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Buddina Urban Village, proposed planning scheme changes

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The State Government completed their State Interests review of Council's proposed site specific SC planning scheme amendments. The Minister advised that all parts of the proposed amendment relating to the Buddina Urban Village are to be removed, even though these were approved by a majority of Councillors at the April 2022 and the June 2022 Ordinary meetings.

The proposed amendment for the Buddina Urban Village was to reduce the density in only the 4 corners of the residential precinct from high density to medium density and to resolve the height anomaly in the north-eastern corner.

Friends of Buddina are disappointed by the Planning Minister's direction to Council given the community support for this change since 2019 and the delays by Council until 2022 in progressing the proposed change. The State correspondence notes that "council officers were consulted as part of the department review of the proposed amendment. Council officers were also provided the opportunity to review and comment on the condition."

Council will commence the public consultation process shortly. We encourage the community to participate in that process for this round of "site specific planning scheme amendments" and provide their feedback, if the opportunity is made available.

It's important that decision-making reflects community expectations and in particular where that decision-making appears to preference over-development, threatening our lifestyle and our amenity together with disregard for the protection the environment and its biodiversity.

Further details will be available on our website shortly:

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