

2.2: ALBANY WATERFRONT PLANNING FRAMEWORK

ALTERNATE MOTION BY COUNCILLOR D BOSTOCK

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VOTING REQUIREMENT: SIMPLE MAJORITY

That Council:

- 1) Pursuant to the provisions of the Town Planning Scheme No. 1A **ADOPT** the modified Structure and Precinct Plan titled the 'Albany Waterfront Planning Framework' for the purposes of advertising for public comment for a period of 35-days subject to the images contained within the Attachments, and an overshadowing plan being prepared to identify the extent of overshadowing that is likely to result from the 6th storey of the short stay accommodation building, being inserted into the report;
- 2) **REQUIRE** the proponents (Landcorp) undertake a manned public display in the Albany Public Library and Albany Entertainment Centre during the advertising period to assist public awareness of the proposed modifications to the plans; and
- 3) **ACCEPT** the written comments expressed by a majority of respondents as the definitive blueprint for the final precinct plan.

Councillor's Reason:

We were elected to represent the people, not to think for them nor force our opinion on them. As a Council we have a history of ignoring the comments made following public advertising of development projects, which makes a mockery of undertaking the exercise at all.

The usual reason for not considering them seems to be that they do not include the "silent majority" although, like Father Christmas, this is merely a figment of the imagination. No one is in a position to determine the thought processes of those who fail to respond, so decisions can only be made based on the comments of those who do. Failure to act according to the clearly expressed wishes of the people will lead to a loss of confidence in the whole system and we must take them into account in the future.

Officer Report (G Bride)

- A. The Albany Entertainment Centre is not within the control of either the proponent or the City, and so to require a condition upon a proponent that may not be able to be fulfilled, despite the best efforts of the proponent, would be unfair. It is recommended that reference to the Centre be removed from the Motion if it proceeds.

Local Government is a democratic elected representative system, where Councillors represent the views, and make governance decisions on behalf, of their constituents.

To abdicate that responsibility through the automatic acceptance of public submissions is contrary to good governance. The purpose of public submissions should be to assist Council Members in their decision making. However those submissions are only one

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element that Council Members should use to fully inform themselves in making their independent decisions.

Until Council has the opportunity to review the submissions from the community through the public advertising process it is premature to consider any resolution based on such submissions. As per the Officer Report for Item 2.2, where development is proposed between six and eight stories within 300 metres of the coast (in this case Princess Royal Harbour) the Western Australian Planning Commission's Statement of Planning Policy 2.6 specifically identifies that such building height should receive '*broad community support*' after a process of '*full consultation*'. The release of the proposal to the community will enable Council to ascertain whether such broad community support for the sixth storey component exists.