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Brisbane Residents Should Welcome Coming Density Says Strata Boss

Property Peak Body Strata Community Association Qld (“SCA (Qld)”) says Brisbane’s residents should welcome news of increased urban density as a priority for Council. SCA (Qld) General Manager Laura Bos believes not only do Brisbane locals have nothing to fear, but plenty to gain.

“The announcement on Tuesday from Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner that 94% of new development in Brisbane will be infill in existing suburbs represents an exciting opportunity for Brisbane,” said Ms Bos.

“We can expect that these new developments will help create more job opportunities closer to home for more residents, as well as helping to breathe life into new public transport projects.”

Ms Bos believes the coming infill revolution will create exciting new possibilities for more residents.

“This shift to higher density living will allow more people to walk to work, make it easier for Council to invest in amenity and drive economic productivity and a better lifestyle for all,” said Ms Bos.

“Denser living allows us to preserve greenspace and parks, get cars off the road and foster community.”

“Limiting greenfield development is also one of the most practical ways we can help our natural environment.”

Ms Bos argues that the irrational “NIMBY” fear of apartments was starting to end and that people were seeing the benefits of community title living.

“The fact is a well-built, modern apartment in an established area will offer you a much better lifestyle than a traditional greenfield estate far from the City. Your access to amenities, jobs and services is greatly enhanced when you live in an existing urban area,” said Ms Bos.

“Building in existing areas helps enhance our City’s environmental sustainability and reduce land clearing. This helps Brisbane maintain its carbon-neutral status and protect our native species like koalas.”

“Not only can an apartment allow you greater access to things outside the home, but when a body corporate is well run, you have an in-built community in your home.”

Ms Bos said investment in in-fill was important for both individuals and Government at all levels, both who are grappling with financial constraints.

“As Mayor Schrinner noted, Brisbane is experiencing significant interstate migration,” said Ms Bos.

“To keep housing affordable for locals and new arrivals, as well as make infrastructure investment sustainable for Council, we need to be building up, not out.”

“Apartments are likely the best and, in many cases, only chance at home ownership or an affordable rental for our children, as a long time Brisbane local, I want my children to be able to afford to live in their hometown. “

“Brisbane locals need to embrace urban density and see the benefits, rather than be scared by baseless scare campaigns.”

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About Strata Community Association (Qld)

SCA (Qld) is the peak association supporting the state's strata sector, with more than 1,200 individual and corporate members who help oversee, advise, and manage hundreds of thousands of lots across Queensland. The association brings together people who manage strata schemes, own units or live in

strata communities, and those who provide products and services for schemes. We also provide education, advice, and advocacy to enable better understanding of the regulations, obligations and owner's rights.