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Box Hill Tower rejection ‘a win for the community’

Federal Member for Chisholm Anna Burke has welcomed the decision by Victorian Planning Minister Justin Madden to block the Box Hill Tower project, labelling it a ‘win for the community’.

Ms Burke said the site at the corner of Station St and Carrington Rd was inappropriate for such a large scale development.

“This is a common sense decision by the Minister and a real win for the Box Hill community,” Ms Burke said.

“The groundswell of opposition to the proposal at the local level undoubtedly contributed to this decision.

“I’ve always said the site in question should be developed, however this proposal was clearly unsuitable and inappropriate for Box Hill.

“The Minister has listened to the community’s concerns and I’m glad the correct call has been made,” she said.

Ms Burke has been a vocal opponent of the proposal, and wrote to Minister Madden in January outlining concerns raised by Whitehorse Council and the public.

“This decision makes it clear that issues identified early in the process – mainly concerning traffic and pedestrian congestion, public transport accessibility, and aesthetic design – could not be overcome.

“Ultimately this is a sensible decision that reflects the majority view in the community.

“By rejecting the proposal, it’s clear the Minister has recognised the problems this design would create for Box Hill,” she said.

Ms Burke said her office received numerous complaints from the public about the proposal throughout the review process.

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