

You can't afford to fight city hall

CLARENCE Mayor Doug Chipman, in suggesting the ratepayers of Clarence are happy with the hospitality school proposal at Kangaroo Bay because no one appealed the approval, is arrogant in the extreme. The meeting held at Kangaroo Bay on April 9 was a display of public concern at the lack of consultation and abuse of process with a development that is totally out of place for the area. The Mayor is well aware that the appeals process has been adulterated to the point where an ordinary citizen cannot afford to proceed to appeal. Lawyers, planners, et cetera, cost a fortune and the prospect of losing an appeal and having costs awarded against you is simply too risky. Council executives are there to act on behalf of the ratepayers, not be a mouthpiece for the State Government or overseas corporate interests.

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STYMIED: Opponents of the Kangaroo Bay development.

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