

What if we were a marginal electorate?

Our elected representatives would have to do more than offer us empty promises at election time.

- They would have to work harder to earn our support.
- They could no longer take us for granted.
- They would have to deliver real outcomes for our Community.
- They would have to listen to our concerns.
- They would have to give us real respect.
- Then they would have to stand up and defend our Community.
- Then they would have to fight for proper Infrastructure.

If these ideas appeal to you then you need to support our Battler Team in the Council Elections on Saturday, September 14th.



We support the aims of the "Racism. It Stops With Me" Campaign.

Battler supporters come from a large range of ethnic backgrounds. We see Berala as a reflection of wave after wave of migrants.

It is what makes us great.

There is no reason for any group of migrants to think themselves better. We share this place and make it great by working together.

Please support this campaign at: <http://itstopswithme.humanrights.gov.au>

The **Battler** is produced by local community activists who come from a variety of grass roots organisations.

It is a waste of time threatening us with lawsuits because we are all low income earners and have no assets except our intelligence; which we are prepared to share with all.

Thank-you for reading the **Battler**. Get involved in our/your community and make it a better place to live.



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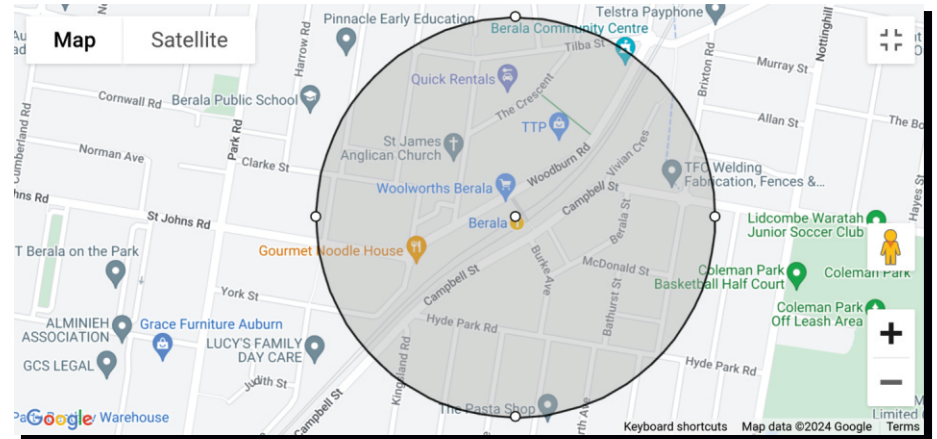
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PROTECT OUR VILLAGE

Berala residents have long been proud of our village status and stronger sense of community and we have a long history of fighting to protect it. Our community is under threat from the State Government proposal (TOD) to allow 6 storey buildings 400 metres from the station.



BREAKING UP OUR VILLAGE

Transport Orientated Development (TOD) is the term used by the Minns Labor Government to break up our village. It threatens low rise residential homes within a 400 metre radius of the railway station and their replacement with 6 storey buildings.

On the north side of Woodburn Rd that's up past Tilba St and on the south side from Campbell St to the lower parts of Kingsland Road and the Avenues.

LABOR BETRAYAL

Labor Councillors had the opportunity to support a motion removing Berala from the Government proposal (TOD) only 1 Labor Councillor Kun Huang was prepared to stand with Berala residents.

High Rise moratorium - No new Infrastructure, No new Development.

The Minns Labor Government is continuing the Liberal Government policy of dumping bad development and poor infrastructure on working class residents in Western Sydney and its time for our Councillors to stand up for local residents and say, " **No new Infrastructure – No new High-Rise Development**".

Major Infrastructure going backwards

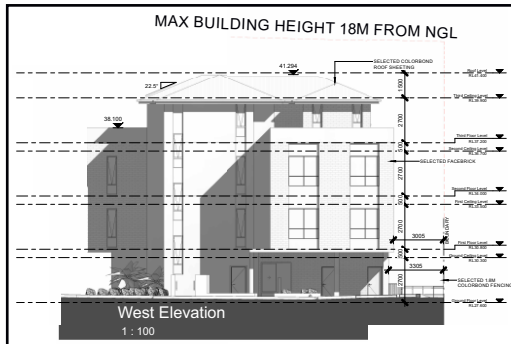
We welcome the temporary restoration of the T2 Inner West Line, Liverpool via Regents Park but frankly this is a drop in the ocean compared to the timetable services we have lost. The heavy rail services via Berala through Bankstown to the City is due to terminate at the end of October.

The loss of rail services are repeated with other major infrastructure like the reduced capacity at Auburn Hospital, the overcrowding in local schools and the failure of our utilities to cope with increased population.

Transport NSW advice to the Dept of Planning says there is inadequate infrastructure capacity to support increased housing densities in Berala.

Ignoring Increased Densities

If you walk the residential streets in Berala it doesn't take long before you realise big changes have occurred in our local population with a big increase in granny flats, duplexes and rental houses that are carved up into boarding houses. The impact is increased traffic, no parking spaces in our streets and a strain on waste services. Both State and Local Government are ignoring the increased density, happy to push an agenda that only helps big developers.



6 Crawford St a blueprint for disaster

A proposed 4 storey boarding house on a small awkward sized block of land and wedged between 2 residential homes in Crawford St, Berala is a blueprint for disaster in our streets. If Berala is included in the transport-oriented development, we will likely see this increased to 6 storeys.

The bigger threat is residential homes on the far side of 400 metres will be targeted by developers for High rise.

Harassment and Bullying

Residents in homes next to 6 Crawford St told the Battler that they were targets for non-stop bullying by the Developer trying to force them to sell their homes. We know that during the Berala Village Study and when the former Auburn Council supported rezoning that particularly elderly and vulnerable residents were the targets of aggressive Developers and pesty Real Estate agents hoping to make a quick buck at residents' expense.

Peddling Myths

The Minns Labor Government is peddling a myth to justify overdevelopment and destroying our Communities. They claim to be providing affordable housing with Transport Orientated Development but they hand the responsibility to build it to a private developer.

Private Developers don't build cheap housing, they profit out of making it more expensive, reducing quality by using cheaper labour and cheating by using substandard building materials.

It's the same speculation that is the enemy of home buyers and renters forcing the cost of housing out of the reach of our children.

If we want cheaper housing then State Governments need to return to the position 40 years ago where a third of all new housing was public.

Holding to Account

Our State Member – Lynda Voltz and our Councillors need to hold the State Government to account and demand that Berala be removed from the Transport Orientated Development project.

We congratulate Lynda Voltz on her public opposition to TOD but frankly words don't count for much, like Council words easily melt into the past.

Its action that counts and we need political leadership from our local politicians to stop the destruction of our local community.

Residents in the Regents Park Ward have an opportunity in the Council elections on Saturday 14th September to send a loud and clear message to Labor – No 6 Storey over development in Berala.