the adequacy of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the Victorian planning framework in relation to planning and heritage protection,

In relation to proposed redevelopment of Kingswood Golf Course in Dingley village

Under the current Act and Victorian planning framework

- AustralianSuper purchased the Kingswood Golf Course Park via their subsidiary, ASRP1 (AustralianSuper Residential Property No.1) with no attempt to ask Kingston council if rezoning would be possible and no consultation of residents. That is their risk to take, but they have to be prepared to take the loss, and not subject to the council and community to further stress.
- The council received 8000 letters of objection and rejected the application; however that has not stopped Australian Super from pursuing the development.
- Australian Super recently put in 21 separate applications to remove trees - this is a blatant attempt to discourage locals from putting in objections. Unethical.
- Australian Super has given lip-service to community consultation- There is no authentic consultation occurring.
- Developers using a scorched earth approach, so there is nothing left to save, and at worst paying a relatively insignificant fine, is infuriating.
- Minister Wynne took the decision-making from Kingston Council and appointed a committee to make a recommendation. Then he alone will decide. . Even though it could go in favour of residents, it's an unacceptable method for one man, (The Minister) to decide that Residents and Councils don't know what they are talking about on local issues

Conclusion: Something seems wrong with the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the Victorian planning framework

Yours faithfully

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