



GLEN EIRA  
CITY COUNCIL

# MEDIA RELEASE

**Tuesday 10 April 2018**

## **Council remains concerned with Ormond 'sky tower' approval**

Glen Eira City Council remains concerned with State Government's recent approval of new planning controls for the Ormond Station Development.

Glen Eira Mayor Cr Tony Athanasopoulos said Council has been very clear with its expectations for the proposed development, which were expressed in detail on behalf of the community last year.

"In our submission to the Victorian Transport Projects Integrated Development Opportunities Standing Advisory Committee, concerns regarding the economic impact on Ormond and Bentleigh were expressed by Council," Cr Athanasopoulos said.

"These concerns have not been addressed."

The Minister for Planning has allowed for a new full scale supermarket within the development, which Council believes has the potential to negatively impact the existing Ormond and Bentleigh shopping centres.

"The development of a new supermarket of this size and scale will inevitably take shoppers away from Bentleigh and the existing Ormond shopping centre. These centres are still recovering from the impact of level crossing removal works to their trade. A supermarket of this size will also generate excessive traffic levels in nearby streets," Cr Athanasopoulos said.

Although the potential height and scale of the tower has been reduced (from 13 storeys to 10 storeys), this is still contrary to Glen Eira City Council's advocated position, which was a mandatory maximum building height of eight storeys above natural ground level. Council also remains concerned about how the height at the rear of the development will impact the surrounding neighbourhood, which includes a heritage precinct to the west.

Council hopes that the State Government will give these concerns further consideration when a planning permit is granted in the future.

**Media enquiries: Sarah Finlay  
9524 3447**

**GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL**  
CORNER GLEN EIRA AND HAWTHORN ROADS, CAULFIELD, VIC  
PO BOX 42, CAULFIELD SOUTH 3162  
P 03 9524 3333 • F 03 9523 0339  
[gleneira.vic.gov.au](http://gleneira.vic.gov.au)

