



Yes, let's look again at the facts about the Triangle!

The Mayor said negotiations resulted in significant improvements

The outcome is still a giant shopping, office, leisure and nightclub complex, equivalent to about half the size of Chadstone, on seaside Crown land. It will:

- Have more shops than in either Acland or Fitzroy Streets and will include super stores run by national chain operators.
- Put Acland Street under severe threat – according to independent experts, including those appointed by Council.
- Create 3900 additional nightclub and pub patrons – more than twice the number of the former Palace. The Mayor omitted to mention the 900-patron pub.
- Create more than 2300 additional licensed restaurant and café seats. Oh joy, more cafés.
- Allocate less than one percent of the development for galleries and cultural uses. The Mayor calls this space a centre of national significance.

The Mayor said there were eight years of community consultation

- Public consultation resulted in the St Kilda Foreshore Urban Design Framework - the guiding principles for the Triangle agreed to in 2002.
- After that, planning legislation was introduced and Council removed the right of residents to have its decision about the site independently scrutinised.
- 16 developers expressed interest in the site; but their proposals have never been shown to the public. Only the winning bid was made public.
- Council and the State government signed a secret Development Agreement with the developer in May 2007, for 99 years.
- When the Development Plan was put on public display four months ago, 6,000 objections were received, and a further 6,000 people signed a petition.

The Mayor said the planning approval process was fine

But your Council:

- Trashed its planning scheme. Independent experts – including those Council appointed - concluded the development plan does not comply with the existing planning controls;
- Refused to have the transport and traffic implications of the development independently assessed;
- Refused to set carbon, water, and energy benchmarks for the development

That's the way business is now being done in Port Phillip.

So what is the community fighting for?

Public investment, transparent processes and imagination:

- To deliver more modest commercial activity,
- Enable a landmark civic and cultural space to be developed,
- Provide seaside fun – and a truly creative and inventive place for all ages and incomes.

We agree, let's look at the Triangle again!