

Priceless community asset

THIS land is a priceless community asset, requiring sympathetic small scale development, not the inappropriate over development proposed. It should have remained publicly owned for everyone to enjoy. The fact Clarence City Council has assumed all project costs to make the site suitable for development and then any risks, how much will council (the ratepayers) actually receive from this sale? We wait to hear what the actual costs to prepare the site and make good the costs to the Bellerive Yacht Club will be. The betrayal of the local community, and in general the wider Hobart area, by the State Government and Clarence council is appalling.

Why won't they represent community interests first? After all the many thousands of words from the community over the past year, their lack of a vision and appreciation for what makes Tasmania special is heartbreaking.

**Anne Geard
Bellerive**

Given away

CLARENCE City ratepayers have had to cover the cost of all the preparatory work at Kangaroo Bay so multi-billion dollar Chinese petrochemical company Chambroad can build their inappropriate building destroying Kangaroo bay. Ratepayers also have to cover the risk factor should something go wrong. To top off council's handling of this project the Crown land has now been sold (facilitated by the Hodgman Government) to Chambroad for \$2.44 million.

This is one of the most iconic pieces of real estate in the city if not the state and it has now been virtually given away. Based

on this valuation council should now reassess all properties in the municipality for rates purposes, I calculate my rates should reduce by approximately 75 per cent. Mayor Doug Chipman dismissed council's handling of the Kangaroo Bay development as a factor in his loss in the Pembroke by-election.

This proves how out of touch he is with his constituents. It was a factor and will continue to be at the next state and council elections.

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Historical values

I WAS interested to read the item by Alderman Debra Thurley (Talking Point, November 29), and in particular her commitment to the development "assisting in the promotion of the historical value of the area". This seems somewhat at odds with the architect's statement in October 2016 about a traditional Chinese "cracked ice" facade for the hotel development. I don't think it is anti-Chinese to note there is difference between these two statements.

I am sure many in Bellerive support Alderman Thurley's vision, and will be very keen to see how this is realised.

**Jenny Rayner
Montagu Bay**

Charming as it is

THANK you Alderman Thurley for your insights into the proposed development of part of Kangaroo Bay. Your description of the parking plan does not address traffic congestion. You have not elaborated on how the historical value of the area will be

promoted by this development. This style of development is not what the patiently waiting ratepayers of Clarence were expecting.

Bellerive Village already has restaurants, cafes, a boardwalk, yacht club, walking and cycle ways and beautiful iconic vistas. It is charming as it is and does not necessarily need the exciting times of over development. The people opposing this development want to see the qualities appreciated by the local residents preserved for the future. This development is not the best response to the need to upgrade this area, improve the urban environment and public amenity.

**Joanne Marsh
Bellerive**

Disregarded

I AM one of the many members of the community who have written to the Clarence City Council and its aldermen about Chambroad Petrochemical and Robert Morris-Nunn's Kangaroo Bay development.

No amount of weasel words will excuse the council or State Government's actions in relation to this development. The blatant disregard for community consultation, lack of transparency regarding the sale of Crown and public land, inappropriate building design and scale, loss of access and amenity, ratepayer funded project costs, changes to the interim planning scheme, advertising over Christmas, only notifying 120 properties about the original development application and then the second development application — the list goes on and on.

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