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Sunshine Coast locals fight high density planning scheme

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The council has opened the draft of the proposed planning scheme to public submissions after getting the green light from the state government during an interest review.....

While accepting more homes were needed, Mass Transit Action Group's Tracey Goodwin-McDonald said plans to rezone some streets from an 8.5m height limit to accommodate 10-storey unit blocks was unreasonable.

Maroochydore CBD. Picture Lachie Millard

“When you come into Minyama, the area around Jessica Boulevard, that is going to eight storeys high and pushing back into the streets of Minyama, going to four storeys high,” Ms Goodwin-McDonald said.

She said she would like to see the council “rein it back and be realistic.”

Ms Goodwin-McDonald said a large concern with the scheme was the absence of transport infrastructure along the areas zoned to accommodate higher density dwellings.

“The state government has announced The Wave, which goes back into the CAMCOS corridor and Kawana Way, then it goes out to Sippy Downs and Mountain Creek, into Maroochydore that way.

“The state government are not funding this rapid transit so there is no way in the time frame of this scheme that transport relief will be delivered.”

Ms Goodwin-McDonald said if the planning scheme was to go ahead without adequate transport systems it would “bring the region to its knees”.

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