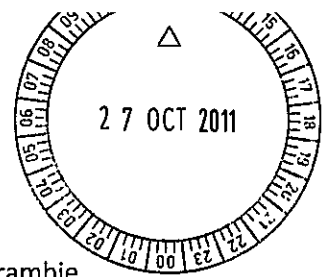


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The objections to relocating the seniors village from Bassett Road in Karratha to the Warambie estate Are:

- The validity of the community consultation process in march 2010 of the Karratha revitalisation project was in question when the State government issued a media release 25 March 2010 almost a month before the submission close off date of 21 April 2010 the media release stated that "the Liberal- national Government today announced the awarding of a contract for the development of preferred proponent Finbar Group just 18 months after the idea for vibrant cities of the north was committed to during the 2008 State Election" "The project was also a major part of the Shire of Roebourne and Landcorp's Karratha revitalisation plan, which will see Karratha grow into a city of 50.000 people". This resulted in the building of a ten story building at the end of Sharpe Avenue This did not give the community any confidence that their submission would be taken into consideration.
- The current location is beside the shopping centre, between the church and the police station offering both spiritual and physical security and safety. The Shire is currently discussing a suitable location for a Seniors Community/Multi Care retirement Village facility in Karratha. The current location makes it ideal, there is a great deal of vacant land to support the extra buildings required, its proximity to the shops and services and the established 11 independent living units. It is walking distance to doctors, chemists and all emergency services.
- The proposed road is not just about a road , the shire president stated at the special electors meeting "that it was more about the commercial value of the property and the land under the senior village is the subject of an expression of interest between the State government and the private sector. The outcome of that process is that it will be sold to the successful proponent."
- We believe a government department had designed and costed a road that will bypass the village.
- There is currently a waiting list for senior accommodation, which does not seem to have been taken into account as the proposal was for 7 units, not even replacing the current 11.
- The village residents who did agree were bombarded and bullied by the shire president, Vince Catania, and Brendon Grylls until they finally had enough and agreed.
- Not all resident were involved in these meetings, some were deliberately excluded because they strongly objected to the move. One other resident was dying and his wife was too absorbed with that to be included in discussions. The autumn club president and senior advocate was also deliberately excluded from the meetings.
- The Warambie site is much further from the town centre i.e.; too far for elderly people to walk, particularly in the summer months which can be extreme up here. Most residents are past age 70.
- The proposed site is also situated inside the Kelly line which is about three meters above the highest recorded astronomical tide for the Karratha/ Dampier area. It is on the salt flats and has been inundated with floods in the past.
- There is no evacuation plan in place in the event of a natural disaster.
- The proposed site is subject to midge and mosquito infestation, which is a huge health risk to seniors considering Murry Valley encephalitis and Ross River fever are caused from infected mosquito bites. One resident has declared that she is very allergic to midge bites.
- One Warrambie Estate resident was concerned about safety, noise and privacy issues and is asking if the seniors housing will be cyclone rated as the unit she lives in is not constructed

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properly, walls are cracking, there are gaps in windows and panels outside the unit are falling off

- The vision of Karratha as a city is a flawed one. People who have lived here for as long as I have (28 years) and longer believe it is folly to think that an outdoor pedestrian café strip will enhance the lifestyle. Most up here who can afford it live 3 to 4 months a year inside in the air conditioning.
- There have been no environmental impact studies done either at the current site or the proposed one. An informal study done by a local botanist identified 40 species and 1 priority species on the creek line of the current site and suggests that the proposed site needs to be assessed prior to any works commencing.
- There have not been any determination on the cost of demolishing the senior units, but it has been estimated that it will cost \$5mil to relocate the seniors.
- There is a chronic housing shortage in Karratha, with many young families having to leave because of the prohibited cost of housing; it seems very sinful for these units to be bulldozed down and also a huge waste of taxpayer dollars.

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