

**Lord Mayor Presentation to the Kangaroo Point Business Community
Sea Legs Main Street Kangaroo Point
02/11/20**

Protesters lined Main Street outside Sea Legs awaiting the arrival of the Lord Mayor at 6pm

**Say No to Lambert Street – Say No to 300 apartments
Was heard loud and clear to all the event attendees**

Inside Story

Lord Mayor presented Council issues and initiatives for Kangaroo Point

LM Adrian Schrinner left the hot topic to last. The protesters outside are voicing their opinions about 108 Lambert Street

The following are the key points that the Lord Mayor made extended comments about.

1. LM noted that the developer application was before Council for consideration and that no final assessment had been made yet.
2. LM noted that the developer application was Code Assessment and not open to “subject to advertising” or “public opinion”.
3. LM noted that as a Council they needed to ensure that the development was assessed fairly under the current governing town plan rules.
4. LM explained the differences between Code Assessment and Code Impact.
5. LM noted that if Council did not determine the development application in accordance with the Town Plan then the developer could sue the Council.
6. LM noted that the residents could form a group and take the developer to Court to try and stop the development going ahead.

Lord Mayor Schrinner felt the full fury of ALL the attendees particularly given his recommendation of the residents starting their own legal fight.

The robust discussions with this statement / question

- Traffic congestion – already overcrowded, narrow and dangerous roads – the future?
- The real possibility of sulphuric acid polluting the sub-soil and the Brisbane River
- Our cultural identity gradually being erased due to the removal of the 3 x pre- 1911 cottages
- The greening of Brisbane is a joke. It’s more like the demeaning of Brisbane

Questions & Comments from the floor

1. Good points raised LM about Code Assessable and Impact Assessment. As the Developer has amalgamated 8 lots of land into one development application surely that should trigger code Impact Assessment.
2. Did you know that the developer does not own all the block of land and that he has put and call options on them?

3. Why should the Council be putting the commercial greed of this developer ahead of the ratepayers of Kangaroo Point?
4. How can this development application be considered a character improvement to Kangaroo Point when there are no setbacks, it is built to the boundaries and built to the riparian edge. With no Riverwalk and only 6 metres of space between the 3 huge towers.
5. How does the Council rate the safety of the residents of Kangaroo Point? We have had development in Lambert Street that has closed access to our homes and is completely unsafe to ride bikes or walk our streets.
6. With the current construction work underway there is already built up traffic in Kangaroo Point and with only a couple of roadway options to leave this pocket of Kangaroo Point there is no capacity for our narrow streets to hold any increase of traffic.
7. Are you aware of 36 Lambert Street the green building? It sits empty today after 4 years of marketing to sell 200 dwellings? No sales – completely empty. Do you see this as the market research that the Council should be impressed by? 4 years and no sales!! Did you know that the developer is seeking a change of use to short term rentals?
8. Why is it that the city facing side of Kangaroo Point is struggling to receive approvals for 12 levels for one single tower on blocks of land? Yet on this Lambert Street site Council wants to jam three huge 15 level towers into a tiny block of land.
9. No Riverwalk
10. Empty towers already built throughout KP that no-one wants to live in
11. Main thoroughfare for cyclists travelling from the Eastern suburbs through to the city. There is no safety for them, it is very dangerous now – what will it be like in the future?
12. Did you know Lord Mayor that the developer shows in his development application the inclusion of our 3 pre-1911 cottages?
13. Yet, the developer has now submitted 2 further applications for the removal of 3 x 1911 cottages. His previous request to remove the cottages was rejected BUT council will hide under the reversed 'code assessable' guidelines and allow the houses to be removed.

Lord Mayor listen to the residents, use this as your market research that the change of town planning rules is wrong and that they need to be changed back to protect the rights of the residents.

The Lord Mayor's response was that that he has to remain impartial & unbiased and that Council is required to assess all proposals and either approve or reject development applications on their merit.

The Lord Mayor was genuinely rattled as his arrival was swift and his departure even swifter. He even asked Jono Sri if he had organised the protest. Jono proposed turning the 108 Lambert St development into a park. The Lord Mayor asked him "how much money does he think Council has."

Lord Mayor definitely got the message that we are not happy and I think that it is important to let him know that the 108 Lambert St protestors are not going away soon and in fact will continue to fight aggressively against apathetic councils and money-hungry developers for the long-term.

**KEEP THE OBJECTIONS BEING LODGED
KEEP THE PROTEST ALIVE**