

Keep foreshore special

I ATTENDED a community meeting at Bellerive last Saturday, outside the old ferry terminal at Kangaroo Bay. It was sunny and cold, the sausages were sizzling and the river was sparkling. There were about 200 people there, to listen to news on the proposed development at Kangaroo Bay foreshore.

I still cannot believe how the State Government and Clarence City Council could try to do this to our local community and the people of Hobart. This is the best stretch of public land along the river. No wonder foreign investors want it for a hospitality school and associated hotel complex. Our own TAFE, it seems, is not likely to be involved.

We could see from where we stood the extent of the proposed buildings, which

would tower above us. They will block out the foreshore along Cambridge Rd to Bellerive Village, higher than the pedestrian walkway and around seven buses in length, nearly 100 metres of solid structure. It will cut off the whole suburb from its own public foreshore. And it is in contravention to the Kangaroo Bay Development Plan 2015, which was done with public consultation, and allowed for development, but not like this. The meeting on Saturday was unanimous in its strong request that this does not go ahead.

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