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DECISION ON ESPY IMMINENT 9 PM, TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER - ST KILDA TOWN

Port Phillip Council will make its decision on Becton's 38-storey tower proposal for St Kilda's Esplanade Hotel at 9 pm tomorrow night (15/12) at the St Kilda Town Hall.

The Mayor, Dick Gross, said tonight that Becton's proposal had elicited more objections than any other planning application in the history of Port Phillip - 5581 written submissions plus a further 5368 signatures on petitions - altogether a total of 10,949 objections. Interestingly, the objections included 2109 objections from Victorians living outside Port Phillip, 148 from interstate people and 41 from overseas visitors to St Kilda.

Port Phillip Council received a total of 618 submissions in support of Becton's proposal, most coming from outside the municipality.

Port Phillip Council expects such a big crowd for tomorrow night's decision that it has moved its meeting from the council chambers to the St Kilda Town Hall itself.

**A MEDIA RELEASE OUTLINING THE ESPY DECISION WILL BE SENT
OUT TOMORROW NIGHT AFTER THE MEETING HAS CONCLUDED.**

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