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# Draft policy would give back power on height limits to councils

## Libs' limit on high-rise

**Planning** | Julia Adler

HIGH-RISE residential towers will be restricted to a maximum of nine storeys if the Liberal Party wins the State Election, Opposition planning spokesman Matthew Guy says.

Mr Guy said the draft planning policy, yet to be approved by the shadow cabinet, would empower local councils and communities to determine benchmark height limits for high-density residential development in Principal Activity Centres across Melbourne.

Under the policy, the Planning Minister would work with councils to determine an agreed

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height limit for proposed multi-storey complexes.

Mr Guy said he would set a default limit of nine storeys unless individual councils wanted to go higher.

"Councils should be able to set the height limits for high-rise towers," Mr Guy said.

"But state planning policy now overrides local policy.

"Some councils may decide to allow up to 40 storeys."

"But it will be up to the council and the local community to decide on the height limit."

He said Planning Minister Justin Madden had set interim height limits only in marginal Labor seats in the eastern suburbs.

"But there are no height limits set in Principal Activity Centres," Mr Guy said.

Mr Madden criticised the draft policy.

"A nine-storey limit may not be appropriate in some activity centres," Mr Madden said.

"Well wait and see if this is a real policy.

"We know there are tensions between (Liberal leader) Ted Baillieu and Matthew Guy on planning."

Mr Madden said he supported council height controls in the vast majority of cases.

"Councils are the planning authority for 95 per cent of planning decisions," Mr Madden said.

"In cases where it goes to VCAT, there are usually no prescribed controls in those locations."

**What would be a fair height limit on residential development? Tell us at [moonevalleyleader.com.au](http://moonevalleyleader.com.au)**

### In Brief

#### Seniors support

SENIORS and people living with a disability in Niddrie will receive more support to maintain their independence, with an extra \$829,107 for the Home and Community Care program. Niddrie MP Rob Hulls said the cash boost would help older residents and people living with a disability to continue living at home, rather than moving prematurely into residential care. The funds will provide an extra 18,500 hours of in-home care.

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## Racing to a greener future

THE grass will be greener at Flemington Racecourse this Saturday with a race meet dedicated to sustainable living and philanthropy.

As part of Flemington Green Fields Race Day, Kensington-based firm SecondBite will collect unused food from on-course caterer Peter Rowland Catering to redistribute to local charities.

Victoria Racing Club chief executive Dale Monteith said the race meet would be dedicated to raising awareness of environmental sustainability in a bid to cut the racecourse's environmental footprint.

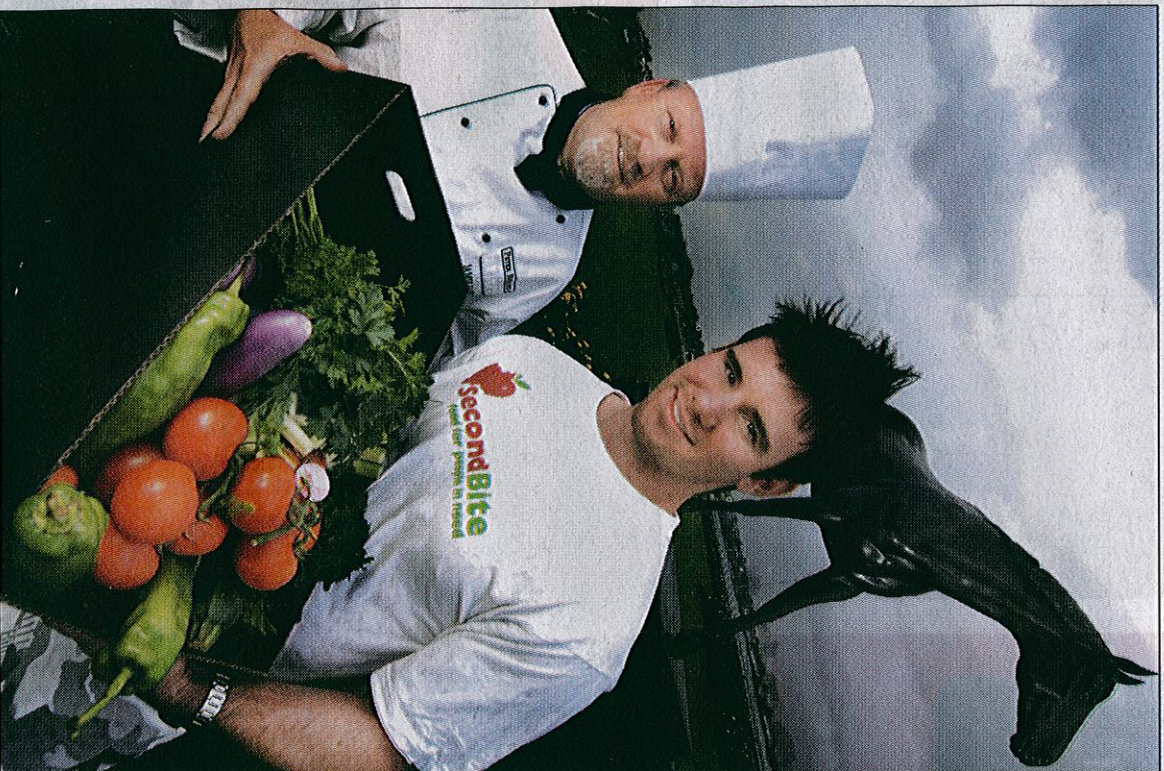
During last year's Melbourne Cup Carnival SecondBite prevented about 1½ tonnes of food from going into landfill by collecting food from racecourse caterers and redistributing it to charities, he said.

"This equates to an astounding 2970 meals provided to people in need," Mr Monteith said.

Other activities for race day include guided tours and free children's activities.

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Russell, from SecondBite, and chef Jamie Hastie.



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