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MANDATORY HEIGHT CONTROLS SPELL CERTAINTY IN IVANHOE

The Andrews Labor Government will introduce mandatory height controls in Ivanhoe to protect against inappropriate development.

Member for Ivanhoe Anthony Carbines today announced that Minister for Planning Richard Wynne has approved interim mandatory height controls within the Ivanhoe Activity Centre, ensuring new development along the popular shopping strip meets community expectations.

The community has spoken and we've listened. Locals are tired of developers making a mockery of discretionary limits – so we're making the rules clear.

Interim mandatory controls will last 11 months, giving Banyule City Council the time it needs to do the strategic work necessary for permanent controls to be established.

Clear, mandatory height controls spell out just what can and can't be built in the community – and they mean an end to costly and protracted disputes at VCAT.

Minister Wynne has approved the interim controls without transitional provisions, so that all "live" permit applications are assessed against the new controls.

The controls get the balance right, catering for population growth in the right areas, while protecting the neighbourhood character that makes Ivanhoe a great place to live.

Banyule City Council is part of a pilot program being coordinated by the Labor Government where height controls are being strengthened throughout select activity centres, giving the community certainty over what can and can't be built.

The mandatory height controls will take effect in the coming weeks.

Quotes attributable to Member for Ivanhoe Anthony Carbines

"The community has spoken and we've acted. We're tired of seeing developers flout discretionary height limits, so we're taking action to spell out just what can and can't be built."

"This is about protecting our much-loved neighbourhood from inappropriate development. Interim controls will give council the protection it needs while it works on introducing permanent controls."

"Activity centres like ours in Ivanhoe are great locations, however, we have to get the balance right. These controls will ensure that we do."