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COMMUNITY NOTICE FOR YOUR ACTION

Once it’s gone, it’s gone forever.

Help save Balaclava’s character.

Balaclava's last piece of public land behind Carlisle Street is about to be handed to Coles. You can help shape what happens next.

Dear Balaclava Resident,

The City of Port Phillip is finalising the sale of the last piece of strategically important, publicly owned land in the carpark and laneways behind Carlisle Street to Coles. Once this land is transferred, our community loses its direct planning voice – the decision moves to the State Government, leaving us with zero say in what gets built.



Without strict legal conditions locked in now, we risk:

- **Overdevelopment** – boxy high-rises that overwhelm Carlisle Street’s historic village feel.
- **Lost green space** – mature canopy trees and native habit habitat removed.
- **Parking nightmares** – real impacts on local shoppers, traders and daily access.
- **Zero community benefit** – a token concrete plaza instead of usable open space.

“We aren’t opposed to sensible renewal, but we refuse to let a corporate developer decide the future of our neighbourhood without binding community guarantees” – Heart of Balaclava resident’s group


Image is a reference only.

A vibrant community space.



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Not the lifeless overdevelopment Coles has planned...

Join other Balaclava residents in the Heart Of Balaclava Facebook group.

Scan to join our Facebook group today. Add your voice.

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We deserve a real town square, not just another high-rise.

What we're asking for:

The Section 173 Agreement is the one legal document that can bind Coles to real, enforceable community benefits.

Hundreds of Balaclava residents have already signed a petition to Parliament demanding:

Open public space	**A real town square for Balaclava, with trees retained for shade and habitat.**
Design excellence & governance	**An independent Expert Architectural Review Panel overseeing the design.**
Access to parking	**Free, 24-hour public parking with no net loss in amenity.**
Affordable housing	**Enforceable minimum targets, not vague promises.**
Sustainability	**Solar power, water reuse and best-practice environmental performance.**

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As it currently stands, once the remaining land is sold to Coles, neither City of Port Phillip nor residents will have any further say, as all planning approvals will go to the Development Facilitation Program (DFP) - which is managed by the Dept of Transport and Planning.

Eligible projects bypass standard local council planning processes and go straight to the Minister for Planning for a decision, with no VCAT appeal rights !

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A resident-led group advocating for genuine community benefit in the Carlisle Street precinct redevelopment.