

Warringah Administrator, Dick Persson must think the community is stupid if he thinks we believe his media spin that the reason he doesn't want a Public Hearing is because there has been enough public consultation on the proposed Dee Why Town Centre LEP that increases height limits to 20 storeys.

There has been no adequate public consultation. Mr Persson has done nothing except mount a highly expensive ratepayer funded advertising blitz depicting glossy drawings that don't show the true impact of Chatswood like towers.

Mr Persson announced on 9.11.07, for the first time the proposed 20 storey height limits and stated it was Dee Why's last chance for revitalisation. By 13.11.07, without any consultation he approved it going on exhibition.

He has rejected requests for a Residents' Community Poll on the issue, Petitions calling on the proposal to be withdrawn and for an independent investigation of Council's handling of the matter be held, calls that decisions about Planning Instruments for the future of our area be made by elected representatives upon their election in September and for the NSW Ombudsman and St James Ethics Centre to review Council's handling of the matter.

A Public Hearing is allowed under law so residents can have their say. It's normal practice for Councils to engage an independent expert to properly scrutinise such matters and hold a hearing for residents to give their view. Mr Persson accuses the community of trying to delay the proposal by a Public Hearing, but all the community wants is their rights under the law.

Why is Mr Persson against having an independent public hearing that provides a transparent process? Why is he trying to steam roll this proposal through before the elections in September and why is he continually trying to discredit anyone opposed to the proposal?

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