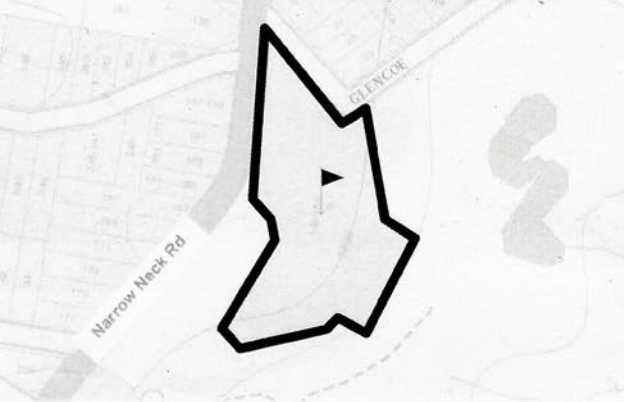
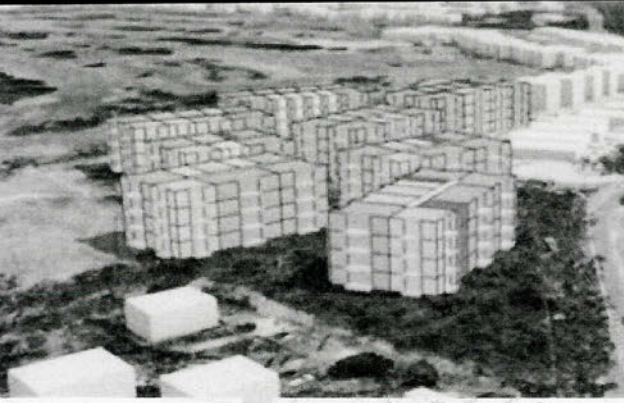


Narrow Neck Road

A dangerous first for the Blue Mountains

Community Meetings: all welcome



What is this development for?

142–150 Narrow Neck Road, Katoomba is the first housing development proposal in our local government area to go through the NSW Government's Housing Delivery Authority (HDA) fast-track pathway.

The proposal:

- 9 x four-storey residential buildings - 214 apartments
- 52 serviced apartments
- Commercial outlets, including a restaurant

The HDA approved this as a **State Significant Development** and issued its Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) on 23 June 2025.

The developer now has until March 2026 to submit an **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**.

Why is it an issue? What are the concerns?

This development is larger than anything previously permitted in the Blue Mountains.

It, and the HDA pathway itself, are unsuitable for the area:

- **Bypasses environmental protections** in the Blue Mountains LEP
- **Undermines 30 years of local planning** in our LEP that's designed to protect the World Heritage Area
- **Bushfire risk:** high-density, multi-storey housing reduces evacuation safety and puts more lives at risk
- **Environmental degradation:** loss of pervious surfaces, increases stormwater run-off and degrades ecosystems of Greater Blue Mountains Area
- **Loss of character:** threatens the heritage of our towns
- **Tourism impact:** our tourism economy depends on our unique national park World Heritage status

What does it mean for me?

If approved, this will set a benchmark for future high-density developments across the Blue Mountains LGA. Your town's character, environment, and bushfire safety could be compromised. Once a precedent is set, it is very difficult to reverse.

What Can You Do?

Scan the QR code to visit our campaign webpage talk to neighbours and community groups



Meeting details:

Katoomba Town Centre Arcade (Dining Room) – Tuesday 17 February, 6 - 7.30pm

Katoomba Town Centre Arcade (Dining Room) – Saturday 21 February, 10am – 11.30am

Springwood Sports Club – Tuesday 24 February, 6 - 7.30pm

