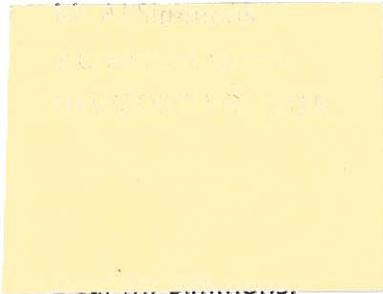




6 July 2012



**RE: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT PAINE STREET, NEWPORT**

I write to thank you for signing a petition opposing a planning application to build 42 new apartments on the old timberyard site in Paine Street, Newport.

On 21 June 2012, I lodged **244 petitions** in the Victorian Parliament, which stated:

*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 multistorey, 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 urge the Baillieu government to support the Hobsons Bay City Council's decision to reject a proposal to build more than 40 new multistorey apartments on the old Newport timberyard site.*

In addition, a further 64 petitions have been sent to my office since the originals were lodged, taking the total to more than 300.

In response, I have today written to the Minister for Planning, the Hon. Matthew Guy, seeking urgent assistance to help stop this development. I have enclosed the letter for your reference.

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I am also strongly encouraging local residents to send Minister Guy an email seeking his support to uphold the previous decisions of the Hobsons Bay City Council in relation to this proposal. The Planning Minister's email address is [matthew.guy@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:matthew.guy@parliament.vic.gov.au).

I will continue to support the Protect Newport Group and local residents in their fight to stop the inappropriate development of this site.

I thank you once again for your strong interest in protecting our local community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wade Noonan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Wade Noonan MP**  
**Member for Williamstown District**



4<sup>th</sup> July, 2012

The Hon Matthew Guy MP  
Minister for Planning  
Level 7  
1 Spring Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Dear Minister *Matthew,*

**RE: PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - PAINE STREET, NEWPORT**

I write on behalf of my constituents to seek your urgent support to intervene and help stop an inappropriate development at an old timberyard site in Paine Street, Newport.

I make this request following the lodgement of a petition (with 244 signatures) in the Legislative Assembly on 21 June 2012, which stated:

*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 multistorey, high-density development at Paine Street, Newport.*

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It's my view that the 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.

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The Hobsons Bay City Council rejected the proposed development in 2010 and again in 2011, but Domain Hill Property Group has appealed to have the Council's decision overturned at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal. At least 360 local residents have lodged a formal objection to this application.

On 28th November 2011, you made the following statement in the Herald Sun, "The Government was elected on a platform of giving more power to councils and we mean it." These comments were made in relation to the proposed development at the Woollen Mills site in Williamstown, but Newport residents are keen for you to support the Hobsons Bay City Council's decision to reject plans to build a high-density multi-storey development in Paine Street.

Minister, the community is becoming very frustrated and they fear that an inappropriate development may be inevitable without some high-level support from your office. The community are not anti-development, they're simply anti-inappropriate development - and that's why they're protesting against this application.

As local resident Bruce stated on the Protect Newport website:

*This 'development' is completely out of scope for this area. It destroys the value of the nearby parkland and the extra traffic and noise will have a massive negative impact on the area. I encourage anyone with a view to fairness and interest in quality of lifestyle to block this mockery of the rules.*

Many in the local community agree with Bruce's statement and question how it is that the developer can continue to pursue such an inappropriate development for this site.

On behalf of local residents, I hope you will ensure that the Council's decision to reject this proposal will be upheld.

I thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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**Wade Noonan MP**  
**State Member for Williamstown**  
**Opposition Parliamentary Secretary**  
**For Health and Mental Health**