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A number of high rise residential buildings have been built in the district in recent years. Unfortunately, there has been less than adequate preparation for the influx of people and the effect of their residency e.g.

- Schools need to grow to handle more children
- Parking needs to be set aside for the 'real' number of vehicles the new residents own
- New facilities for public enjoyment (playgrounds, parks) are essential to reduce the pressure of cheek by jowl living conditions
- Road upgrades/improvements for what is already an incredibly congested area
- Hospital capacity has to increase, and access to the hospital for emergencies needs to be considered

The quality of life to living in the St Leonards area is at risk now, much less given the scale of the St Leonards South Planning Proposal.

Over-crowding creates social issues which are not currently present, but the enormity of the plan is totally out of proportion with the 'carrying capacity' of the area.

The council should be looking to build new facilities, expand old facilities, and everything else it takes to create an infrastructure that can support the population density.

Even more egregious than not planning for new facilities, the St Leonard's South Planning Proposal will virtually destroy a current facility. The existing open space at Newlands park is sunny and open. Casting dark shadows over a sunlit park is not progress, it is destructive.

Lane Cove Council has not just met its existing housing targets, it has exceeded them. The only obvious justification for such an extensive, out-of-character development is the council's greed for development dollars.

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