

No, Labor's envoy, Dick Persson's "one man rule" has failed to produce "noticeable improvements for his subjects" (MD 26.7.08). His decision on 22.7.08 to sell off site 'A' (community land) in Dee Why to developers to block an elected Council from stopping the destruction of our area and precedents for more high rise developments across the northern beaches speaks for itself.

The first the community learnt of this intention was through the *Daily's* revelations on 11.7.08 that Council bureaucrats had decided to sell off the land for purely "economic reasons". This was without any community consultation. This demonstrates how arrogant Council has become towards community wishes. It also shows how desperate they are to push high-rise development through now to avoid the scrutiny of an elected Council in September.

Mr Persson originally spruked that this land (site 'A'), which is now to be sold off would be used to provide community services and facilities to justify why site 'B' should be allowed to have Chatswood like high rise towers. At the Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel meeting on 9.7.08 where the development application for the two high rise towers was considered, Council concealed that it would sell off Site A, again to circumvent scrutiny. The sale would definitely have impact on IHAP's consideration on whether to give the Towers the go ahead.

Mr Persson will leave Warringah in September with Chatswood like high rise development, our community land sold off, precedents for more high rise development, a lack of infrastructure to cope with the developments and traffic and parking chaos. The new Council will have a hell of a job on their hands to fix this mess.

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