

Ryde Council

Council meeting 8th May 2012

This resolution that has been put forward by the 6 'NO' councillors is a motion of EXCLUSION AND SELF INTEREST.

The current process is one that is conducted with complete transparency and proper protocol. The assessment is done by independent experts who are skilled in handling a project of this size.

Once this process then reaches the next stage, then the WHOLE community is asked to comment and give their views.

However, this resolution wants to change all this.

It wants to put the process in the hands of 4 Councillors and 6 members of the community. None of these people would be equipped or have the skills to assess the project.

Who would decide which Councillors would be on this review committee?

Who and how do you select the 6 members of the community? The resolution says applications will be accepted from members of the community who have expressed interest in the project. To me this sounds like people who have a SELF interest, are the ones that are going to apply.

So in other words this will be a Redevelopment Community Advisory committee that has no skills in the assessment of a project of this size and have a self interest in the outcome!!!

Is this fair and proper for the community at large? The obvious answer is NO.

But it gets worse!

The resolution then wants this committee to develop its OWN draft terms of reference for the Council to consider!!

So you want to form a so called community advisory committee and then you want them to work what is they are supposed to do. This is incredible!

You seem to forget that you were voted in by the community as Councillors so that you can make considered decisions on their behalf. Not to shirk in your duty and pass the buck!

Finally the real reason for this resolution is noted in Point 6. Put the proposed development on hold!

This is your intention all along. Simply to play delay tactics! Haven't you delayed enough? This thing has been going on for 16 years without an outcome!

But why do you want to delay?

Because you actually think that by delaying this project, again, you will get yourself re elected in September!

That is all you are interested in. Not what's best for the community at large. But what's best for you!

As I said in the beginning: This is a motion of exclusion (excluding the whole community from the process) and a motion of self interest.

Yours!

Shame on you!