

Spare our waterfront from highrise blight

TAKE note Mr Premier and Clarence Council, 1700 petitioners in Clarence say you got it wrong.

We don't want our waterfront on Kangaroo Bay festooned with highrises.

We don't want to become another Hobart with its beautiful waterfront and historic buildings hidden behind modern monstrosities with about as much character as a plywood box.

The iconic sandstone buildings that add so much to Hobart's charm are

being dwarfed by monoliths of concrete and steel.

What we want for Bellerive and Kangaroo Bay is recognition by state and local governments that this environment with its public open space adjoining the waterfront is a precious asset, and should be safeguarded from over-development and exploitation.

Environments such as this contribute invaluable to the community's physical and emotional mental health by provid-

ing opportunities for social interaction, recreation and leisure activities that are free and accessible to all.

We want to keep our waterfront for the local community to enjoy, and are happy to share it with others, provided it doesn't come at the cost of just another expensive hotel with apartments and retail shopping arcades, the same as everywhere else.

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