

OSCAR President

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Hi Greg and Melva,

I have been in Brisbane on the Bunnings Trial.

In relation to the current proposed PS amendments these matters need to be considered --

- * Why has Council initiated the increase of building heights for State schools and not the State Government?
- * I note the staff said the whole process of increasing building heights was initiated because of a recommendation by their Architects. I am hoping OSCAR can request a copy of the Architect's report recommending this.
- * With privately owned property, why is Council usurping the usual process of an Application to Override the Planning Scheme in each particular instance. That process should be followed as a need would have to be established and the local community could have a say in each particular case. This blanket approach to increasing building heights is not acceptable. Council in some instances are "aligning" building heights eg. if there is an area close by that has a building height outside the PS that height increase should have been obtained via an Application to Override the PS. That height increase should not be replicated for another site via a PS amendment. Another example is the increase in height for the Mt Coolum Aged Care Facility. Sekisui have a height approval that was granted as a result of an Application to Override the PS back in 2006 - that does not mean another site should get an increase to the same height as they have not proven there is a need.
- * Council needs to provide evidence of a need in each particular case with these PS amendments.

I would like to put forward that OSCAR not only put in a submission on these PS amendments but also writes to the State Government about these matters and ask why they gave these amendments their first tick of approval and request that they advise why due process in each particular case should not be followed.

Sorry for the lateness of this but have stayed in Brisbane the past few nights and only focused on Bunnings matter.

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