



Government's Rhodes development plan 'larger than Bondi Junction' says Greens candidate

State election candidate, Charles Jago stated, "The NSW Government now sees the future of Rhodes as one of [four central business districts](#)¹ across the City of Sydney, eastern suburbs, Inner West and Bayside – larger than Burwood, Campsie, Marrickville or Bondi Junction, and comparable to Randwick and Kogarah. This will create major problems, given that Rhodes is a peninsula with highly constrained access in and out."

In December, the Department of Planning & Environment released a revised plan for development which proposes a further 4,200 dwellings on the western and eastern sides of Rhodes over the next 10 years. The plan includes 600 new dwellings west of Rhodes Station, with an additional six storeys each to three residential towers² currently under negotiation and 3,600 new dwellings in East Rhodes.

"This plan will increase the population density of Rhodes by two-thirds. There are already over 12,000 people living in the one square kilometre that comprises the suburb. The Government's plan will lift density to almost 22,000 people per sq km, some 30% more than Hong Kong Island with 16,500 people per sq km." said Charles Jago, Canada Bay Councillor and Greens candidate for the state seat of Drummoyne (which covers Rhodes) at the next state election.

"The people in Rhodes to the east of the railway line did not ask for this. Under this plan the NSW government is overriding the right of the local community and Council to make planning decisions in their own area. The NSW Government has given developers a green light to develop their own masterplans with no limitations on maximum height or floor space ratio. Our community will be left to deal with overcrowded trains, roads, schools and hospitals." said Clr Jago.

Public submissions to the [proposed plan](#) are [invited](#) prior to 3 February 2019. "I strongly urge residents to call on the Government to ensure residents can respond to new masterplans and actual proposed developments," he said, "The Government is asking the public to respond to the current plan before they have any knowledge of the masterplans or actual developments to be built. That's an outrageous charade that effectively locks the community and the Council out of the planning process. Our community is already feeling the pressure of this intense overdevelopment and we need to make our views known to this government," said Clr Jago.

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¹ OUR GREATER SYDNEY 2056: Eastern City District Plan – connecting communities, March 2018, Greater Sydney Commission, March 2018, p7. See <https://gsc-public-1.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/eastern-district-plan-0618.pdf>

² Inner West Courier, Tuesday, 8 January 2019, p15 "School re-think for towers plan".

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Links

- <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Priority-Growth-Areas-and-Precincts/Rhodes/Key-actions-and-documents>
- <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/-/media/Files/DPE/Plans-and-policies/Rhodes/rhodes-revised-draft-precinct-plan-part-1-2018-12-07.ashx>
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