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**City of Nedlands Mayoral Statement: Waratah Avenue Medical Centre**

City of Nedlands Mayor, Fiona Argyle, has unleashed on the state’s Development Assessment Panel, urging them to follow the R codes and approve more local housing.

It comes after the Mayor, who made a public appearance at a Development Assessment Panel this morning, called on DAP as representatives of the State Government, to follow the State and Federal Government’s lead and approve more local housing.

It follows the 9 November 2023 approval of the so called “epic fail” of a medical centre approved by JDAP at 129-133 Waratah Avenue, Dalkeith. This approval had no local housing despite being zoned Local Centre and Residential R60.

The Mayor claimed that “the State and Federal Government talk about the shortage of housing and you are representatives of the Government. This is an opportunity for more local housing – instead, you have approved a massive medical complex in a quiet neighbourhood.”

The Mayor says the community is not against the development, yet this JDAP approved medical centre, inappropriate for the location, is a missed opportunity to create a sense of home and place for the community within a precinct that is predominantly residential.

According to information provided by the City of Nedlands, the Mayor claims that the community feels the building is non-compliant with the City’s LPP as it is predominantly a medical centre use, which will not contribute to the vibrancy of the Waratah precinct.

The Mayor has called on DAP to request a full redesign by the proponent. If this is achieved, it would be the first such case in the State.

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