Community involvement in Planning:

Opportunities, constraints and my experience as a State MP

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Acknowledgement of Country









Consultation in Qld Planning system

What assessment and consultation processes are we talking about?

- Impact and Code Assessable Development
- Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID)

Examples:

- Mt Coot-tha Zipline
- TriCare's residential aged care and retirement facility, Taringa
- MIDs in general





Consultation in Qld Planning system

The "4 'Ps' of consultation":

- Perfunctory
- Performative
- Pi##-weak
- Political

Planning Schemes (e.g. BCC City Plan) or Neighbourhood Plans: Probably the most important area for improvements in consultation

Backdrop: Performance based planning → completely dysfunctional





Mt Coot-tha Zipline







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Mt Coot-tha Zipline - Community Meeting



Mt Coot-tha Zipline - issues

Various issues/concerns raised by the community:

- Tree clearing and ecological concerns
- Public amenity/existing use impacts
- Unrealistic assessment of economic benefits
- Noise impacts
- Aboriginal cultural heritage significance of Mt Coot-tha
- Impact on Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens
- Privatisation of well-loved public space

Almost no public support - BCC thought bubble



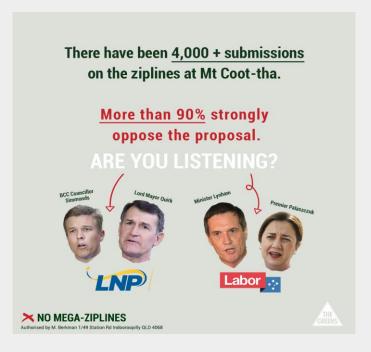


Mt Coot-tha Zipline - submissions

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk:

"We are committed to this, it was an election commitment, the people had a chance at that election to make a determination..."

"I still firmly believe that there is an overwhelming support for this project in the community"





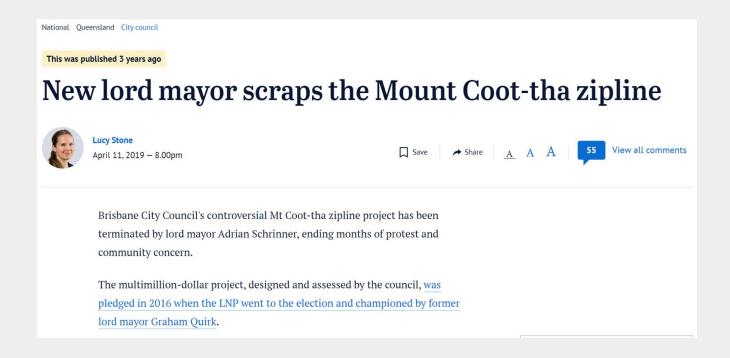


Mt Coot-tha Zipline - community action



Rally and doorknocking

Mt Coot-tha Zipline - SCRAPPED!!



TriCare Taringa

High rise retirement living and aged care proposal

→ Applied for three buildings of 16, 14 and 9 storeys

Code assessable - zoned for Community facilities (health care purposes precinct)

No requirement for public consultation





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BCC refused application

TriCare appealed to P&E Court - no submitter appeal rights

BCC/TriCare negotiated outcome, signed off by Court - three towers:

- 8 storeys retirement living
- 7 storeys assisted living and
- 7 storeys residential care





Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID)

Assessment and approval by Qld Planning Minister - completely outside ordinary development assessment under the DA Rules

Requires community consultation BUT...

Even less structure/constraint around decision-making than ordinary development assessment

No right for merits review - only judicial review (legal errors in decision)





Thank you!





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