

Dear Councillors,

There has been much controversy caused by this proposal but at the end of the day the arguments for not ceasing the publication of DAs in the Wentworth courier are compelling:

1. It strengthens the democratic process and increases transparency of Council's decisions to advertise Das in the Courier.
2. Relying solely on the Council's website is not, at this point effective at all. Cr Silcock's response to the Padding Society on how to find information about a DA, the numerous steps to get all the information etc, illustrates how difficult a process that is and how the Council's website still has a long way to go to become user friendly to the majority of residents.
3. The cost of maintaining these advertisements in the Courier is minor in terms of the overall Council budget, particularly given Council is prepared to spend approximately \$1.8 million to reform approx. 1200sqm of land in the middle of Rushcutters Bay Park for a very controversial proposal, skate/scooter facility of debatable need.
4. Ultimately not to advertise DAs in the Courier is shifting the burden of DA notifications from Council to residents and their resident associations.

Cheers  
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