

Dr Erin Evans is a member of the Brisbane Residents United steering group and President of West End Community Association, also known as WECA. WECA has been established for over 11 years and is one of the founding organisations of Brisbane Residents United. This association was integral in the successful Kurilpa Master Plan. Erin is passionate about fairness and people taking an active role in shaping vibrant and healthy communities. She believes that balance needs to be re-established in planning to ensure that it delivers long-term benefits for the people and environment. Erin is unwavering in her belief that residents uniting together give the best chance we have to create this change and to be heard.

#### Erin's Speech at the November 15 Brisbane Residents United Rally

Welcome!

We have walked together today calling on Planning for People.

Over 50 resident groups have arisen all over Brisbane – due to frustration and disillusionment about what is happening to the places we live in. Everywhere we see development that is too dense, too high, ill fitting, and poorly serviced for education, transport and public spaces. Increasingly we don't even hear about what development is happening until the builders arrive.

We want to make it very clear that we are not anti development – we are calling for quality development in the right places and protection for the things that matter, from open spaces and bushland to our suburbs and much-loved historic houses and places.

Good development comes from good planning. Brisbane deserves better planning. It deserves a government that values quality as much as quantity. It deserves truth.

We have been shut out of decision making for too long.

I can't accept that we have to live with anxiety and powerlessness because of planning decisions being made about us but without us.

The antidote is to Know More – the antidote is to stand United.

We the People want to, and expect to, Know More

We are tired of the words not matching the actions

Today we have a clear message to government that residents are united in their calls to Know More!

No more divide and conquer – no more political games at the expense of our lives and our children's lives.

We want a place at the table in decision making and for government to know more about what we the people want and need for our lives.