

Public Forum Question

Subject: Notification of Development Applications and information contained in notifications

Question From: Vincent De Luca

Meeting Date: 25 May 2004

Question: a) Is it possible that when notifying the community of a DA Council state the height of the building, how many levels, how many units/bedrooms and how many car spaces?

Answer: The Acting Director – Planning and Assessment Services advised the meeting that new forms developed will include this information. However a process of checking that the information provided by applicants is accurate will be undertaken before the information is provided to the community. This process is expected to take about a month.

Question: b) Also when disputes arise over heights and for medium density development would it be possible for Council to take up the procedure that Manly Council has and require the applicant to erect height balloons so the community can see the actual height of the proposed building?

Answer: The Acting Director – Planning and Assessment Services advised the meeting that balloons are not accurate because they are not static. Provision is already made for the erection of height poles where appropriate.

Question: c) I also note the subsequent advice from Mr Blackadder in his letter of 1 January 2004 that “Additional information as specified – height, number of units etc is to be sought from the applicant to permit this to be notified to adjoining owners”. Could Council please advise when the policy as articulated in the General Manager’s letter of 1 January 2004 will be introduced?

Answer: The Acting Director – Planning and Assessment Services advised the meeting that the information provided in a) above also related to this question.