

Our way of life is under threat...

First it was a council amalgamation against our will. Not everyone was happy with the way Pittwater council operated, but almost all agreed the best future for Pittwater lay in retaining our council and its boundaries.

This was utterly ignored by the Baird Government as they proceeded to amalgamation after a drawn out and decidedly fake "community consultation".

Now the Baird Government/Northern Beaches Council alliance is about to carry out phase two of its plan to radically increase population density throughout Pittwater. The vehicle for this is the **"Mona Vale Place Plan"**. This, they claim, is the population increase we have to have, to find room for the 75,000 extra people Mike Baird wants to cram into Sydney every year.

This question of population increase

Everyone must share the burden, they say, but isn't this situation simply the result of poor government planning? Regional cities in NSW are crying out for development and infrastructure which would alleviate Sydney's problems. Are we being NIMBYs if we say we don't want to reach traffic gridlock because we don't have the infrastructure to absorb more people? More to the point, Pittwater's natural beauty is a vital part of this city's attractiveness that would be greatly diminished by over development.

An appropriate future for Pittwater

Pittwater people have worked hard to make this place the way it is. Our future lies in making this area as charming and as beautiful as we possibly can to encourage visitors. Turning Pittwater into another Gold Coast is not the answer.

The Mona Vale Place Plan

This plan is a wolf in sheep's clothing. Characterful sketches, lots of references to "community hubs" but its intention is totally clear: to radically increase population. Then, after Mona Vale comes Newport, Avalon, Bayview, Church Point and Palm Beach.

Six story apartment blocks are proposed similar to those now found in St Ives and Boundary Rd in Roseville. An insane scheme is proposed to increase affordable housing by building apartments without parking above factories in the Mona Vale industrial area.

No matter how it's dressed up, this is certainly not sensible planning but an insidious attempt to undermine our way of life in Pittwater. Let's fight for our environment. ***Join the protest at:***

**Mona Vale Village Park
at 11am on Sunday 27 November**

To see the plan, Google "Mona Vale Place Plan"

Voice your objections to Pittwater@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au (by 16 December)

Or write to: Northern Beaches Council, PO Box 882 Mona Vale NSW 1660

Also email Rob Stokes, Planning Minister at Pittwater@parliament.nsw.gov.au



Mona Vale Residents Assoc

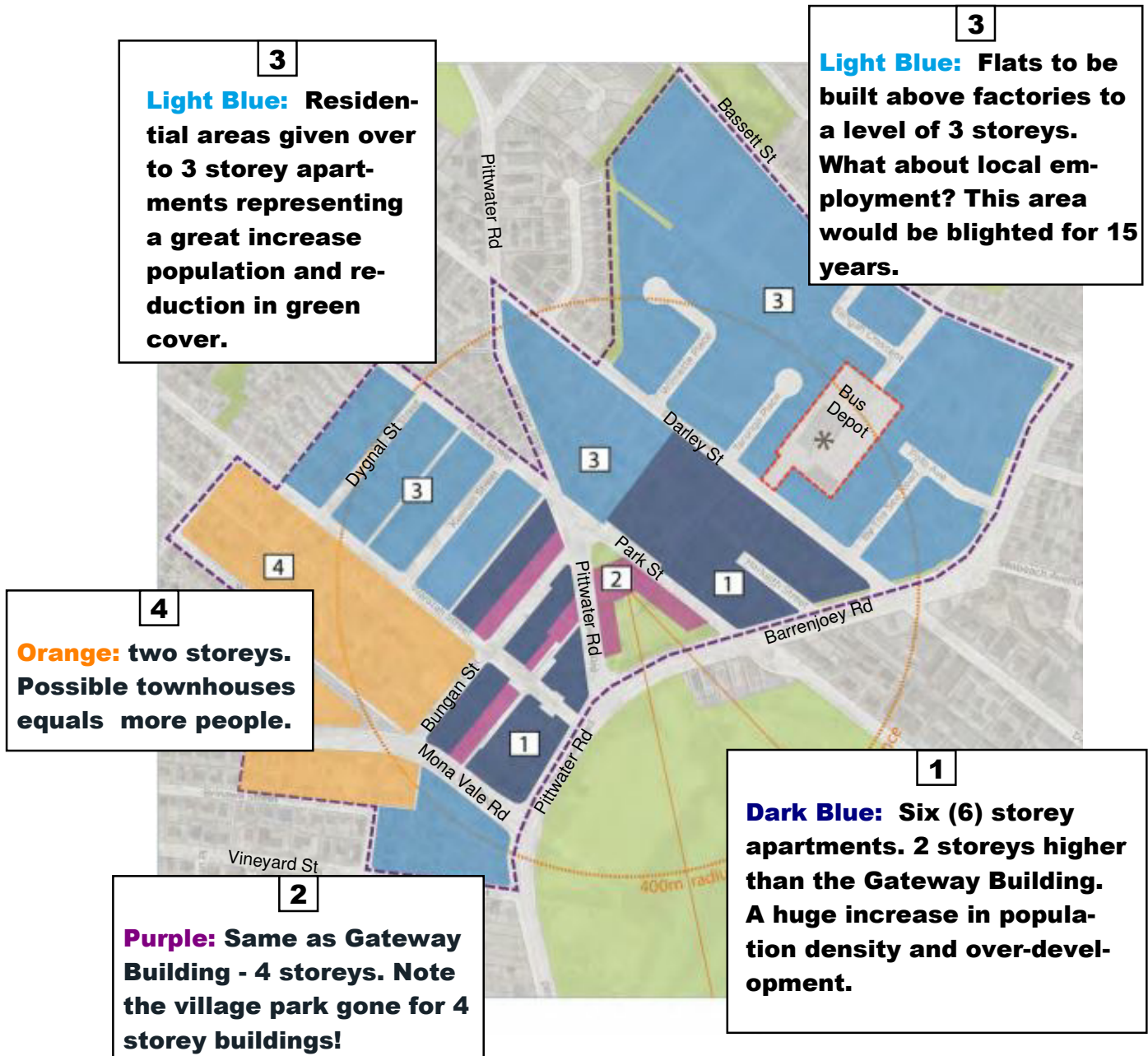
Bayview & Church Point Residents Assoc.

Newport Residents Assoc

Avalon Preservation Trust

CABPRA & Local Groups

***The Mona Vale “Place Plan”:
Means a massive increase in population for Pittwater:***



Pittwater was founded on the concept of a “community of connected villages inspired by bush, beach and water”.

The State Government and the unelected Northern Beaches Council want to turn our villages into replicas of the Gold Coast. We must not let this happen.

*Please come to the rally on **Sunday 27 November at 11 am at Mona Vale Village Park (near Library)** to stop this outrageous plan.*

Save Mona Vale! Save Pittwater!