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Box Hill Tower project ‘should be rejected’

Community concerns regarding the Barton Group’s proposed 38-storey development at Box Hill are valid and the current application should be rejected by the Victorian Government, Federal Member for Chisholm Anna Burke MP said today.

Ms Burke said the proposed development would result in increased pressure on public transport, traffic and car parking, which – combined with the inappropriate height and appearance of the building – would place an unacceptable burden on the public and affect the suburb’s liveability.

“The concerns of the Box Hill public hold significant merit and the State Government should acknowledge the validity of these concerns by rejecting this inappropriate application,” Ms Burke said.

“Any new high density living establishment needs to be matched by a large scale investment in our local infrastructure to support the increased traffic and pedestrians such a project would attract.

“There are already real problems with the buses using the transport interchange, leading to overcrowding and ultimately a lack of user accessibility.

“Greater connectivity between the buses and trains running in and out of Box Hill is required.

“Traffic conditions on Carrington Road are already troublesome due to the narrow nature of the street. This project would exacerbate the problem and the street would become chaotic for traffic and pedestrians alike, especially during peak hours.

“These problems desperately need to be addressed before any large-scale developments are approved for Box Hill.

“Additionally, the widespread community sentiment is that the scale and design of the building are completely unsuitable for the Box Hill area,” Ms Burke said.

Ms Burke will be writing to the State Planning Minister Justin Madden to relay the community’s concerns.

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