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# Re-zoning plan raises concerns

MANY Hills residents are concerned about the proposed urban development and re-zoning of Stoneville and Parkerville.

A meeting was held last Tuesday night to discuss the possibility of Labor supporting the Greens Party in a Motion of Disallowance to stop the development.

Last year Planning Minister Alannah MacTiernan decided in favour of rezoning areas in Parkerville and in Stoneville from rural to urban deferred for dense urban development.

Local environmental and cultural groups, concerned residents, Swan Hills MLA Jaye Radisich, East Metropolitan MLCs Liljana Ravlich and Louise Pratt attended the recent meeting.

Mt Helena resident Sharon Davies said the proposed subdivision and the consequent subdivision of O'Brien Road

would encourage urban development in the Hills.

She said the proposal would cause an influx of 10,000 to 16,000 new residents in a concentrated area and increase traffic flow of 71,000 car trips a day.

Swan Hills MLA Jaye Radisich said that it was unlikely that the proposal would go ahead unless certain conditions were met. These conditions included adequate water supply and the provision for the treatment of wastewater.

Ms Radisich said Minister MacTiernan was more than happy to revisit the proposal, and the two would discuss the issue further next week.

"When I speak to the minister about the issue I will reiterate resident concerns as well as convey the opinions of the Shire and the land holders," she said.

"It will be a bit of a balancing act."

She said the final decision about the proposal would be made by the Planning Commission but she would encourage Minister MacTiernan to add extra conditions before the proposal was approved.

However, Mrs Davies said she believed that this was not enough.

"Our representatives are aware that they are rubber-stamping a Liberal Party proposal but refuse to work for the benefit of not only hills residents but the people of Perth," she said.

A local petition against the development has been circulated and has more than 800 signatures.

"Apathy could destroy the Hills," Mrs Davies said.

"It is imperative that as many hills residents as possible ring their local members and also approach the Liberal Party."

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