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... if Walker was allowed to get on and deliver what we have promised, everyone would be extremely happy - Developer Kevin Hunt

Bid to halt Kew plan

at a glance

CHALLENGE: Boroondara

Council is trying to block the

SEEKING: The council

Kew Residential Services plan

wants more detail on the plan

HEARING: VCAT will set a

date for an injunction hearing

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PETER ROLFE

BOROONDARA Council is seeking an injunction to stop the \$400 million redevelopment of the Kew Residential Services site.

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal will hear the case on Friday.

The State Government has vowed to push ahead with its plans for the 27ha site, saying the council has "jumped the gun" and interfered with due process.

The council lodged its VCAT challenge last Wednesday.

and as a result, we see the shortcomings as a quite inade-It wants to stop Planning Minister Robert Hulls from considering or approving the multi-million dollar plan for the site proposed by developer Walker Corporation. Boroondara Mayor Jack Wegman said the plan did not comply with the council's planning guidelines.

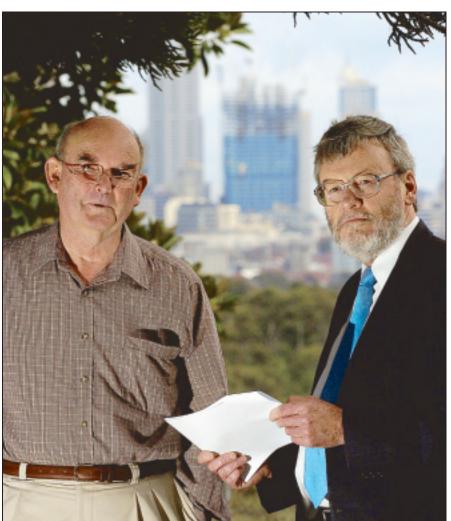
anywhere between 350 and 1100 buildings on it.

A spokeswoman for Planning Minister Rob Hulls, Melissa Arch, said the sustainability and environment department would continue assessing the plan.

She said the council had interfered with a process in which it played a key role.

"They have jumped the gun. The department was consulting with the council . . . and the council hadn't even provided advice yet," Ms Arch said.

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quate plan," Cr Wegman said. "We need to act in the best Kew Cottages Coalition president Brian Walsh said the plan interests of the community." Cr Wegman said the applineeded close investigation. cation did not detail new build-"It's good to see the new ing heights, the number of council playing a few shots,"

buildings on the site or the Mr Walsh said. potential traffic impact.

He said the site could have » Continued Page 4

Kew Cottages Coalition president Brian Walsh (right) with David Pym. N02PP307

