

NOT A COUP FOR THE GREENWICH COMMUNITY

We feel that you should know the background to this headline (point 3 not accurate) on p 5 of the 24 May 2018 edition of the North Shore Times. This headline reports on developments since the majority of our Councillors approved a Mayoral Minute at a Council meeting on 19 March 2018.

LANE COVE COUP - WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED

- NSW government 's medium density housing code deferred from July 6 until Lane Cove's low density planning proposal comes into force;
- 12-month extension to complete Lane Cove Council's St Leonards South planning proposal, so that the government first releases its own plans for the larger St Leonards/Crows Nest precinct;
- Greater Sydney Commission confirms that if the St Leonards South proposal proceeds, recent rezonings in St Leonards east of the railway line will count towards council's housing supply targets to 2026.

Here's what happened at Council and what we think about it.

Council voted to ask the Minister for Planning to allow Council to delay its final decision on the St Leonards South Master Plan until after release of the draft Precinct Plan for St Leonards Crows Nest

Council is well aware that the GCA thinks the plan is a bad plan that should be cancelled, not delayed.

And the community has expressed its strong opposition to this plan. We have completed our analysis of the community submissions made to Council after the St Leonards South Master Plan was exhibited (as provided to us by Council) and **94% of those 334 submissions opposed the plan.**

Council voted to ask the Minister and the Greater Sydney Commission to agree that the 2400 units in the unapproved high-rise plan for St Leonards South should be counted towards Council's dwelling target for 2026.

Recent [correspondence from the Greater Sydney Commission](#) to Council has confirmed that Lane Cove will exceed its 1900 housing target for 2021, with 2800 dwellings to be completed by 2022.

Effectively Lane Cove in 2022 will be **in credit against its 2021 target by 900 dwellings.**

There are at least 1800 units awaiting approval or under construction in St Leonards East along Pacific Highway - this area is in the Lane Cove LGA.

Lane Cove is therefore already tracking to deliver $1800 + 900 = 2700$ dwellings above its 2021 target in the next few years.

The Greater Sydney Commission has confirmed **that there is NO target for 2026.**

There is no need to offer the unapproved St Leonards South plan against a non-existent target.

So we need to ask why did the majority of our Councillors offer up the 2400 units in the unapproved St Leonards South Master Plan against a non-existent target for 2026!

We are working to get our newsletter out to you early next month with a full explanation of what has been happening on the St Leonards South front and what you can do to have your say.

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