



Open letter to the Seaside Villages from Mona Vale to Palm Beach...

Dear Resident,

Many of us from Mona Vale to Palm Beach believe the government is out to hit us with yet more development. In support of this, the state government wants to extend the B-Line from Mona Vale to Newport.

Lately, the government has pulled its head in regarding development. They've offered a moratorium on development if councils want it. Mayor of NBC, Michael Regan has jumped at this for the Northern Beaches. Regan was quoted in the Herald as saying that statistics have proved that the Northern Beaches is now one of the most congested places in Sydney, in spite of B-Lines or anything else.

But much of this is just pre 2019 election posturing. The government has made a motzer out of apartment construction from the stamp duty it receives. They're addicted to stamp duty revenues since it funds infrastructure projects, which they are convinced will woo NSW and, especially the Sydney electorates. And that appetite for development will certainly not go away if they win the 2019 elections.

We've seen what has happened to other parts of Sydney. We've seen congestion increase everywhere with thick on the ground Hong Kong style apartments. Now many of us in the seaside villages from Mona Vale to Palm Beach believe we are next in line.

The B Line to Newport is the first incursion...

We're not against the B-Line to Mona Vale but we are against a terminal in Newport. Why? Because it would totally downgrade and destroy Newport Beach. It means road widening, removing trees, congestion and queues of diesel buses. It means traffic jams at Avalon's Kamikazi roundabout in the north and massive hold ups during the day and especially at peak periods from the south. And if the B-Line does get to Newport, it will be a Trojan horse for yet more development.

All we want is improved bus services for the seaside villages. It's not that hard. Run a local service like Manly's Hop Skip and Jump along with some efficient city bound buses like the E88's and L90 to the city and the 199 to Manly.

Is this just a Nimby response by residents?

No, emphatically no, it is not. It is planning madness to cram more people into the seaside villages.

North of Mona Vale is one road in, one road out, surrounded by water and, congestion is already intolerable. We risk destroying a beautiful part of Sydney that contributes to the quality of life and recreational space for all Sydney residents enhancing our status as an international city.



Don't let this happen to
the seaside villages.
Join our protest
march...





Just look at the terrible desecration of Dee Why. Trees cut down, massive apartment blocks and congestion. Don't let this happen here.



But young people need affordable housing?

Regrettably, development in our area means overpriced units for the profit of developers, not affordable housing.

It's just that turning this area into the Gold Coast helps no one. After some years of this, the place simply becomes a congested concrete jungle that no one wants to live in. If the developers' curse strikes in Mona Vale and the villages to the north, that will be the outcome. Gold Coast style, with overcrowding, fast food outlets, graffiti, pollution and crime. And no, this is not being too alarmist or extreme, we have seen our own congestion become endemic, though not yet as appalling as other parts of Sydney.

The Mona Vale high rise "Place Plan" was the first attack on the seaside villages...

This was withdrawn by government after Mona Vale, Newport, Avalon, Clareville and Bayview residents banded together to point out how absolutely inappropriate the plan was. Now the incursion of the B Line to Newport represents another phase. Are we being too extremist? Not when you consider that of 1300 residents comments on the Mona Vale plan only one - only one - suggested high rise for Mona Vale, but the government still brought out a high rise plan complete with warm fuzzy pictures and soothing words.

It's time to stand up for ourselves

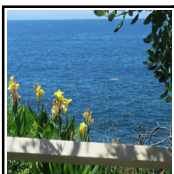
We all know the famous quote: *"all it takes for evil to triumph is for good people to remain silent"*. So let's not remain silent before it's too late. Join the protest march to make it clear:

- ***The B-Line should terminate at Mona Vale with frequent services to the city, Chatswood and Macquarie. Equally, it is essential we have an improved bus service for the seaside villages.***
- ***Further inappropriate development from Mona Vale to Palm Beach must halt to bring a stop to congestion becoming even worse than it is now.***

**Join the Protest March
from Newport to Mona Vale
2 pm on Saturday 21 July
Starting at the Newport Surf Club**

***Please email your ideas/thoughts/suggestions to
SeasideVillagesMarch@gmail.com***

Also voice your objections to Rob Stokes at Pittwater@parliament.nsw.gov.au



This flyer has been paid for by many concerned residents from Mona Vale to Palm Beach. Residents are giving hours of their time to distribute this flyer throughout the region. If you like walking and can help for a few hours, please contact: SeasideVillagesMarch@gmail.com or phone: 0479 123 260