

# WESTFIELD UNVEILS \$500M EXPANSION PLANS FOR DONCASTER

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Dear Doncaster Hill residents and Westfield shoppers,

Shopping centre giant Westfield, which has made almost \$20 million (2016 \$) worth of political donations globally over its history, has unveiled plans for a \$500 million expansion of its flagship Doncaster complex. Political donations to parties undermine the integrity of our democratic system and often influence decision-making, such as with big developments.

There will be a vote on the proposed new "Development Plan Overlay" at the Manningham council meeting next Tuesday (May 31) starting at 7pm at the Civic Centre on Doncaster Road. Come along and see democracy and planning at work.

Residents need to be vigilant as Westfield progresses a \$500 million expansion which plans show will involve a second tower on the corner of Williamsons Rd and Westfield Drive. The last expansion in 2008 provided inadequate car parking and the same mistake must not be made this time. There also needs to be better investment in pedestrian access and respect for the parking rights of residents.

## A CHALLENGE TO KEVIN ANDREWS AT LONG LAST

Meanwhile, after 25 years, you will finally have a choice in this seat of Menzies when it comes to voting in the Federal election on July 2. I'm a former Liberal staffer and independent City of Melbourne councillor who is providing some real and long overdue competition to local member Kevin Andrews, who doesn't even live in the seat.

Menzies has been **THE FORGOTTEN SEAT** for too long because it is safe Liberal territory. As a former Manningham councillor, I know how badly the Federal government treats our area. Where is the support for Doncaster Rail? Where is the Federal money for Aquarena? This election, we can **Make Menzies Matter** by voting for someone other than one of the longest serving Federal MPs who is running for the tenth time.

I know Malcolm Turnbull and have been disappointed by the way Kevin Andrews, one of the strongest Tony Abbott supporters, has tried to undermine his leadership, even threatening a future challenge. If elected, I would support Turnbull whilst securing more for Menzies.

As a long time campaigner against poker machines, I was horrified that Mr Andrews accepted a \$20,000 donation from Clubs NSW for his 2013 re-election campaign. Poker machines are a con-job which do enormous damage to families and should be banned in Victoria outside Crown Casino. But the industry continues to make large political donations to parties and supportive MPs like Kevin Andrews. This prevents reform.

Unlike the secretive big parties, any donations I receive are being disclosed immediately online.

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