

MEDIA RELEASE

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Rally for the Redlands

"On Wednesday 24 August at 10:00 am Mayor Seccombe and his pro-development Council will emerge from behind closed doors and head to the Council Chambers to formalise the decisions they have made on the Draft Redlands Planning Scheme under a cloak of secrecy," Lavinia Wood, spokesperson for the Community Alliance for Responsible Planning (CARP) Redlands Inc, said today.

"It is also the day and time at which Redlanders will come together in the Chambers to send a clear message to the Minister for Local Government & Planning, the Hon Ms Desley Boyle that the people of the Redlands no longer trust or want a Council that behaves in this way."

"When consulted, Redlanders consistently said no to the spread of development, but the 'Mayor Seccombe Plus Five' team had other ideas. The massive urban sprawl which our Shire will experience if the Seccombe led Planning Scheme is not stopped by the Minister will forever change life in the Redlands as we know it."

"Not only is our Redlands way of life in jeopardy, it is apparent that democracy died in our Shire at the last Council election. Every Redlander who can get to the meeting on Wednesday should be there to join the call to the Minister to stop this Council, return democracy to the people, and undo the wrongs that have been done."

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