

17.03.13  
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Re: Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy 2012 – Wickham Precinct

I, being an owner of a residence in Wickham would like to take this opportunity to comment on Newcastle City Council's current LEP 2012 strategy for the Wickham Re-development area, as shown ON map sheet WRA-004FA

- Following my attendance to the Community Information Sessions, I noted that the perceived constraints of development in the Wickham precinct were Water Levels and Subsidence, with no mention of the heritage listed and heritage significant properties which are dotted throughout the precinct.
- I do hope the strategy takes note of, and includes any of these properties in the future planning, and that the planning is carried out in sympathy with the historical heritage of Wickham, maintaining and enhancing that which is there.
- I agree with the 4B mixed use zoning of the precinct, however, the requirement for smaller lots wishing to re-development – 'must include a commercial component' I believe will stifle the development of Wickham, not all buildings currently in the landscape lend themselves to that type of development and the strategy 'locks out' some people from the possibility of enhancing the properties they have.
- The location of Wickham to the harbour, foreshore and the CBD places it in a unique position. The long term, successful re-vitalisation of the Wickham precinct planning regime needs to include consultation with the stakeholders, the residents, the land owners, the commercial owner occupiers and the commercial landlords. All stakeholders have a 'vision' of how they would like to see Wickham in the future.

My Vision:

- Heritage items are retained, maintained and enhanced
- 4B mixed use to remain
- Water issues resolved
- Roads, guttering and footpaths to be up-grades
- More trees
- More open parkland
- Traffic control and parking issues resolved
- Control over light industry- must be compatible for residents
- Encouragement of less vehicles- more user friendly cycling and walking accesses
- Easy access to harbour foreshore
- Services within walking distance
- Community piazza, hall, park etc to enhance a sense of belonging

For your consideration

Kind Regards

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