

Warringah Council faces an over-development onslaught with proposals for development at Lizard Rock, Oxford Falls, Red Hill which will adversely effect the precious Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment (Warringah rezoning assessment MD 29.8.08). As I have done in the past, I will fight to stop this.

Warringah has some of the most precious land in Australia and we must protect it for future generations.

Warringah Council has collected millions of dollars from developers which are required contributions when they receive development consent. These are called section 94 contributions. Unfortunately, in the past Council has failed to properly plan for where these funds should go. The community will recall that in recent years Council wasted millions of dollars on buying a beachfront property in Narrabeen as it had not properly planned or expended the money and risked loosing the funds if they were not spent.

I announced two weeks ago that I intend to seek to amend the Warringah Council section 94 contribution plan to re-divert funds to purchasing land deemed to be of environmental significance so that it comes into public ownership and is forever protected.

Also, under amended legislation, Councils can enter into section 93 agreements. This is where a developer can agree to provide a lump sum of money for a specific purpose anywhere in Warringah. These funds could be used to help our Surf Clubs, sporting and community organisations and provide better services for ratepayers, including our senior citizens. I want to introduce this initiative.

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