

Eastwood Chamber of Commerce Inc.



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Commissioners

Sheppard's Bay Development

I am here today as the representative of Eastwood Chamber of Commerce.

On behalf of the chamber we speak in favour of the Sheppard's Bay Development. This development has so much to offer the City of Ryde.

For a long time, Ryde, has been neglected for quality high rise residential developments. This development is an award-winning design and it has been noted that it will bring numerous benefits to the City of Ryde and the Sheppard's Bay area with new public parks, foreshore development, access for pedestrian and cyclists and improved infrastructure.

The State Governments have been saying that we need to develop residential dwelling near public transport hubs allowing easy access to residents. Sheppard's Bay offers all of this with excellent ferry services, multiple bus services to Ryde, Macquarie Park and also access to Rail via Meadowbank Station so it meets all the stated criteria for an excellent development.

It will also bring in additional consumer spending to local and neighbouring suburbs which will again benefit people within the City of Ryde.

This development is on the southern gateway to the City of Ryde and what better way to highlight Ryde City than having an award-winning development and it would be a growing testament to the area of Ryde.

The Eastwood Chamber sees this development as not only an opportunity of increased custom for our members but an opportunity to see how residential developments like this one will benefit all of Ryde and something that we can build on for many years to come. We must take the opportunity to expand the residential accommodation in the area as we don't want to look back years from now and consider what could have been. We need to consider the benefits now as we all know that there is a growing need for residential developments in areas close to the city and commercial hubs like Macquarie Park instead of just forcing people to live further and further from their place of work.

This is an opportunity of the City of Ryde to enhance the area for both now and the future. Suburbs don't always get the opportunity of such a well thought-out development.

Thank you

Steve Colquhoun

Secretary Eastwood Chamber of Commerce

