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Dear Friends,

Two Items for your attention.

ITEM No.1 GOYDER ROAD HIGH RISE PROPOSAL

The information below has come to me from the Parap residents' team. They are dealing with the proposal for a new high rise precinct in the midst of their long established houses and gardens off Goyder Road.

They have been campaigning hard to save their amenity which you might have seen or heard in the media.

Please consider supporting by signing the petition, mentioned in the text below.

'Hello

We've started this petition to the Director, Lands Planning to strongly object to rezoning to allow 2x8 storey towers, 1x5 storey tower and 1x3 storey tower at 4 Wilkinson Street, 6 Jones Place and 145, 147 and 149 Stuart Highway, Parap and we need your help .

It will only take 30 seconds to sign it right now? Here's the link:

<http://www.change.org/en-AU/petitions/director-lands-planning-strongly-object-to-2x8-storey-towers-1x5-storey-tower-and-1x3-storey-tower-at-4-wilkinson-street-6-jones-place-and-145-147-and-149-stuart-highwayparap>

Here's why it's important:

It is vital that the Minister can judge the scale of the objections. Every submission by the public that outlines the concerns, comments or objections to the proposed development is critical.

Although this rezoning application is for a block in Parap, the precedent that such an approval of this "SPECIAL USE" in close proximity to single dwellings in Single Dwelling zone areas could apply to everywhere across Darwin.

As residents and/or landowners, what protection are we afforded if we cannot rely on the current planning scheme to protect our privacy, amenity and lifestyle in our own residential suburbs?

Please, Please Object to rezoning application PA2014/0106.

This is the future of your suburb too unless we all say NO now!!!

To see more information about this rezoning application visit online at:
<http://lands.nt.gov.au/planning/system/amendments.shtml/PSA-Exhibits>
(rezoning Lots 7456, 3380, 3382, 3383 and 6520 Town of Darwin (145 and 147 Stuart Highway, 4 Wilkinson Street, 6 Jones Place and 149 Stuart Highway, Parap) from Zone SD (Single Dwelling Residential) and Zone SD7 (Specific Use Zone Darwin No.7) to a new specific use zone that would allow for a residential development comprising four buildings of between 3 and 8 storeys.

Also, consider this: - Will unmarked graves be dug up or disturbed if this development is allowed to proceed? Parts of the site to be developed, including a significantly large underground car park, was within the original surveyed boundary of the historic Palmerston cemetery which has over 1000 unmarked and unknown grave sites.

Yes development is important, but it must be and can be considerate of existing residents. We all have the right to be protected. It is the Ministers responsibility to administer that protection, and not approve developments that will cost existing residents their lives as they know it.

Thanks! Concerned Resident '

ITEM NO.2 - DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR OLD HOSPITAL SITE AND MYILLY POINT-PUBLIC MEETING, SUNDAY 8 JUNE, 4.30pm FLAGSTAFF PARK

Calling all Darwin Residents ! Public Meeting about how the Community can use these parklands. At last the NTG has issued a Draft Plan for the green public open spaces on the Old Hospital site and Myilly Point, including Kahlin Compound and Flagstaff Park.

These are landmark areas, long neglected by government and council. With the massive planned increase in population, and the government's 'densification' policy, we need more free open spaces for our health, recreation, and family enjoyment.

All this is crown land. The Government has plans to build on at least 60% of it unless you speak up. The views from Myilly Point of Darwin Harbour are outstanding. Flagstaff Park was promised to the people of Darwin in 2001, but Darwin City Council has refused so far to take responsibility, and manage it for ratepayers and residents. Bring a chair.

Submissions close 11 June, 2014. Information on 'www.planningcommission.nt.gov.au.'

PLEASE COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY!

WHEN ITS GONE, ITS GONE FOREVER !

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Convener.