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LABOR'S DEVELOPMENT ONSLAUGHT ON THE WAY

Liberal Member for Pittwater Rory Amon today condemned the Minns' Labor Government's released detail on its plan for high rise in Pittwater, following initial criticism last month and via his media release on 13 December.

"The Government's plans to dump significant development in Pittwater without adequate infrastructure is wicked. The Government have cancelled the Mona Vale Road West widening, putting lives at risk, have canned the Beaches Link Tunnel, and Federal Labor have ripped \$75 million from the Wakehurst Parkway funding. These cancelled projects and density will leave our suburbs in gridlock and ruin our quality of life," said Mr Amon.

Under the changes, apartment blocks within 400m of Narrabeen Town Centre, Warriewood Square, Mona Vale Town Centre, Newport and Avalon Beach Villages could permit six storey and 21m apartment towers. Apartment blocks within 400m and 800m of those locations will become 16m apartment towers. The changes represent a near doubling of current heights.

"Independents who claimed to be in a position to negotiate with Labor have failed to save us from this onslaught," said Mr Amon.

In addition to doubling apartment block heights, Council sources estimate that Government's changes to low density zones to permit dual occupancies, terraces, manor homes on tiny blocks will mean an additional 44,000 dwellings could be created on the Northern Beaches.

The Government's plans are on public exhibition until 23 February 2024.

"We are not against development, but we are deadest against development without adequate infrastructure. In an area without mass transport options, these changes are unacceptable. With our community, we will fight this unreasonable plan and I will let them know how they can help in the weeks ahead," said Mr Amon.

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