



KEW COTTAGES COALITION Inc.

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KEW PUBLIC MEETING

8pm Tuesday 18th March 2014

Phyllis Hore Room, Kew Civic Centre

Cnr Cotham Road and Civic Drive, KEW - Melways Map 45 D6

KEW COTTAGES COALITION INC. presents

Kew Cottages and the Victorian State Election

Major Projects in Victoria

Are the bastards honest ?

Invited Speakers



Rod Quantock
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Kenneth Davidson
Senior Columnist
The Age



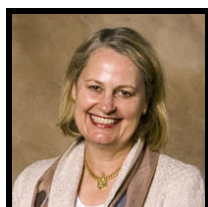
Stephen Mayne
The Mayne Report



Tim Smith
Liberal Candidate for Kew



Cr Phillip Healey



Andrea Coote - Parliamentary Secretary
for Families & Community Services



Andrew McIntosh—former
minister Responsible for
establishing an Anti-
corruption Commission



David Davis - Minister
for Health and Ageing



Mary Wooldridge-
Minister for Community
Services



John Lenders (ALP)
Opposition Local MLC's (Southern Metro)



Sue Pennicuik (Greens)



Georgie Crozier MLC
Southern Metro



Cr Coral Ross
Mayor of Boroondara

The next instalment in one of Melbourne's most contentious Major Projects.

ALL WELCOME !



Private roofs are leaking badly



An inquiry into the Kew Cottages development is long overdue.

KENNETH DAVIDSON

State governments are obliged to meet the shelter needs of the most vulnerable members of society. In Victoria it is a responsibility in the form of the public housing...

undermining of public housing has been justified under the rubric of integrating the disadvantaged into the community. This raises the question of why it can't be done more cost effectively through public housing provision.

By far the most egregious example of this ruse was the decision in 2001 by the Bracks government to expel some 400 intellectually disabled people from the 27-hectare Kew Cottages site to make way for an upmarket real estate development under a public-private partnership.

The bait was the promise of modern accommodation in five-room, purpose-built community residential units, integrated in the suburbs, financed by a

allocated to CRU development in the first place, the acute waiting list could have been halved for a construction cost of \$150 million.

Like most PPPs, the Kew development appears to be one-sided. Accumulated losses for the government over the six years of the PPP agreement have totalled \$45.8 million. The developer Lang Walker's private company reported a 64 per cent increase in revenue to \$298 million last year. The original development agreement in 2006 said the minimum return to the state would be \$60 million on an estimated \$400 million development.

The then opposition local member and frontbencher, and later government minister responsible for carriage of legislation setting up what is now universally judged as the toothless corruption commission, Andrew McIntosh, threatened that the possibly corrupt deal would be referred to the commission as one of its first tasks. In government, McIntosh has refused to answer any questions about the project. The losses continue. The government claims its hands are tied but there have been two variations in the development agreement to the advantage of Walker since the change of government.

The 2010 Ombudsman report on the development found it couldn't unravel the mystery of the losses and recommended an inquiry. In the absence of a functional corruption commission, it should be undertaken by the Auditor-General.

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PUBLIC MEETING - KEW CIVIC CENTRE
8pm TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2014
ARE PROBLEMS WITH THE KEW DEVELOPMENT A SIGN OF WIDER ISSUES IN THE STATE ?
ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED
1. Liberal Election Promises Broken ?
2. Millions of taxpayers dollars missing ?
3. 'Main Drive Kew' a metaphor for mismanagement of Major Projects in Victoria ?
4. Still missing - Community Facilities including swimming pool, medical rooms, and cafe ?

GV has put itself in position of a lapdog executive

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...ptions on the 301 lots allocated to the developer were independently valued at \$312 million in 2007 by Mirvac. Based on this valuation, if this land had been

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