

Statement

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LIBERALS ANNOUNCE MORE PROTESTS AGAINST “HIDEOUS” HOMES

Jess Wilson’s Liberals have doubled down on their campaign against building more homes across Melbourne – planning more NIMBY protests the same week they voted against the Allan Labor Government’s landmark planning reforms.

Today in the *Australian Financial Review*, Jess Wilson’s biggest backer James Newbury openly declared that the Liberals are planning more NIMBY protests “all over Melbourne” – describing new housing as “hideous” and “trashing the joint.”

Once again, Jess Wilson’s Liberals have shown themselves to be the party of NIMBYs and red tape.

This week, the Liberals voted to make it harder to build and buy homes, last month they protested against homes in Brighton, and earlier this year tried to unwind planning reforms – including making it easier to build townhouses.

While the Liberals block, Labor builds.

On Tuesday, the Legislative Council voted to back our planning reforms that will cut red tape, fast-track good developments, and make housing fairer for young Victorians and workers who’ve been locked out of the suburbs they grew up in.

Our new planning laws build on our bold housing reforms to give Victorians real housing choice - more opportunities to live in the communities they love.

This includes through fast-tracking good developments, slashing stamp duty on off-the-plan homes, setting housing targets for every council, delivering more homes near public transport, making it easier to subdivide, and simplifying townhouse and duplex approvals.

Because we know the best way to make housing fairer for young Victorians is to build more homes.

Jess Wilson’s NIMBY Liberal Party is fighting to keep the status quo, even if it means locking out generations of Victorians from the housing market. We’re not going to let that happen.