Warriewood proposal rejected after independent advice

The Director-General of Planning and Infrastructure has determined that a proposal to rezone land at MacPherson St Warriewood will not proceed, consistent with advice from the independent Joint Regional Planning Panel.

The Director-General agrees with advice from the JRPP that the proposal was too great a departure with the density arrangements outlined in the recently released Warriewood Valley Strategic Review and should not proceed to the next stage, known as the Gateway process.

The strategy was developed jointly with Pittwater Council and was endorsed by Planning and Infrastructure in May 2013.

When endorsing the strategy, Planning and Infrastructure made clear that proposals which exceeded the density outlined in the strategy would be considered on their merits consistent with the strategy’s background investigations and this has occurred in this case.

“While I know there has been significant community concern about this issue, proponents have the right to have their proposals considered in a structured and transparent way,” Director-General Sam Haddad said.

“This is what has happened here.

“We will always consider proposals on their merits and work with communities and local governments to ensure any development is appropriate for all stakeholders.”

Planning and Infrastructure will also meet with Pittwater Council to discuss how certainty can be achieved for the Council, community and land owners in relation to the site.

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