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DEVELOPMENT SHOULD ENHANCE NEWPORT

Plans to build 42 new apartments (up to 4 levels in height) on the old timberyard site in Paine Street, Newport are highly inappropriate and will do nothing to enhance the Newport area.

The Hobsons Bay City Council rejected the proposed development in 2010 and again in 2011, but the developer has lodged a second application at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, and will again seek to have the Council's decision overturned.

When the Victorian Planning Minister, Matthew Guy, made a ruling on Williamstown's Woollen Mills site, he said "The Government was elected on a platform of giving more power to councils and we mean it."

The Baillieu State Government should also support the Hobsons Bay City Council's decision to reject plans to build this high-density multi-storey development in Newport, within surrounding low scale, heritage neighbourhood.

For more information visit: www.protectnewport.com

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To the Legislative Assembly of Victoria

The petition of certain citizens of the State of Victoria draws to the attention of the House the need for the Baillieu Government to support the Hobsons Bay City Council's decision to reject a new multi-storey, high density development at Paine Street, Newport.

In particular, we note:

- 1. The Baillieu Government's statement that local councils should have more power to exercise control over planning;
- 2. 360 local residents have objected to the developer's proposal to build 42 new apartments at the Paine Street site in Newport.
- 3. Hobsons Bay Council planners assessed the proposal and refused it in 2010 (upheld by VCAT) and refused it again in 2011.

The petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Assembly urges the Baillieu Government to support the Hobsons Bay City Council's decision to reject a proposal to build more than 40 new multi-storey apartments on the old Newport Timberyard site.

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