

# Latest on the defence of Beacon Hill High School

Dear Supporters,

Landcom has lost no time in moving in and depositing large industrial size skip bins, which is not in accordance with the conditions of consent.

A letter dated 24 November 2006, from Warringah Council advised that they had written to Landcom on the 21 November 2006 with "a request to stop work"

Warringah Council has advised us in this letter that works have now ceased despite the comments in yesterdays Manly Daily.

Warringah Council have also stated in this letter that:

**"We believe that in order to comply with condition 30A of development consent to DA 40-07-2006 issued by the Minister for Planning, works should not commence until the Demolition Management Plan is submitted to and approved by the Director Urban Assessments of the Department of Planning following written approval by the Warringah Traffic Committee."**

Landcom are hoping to get their demolition plan approved next week, after it goes to the Warringah Traffic Committee who meet on 5th December. at 9am,9 Middleton Road Dee Why.

It is clear to us, that Landcom has not met all of the conditions of consent and have jumped in trying to speed up the whole process.

Mr Sartor is also the Portfolio Minister for Landcom and Warringah Council has made his Department aware of this beach of conditions. Has he chosen to ignore this?

**Landcom have called an onsite public meeting at Beacon Hill High School on Monday 4 December at 6pm. (notice included with this letter)**

The parents of the Primary School have expressed concern about the impact of the demolition and construction on their children.

The Department of Education & Training and Landcom have advised a few strategically selected parents of Beacon Hill Primary School that everything is on a critical time line for demolition to take place and be completed during the summer holidays. Is this simply a veiled threat to

speed up the demolition process? Not all parents of the school were advised of this meeting.

These comments seems to be emotional blackmail to stifle opposition.

We also asked the DET to request a moratorium on any pre-demolition works to allow an inspection of public property inside the school buildings.

The Independent Investigation into the "hidden" New Horizons document is not yet completed, however the findings will be forwarded to the Director General of Education within the next two weeks. The Independent Investigator will also forward this report to ICAC.

**We believe that the proposal to demolish Beacon Hill High School should wait at the very least, for the findings of this investigation.**

We are still sending e-mails to the Premier and Carmel Tebbutt, Minister for Education and Training, and will continue to do so.

The Government does not have a mandate to demolish this public asset.

**We have just received a copy of a letter from the NSW Opposition Leader -Mr Debnam, to Mr Iemma asking the Government to put a moratorium on the demolition, which would be a waste of taxpayers assets.**

If you would like to send a message to the pollies we include the e-mail addresses below.

If anyone would like to share their frustrations or ideas (or letters), send an email and send us a copy.

Thank you so much for your continued support of this ongoing battle to Retain Beacon Hill High School.

Best wishes

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29<sup>th</sup> November 2006

Dear Premier,

Re: Beacon Hill High School

I note that your Government has determined it will demolish the school buildings on the former Beacon Hill High School site.

Brad Hazzard as local member has written to Frank Sartor and the Education Ministers (over the last few years) seeking to secure the future of the school buildings. Previously, Mr Hazzard has had Minister Refshauge and Minister Scully attend on site to address the future of the school.

The Coalition opposes the destruction of public assets on the school site and has announced publicly that it will retain the buildings for community use and/or possible education use.

As Minister Sartor has failed to respond to correspondence seeking your Government's agreement to place a moratorium on the demolition of the buildings, I ask that you intervene and provide such a moratorium. The demolition of the buildings would seem to be a complete waste of substantial taxpayer assets.

As your Government may not be in office on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2007, I ask on behalf of the Beacon Hill community, the "Save Beacon Hill High School Committee" and Mr Hazzard, that you agree to the moratorium immediately.

I point out that a delay of a few months will be insignificant and would allow the Coalition to implement their policy of retaining the buildings for future use.

Yours faithfully,



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