

MINUTES OF THE HUNTER & CENTRAL COAST JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL MEETING HELD AT CROWN PLAZA HOTEL ON THURSDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2012

PRESENT:

Garry Fielding	Chair
Jason Perica	Panel Member
Kara Krason	Panel Member

IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Chrystal	Manager Development & Building – The City of Newcastle
Melissa Thomas	Senior Development Officer – Development Assessment Team, The City of Newcastle

APOLOGY: MIKE JACKSON
BRAD LUKE

1. The meeting commenced at 4.11 pm

2. **Declarations of Interest - NIL**

3. **Business Items**

ITEM 1 – 2011HCC022, Newcastle 11-0527 - Seven storey self care apartment building including basement car park & associated landscaping – Lot 1 DP 1131868 – 58 Edith Street Waratah

5. **Public Submission – Registered speakers:**

The following people addressed the Panel in favour of the item –

1. Peter Haylock – Chairman of the Maroba Building Committee
2. Ron Gibbins – Resident
3. Viv Allison – CEO of Maroba
4. Alana Halliday – Aged & Community Services Association
5. Jenny Roberts – ADW Johnson
6. Alan McKelvey – Sparke Helmore – Planning Lawyer
7. Craig Marler – ADW Johnson

Various items mentioned included increase in demand for seniors living accommodation, the benefits of the current facilities within the complex e.g. transport & healthcare support.

6. Panel's Decision

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- 1 The Joint Regional Planning Panel grant consent to DA 11/0527 notwithstanding the significant numerical non-compliance with the Newcastle DCP & draft LEP (Local Environmental Plan) planning controls, noting:
 - a. the unique nature of the site;
 - b. the built form, landscape and topographic context of the site;
 - c. the 'barrier' or separation to surrounding residential land created by Edith Street;
 - d. the negligible impact of the proposal on the amenity of surrounding land;
 - e. the public benefits and public interest arising from the development, as part of the Maroba complex;
 - f. the proposal's consistency with SEPP (Housing for Seniors or People with a Disability) 2004
 - g. the design merits of the proposal, .
- 2 Accordingly, the Panel requires Council staff to:
 - a. Confirm no SEPP objections needed; and
 - b. Prepare draft conditions of consent for its subsequent consideration, at their earliest convenience.
- 3 The applicant and the Urban Design Consultative Group be congratulated on the collaborative improvements to the design through the assessment process.

Moved by Jason Perica, **Seconded by** Kara Krason

Motion Carried: 3-0

The meeting concluded at 5.04 pm

Endorsed by:



Garry Fielding
Chair
Hunter & Central Coast Region
Joint Regional Planning Panel
Date: 29th February 2012