

So many questions unanswered

PREMIER Will Hodgman and Mayor Doug Chipman continue to avoid the community's concerns about the excessive size of Chambroad's development in Kangaroo Bay, the complete failure to properly (let alone adequately) consult with the community and a development application and a planning scheme change that was pushed through over the Christmas-New Year holiday period.

The public continues to wait for answers as to why the Liberal Government gifted Crown Land to the Council to facilitate the development while shirking all responsibility for the impact and appropriateness of the development for the local community.

The public also continues to wait for disclosure from the council of the value and sale price of public land sold to Chambroad for its development. This land belonged to the people of Tasmania, surely we are entitled to some answers.

**Sachie Yasuda
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Give-away prices

I AGREE with the comments made by Cheryl Davison (Letters, July 10) regarding the development in Kangaroo Bay by a foreign private company. Our State and local governments have really let us down. A gift of Crown Land to a private foreign owned company is a joke. If an Australian company wanted to buy land in China it would be impossible and yet we give ours away. Our elected representatives are ignoring us and I fear the only way they will start to listen is if we vote them out. I wrote to all Clarence councillors regarding this development and received three replies. We elect them, but they don't want to lis-

ten to our concerns. Perhaps through your columns, our Mayor Doug Chipman can explain where everyone is going to park, given less than half the required parking spaces are provided for in this development? How can money in lieu solve the problem? Perhaps a well known car park builder will be brought in to build a monstrosity of a car park to further ruin the landscape in this beautiful bay?

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Development disaster

ANY intelligent person would realise that the attraction of the Kangaroo Bay area for all is its ambience and beauty. It's currently a place where people want to be. It's a welcoming place. It's not a grand place — it's a place where people can sit or walk and enjoy the scenic beauty of the surrounds — the views of the river and the mountain and have access to the unspoilt waterfront. Why destroy all this for dollars going into the pockets of foreign investors who care nothing about our values, environment or lifestyle? Talk about killing the goose, to destroy the best features, the drawcards, of the area by too-large, rectangular, very ugly, monolithic structures makes no sense. The buildings of this project are unsightly and will block views and cast large shadows. They will impact upon the ambience of this most important part of the precinct. This decision is not only unintelligent, and undemocratic, but it lacks any vision beyond construction stage, where, I imagine a few local pockets will benefit while the taxpayers pay. We supposedly live in a democracy. The Chinese do not understand this concept and they have pulled the wool, quite easily, I

would suggest, over the eyes of our dare I say greedy and shortsighted representatives of the people of Clarence. The economics of this project are questionable when millions of taxpayer money is so casually designated to a project so that a foreign company can ruin our special place and make off with the booty. I wish we could have an election right now and I would happily vote for a new council — one that has none of the supporters of this project in it.

**Sue Bell
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Preserve what we have

No more high rise buildings in Hobart. We can hardly see the post office driving down Macquarie St. Next we'll be asking for directions to find the Town Hall. High rise buildings do create blind spots. Where's the water or the mountain? The Lands Building, the old Hydro building, the marine Board Building and the like are shady man-made trees. The Grand Chancellor should have been built in Sandy Bay. Hobart building planning and the Hobart City Council have allowed for and created a mess. The Menzies building at the Railway roundabout is a monstrosity if ever there was one.

The City of Hobart has dramatically changed over the past couple of decades with new buildings popping up. I cannot understand why we are talking about skyscrapers. We don't even have a basic ferry commuting service up and running on our iconic Derwent River. We already have a significant Derwent River water infrastructure in place.

**Wayne McDonald
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