

**BONDI WARD  
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**Waverley Council Response Report to requests from the 17 April 2024 Bondi Precinct meeting**

Meeting Date	Motion	Council Officer Response	Directorate	Status
April 2024	<p>Bondi Beach Precinct requests the council to undertake a public relations campaign to educate the community about the impact of the new NSW Housing Reforms. This includes social media, flyers, letter box drop and other resources that can be shared within the community.</p> <p>Proposed: Annie P Seconded: Mosey A Carried</p>	<p>Precinct raised this matter in February 2024.</p> <p>At the Council meeting on 20 February, Council unanimously decided the following:</p> <p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approves the submission to the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure attached to the report (Attachments 2 and 3) raising concerns with the Explanation of Intended Effect: Changes to Create Low- and Mid-Rise Housing.</li> <li>2. Urgently writes to the Premier, the Hon. Chris Minns, the Hon. Paul Scully and the Hon. Penny Sharpe to:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Raise key concerns outlined in the Council submission, including the potential substantial impacts on heritage in Waverley, the timing of exhibition and lack of genuine community and council consultation.</li> <li>(b) Request that Heritage Conservation Areas and Heritage Items be exempt from any proposed changes, if finalised.</li> <li>(c) Request that updated Region and City plans and any associated changes to housing targets be released before any planned reform is advanced.</li> <li>(d) Urgently seek a meeting with the Hon. Paul Scully and the Hon. Penny Sharpe to reiterate the concerns raised.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Notes that Waverley is the second-densest local government area in NSW and already represents the range of housing types suggested by the NSW housing reforms. Further density will significantly impact the amenity, biodiversity and tree canopy of Waverley.</li> <li><b>4. Calls on the NSW Government to hold a community forum/s to inform and take feedback from residents about the proposed rezoning changes.</b></li> <li>5. Notes that the Council’s infrastructure is already at capacity, and without significant upgrades provided by the NSW government the</li> </ol>	Planning, Sustainability and Compliance	Complete

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		<p>proposed housing policies and population densities will be unable to be met. Schools, adequate hospital facilities, and stormwater and sewage capacity are currently struggling to cope.</p> <p><b>Please note #4.</b></p> <p>A parliamentary inquiry is currently occurring, and the Legislative Council Portfolio Committee are preparing their report – due in September 2024.</p> <p>Once the outcomes of the above are known, Council will advise the community of the outcomes and next steps, and will develop a campaign if necessary.</p>		
April 2024	<p>Bondi Precinct strongly opposes the proposed amendments to Waverley’s Development Control Plan (DECP), which would remove maximum excavation volumes for lower density development and for larger developments (such as residential flat building, commercial uses, multi-storey mixed use, and shop top housing developments).</p> <p>The proposed amendments will wind back the “strengthened” controls that only came into force in 2022 and which were drafted in response to residents' and Precincts’ concerns (as reported extensively in the media) relating to excessive site excavation resulting in collapsed buildings and damage to neighbouring properties.</p>	<p>Bondi Precinct have submitted their feedback to <a href="mailto:dasubmissions@waverley.nsw.com.au">dasubmissions@waverley.nsw.com.au</a>.</p>	Planning, Sustainability and Compliance	Complete.

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	<p>Bondi Precinct is deeply concerned that excessive site excavation and disturbance destabilises land, changes ground water flows, sees the removal of canopy cover, compromises the structural integrity of the development site and surrounding properties and potentially puts lives at risk.</p> <p>Moved: Lynne C Seconded: Annie P Carried</p>			
<p>April 2024</p>	<p>Bondi Precinct writes to all Waverley Councillors informing them of the strong resident opposition to the proposed Waverley Development Control Plan (WCP) Excavation Amendments.</p> <p>Bondi Precinct requests that Councillors consider the many concerns of residents before deciding their vote on the adoption of these amendments and whether other solutions can be found to the issues raised in the Officers' Report regarding the calculation of excavation volume. BP executive to report back.</p> <p>Moved: Lynne C Seconded: David B Carried</p>	<p>Bondi Precinct wrote to Councillors individually as per the motion from the Precinct meeting. Approximately four responded as at 22 May 2024.</p>	<p>Precinct</p>	<p>Complete</p>

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<b>Next meeting: 5 June 2024</b>				

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