



**Darwin City Council  
Elections  
Public Forum**

**Meet and hear from candidates for the next**

**Darwin City Council Elections**

**When: 7:30pm Thursday 13th May**

**Where: Bul Bul Room, Mirambeena Resort, Cavenagh Street Darwin**

**What: Each candidate will be asked to speak to the straw poll and then on a topic of their choice**

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**Local Government. elections in NSW favour open decisions on development.**

NSW local government elections held on Saturday, 27 March, 2004 have been interpreted by media as a swing to Independents and the Greens – a return to grassroots by the community. The Sydney Morning Herald (29.3.2004) on its front page, saw it as a reaction to 'development issues and forced mergers' by the Labor Government, and documented swings throughout the state which will change how development occurs. Clover Moore, the new Independent Lord Mayor of Sydney interviewed on ABC Radio stated, after soundly defeating Labor Candidate Michael Lee, that her prime objectives remained the same -

open decision making for development, preventing over development in the CBD and inner suburbs, and putting an end to sell-off of foreshore and government land which the community wants to remain in public ownership.

Her focus is on planning communities where people are important, and where infrastructure to support them is a priority. She told the SMH (29.3.2004,p7) that support in her campaign came from every where.

We know priorities of the Darwin people are the same. This election is the chance for us to express our democratic rights and achieve change.

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**Do you want a tropical city that is properly planned?**

**Read what experience tells us:**

**City's soul is crucial**

By SUELLEN HINDE

FORMER Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett says the 33 storey-building planned for Darwin needs to be "extraordinary or it could be the biggest eyesore this city has seen".

And Mr Kennett – in the Top End as keynote speaker for Darwin City Council's Art and Design in the Built Environment Forum – says the developer was "out of court" for proposing a building that brought height levels into question.

A 33-storey building has been

proposed for the corner of Knuckey, Gardiner and McMinn streets in the CBD covering four blocks.

"Government can set height limits, that's good planning," he said. "If people come along with proposals to breach that height level then they deserve to be cut down."

"This building has a lot of conjecture over whether it is in the limits or outside. If I was the developer I would not have even allowed that debate to take place."

"The thing you have to be careful of, if it's so high, from

the sea it's going to become the dominant feature of Darwin and if the architecture of that building is a bland square, it's going to be the biggest eyesore this city has seen."

Mr Kennett told the forum the growing trend right around the world was lifestyle.

"They are drifting towards cities where there is a creative soul and lifestyle is important," he said.

Mr Kennett said the move to create a creative soul for the city of Melbourne stopped a 35-year population decline.

**Eyesore**

**Lifestyle**

**Creative Soul**

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Plan Straw Poll 2004 # 1		Agree	Disagree	No Opinion
"yet to meet anyone much who say they don't like it"				
<i>Buildings that are people friendly, attractive, suitable for the climate and fit into the Darwin Environment.</i>	<b>Do you want a tropical city that is properly planned ?</b>	✓		
<i>Recently other cities have been wrestling with building height restrictions in the CBD.</i>	<b>Darwin Central Business District should have building height restrictions?</b>	✓		
<i>Under the law as it stands all development in the CBD is approved by the Development Consent Authority, which is supposed to be an independent body to protect the interests of all parties.</i>	<b>The Development Consent Authority is doing a good job?</b>			✓
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