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Bus Depot Stuff Up: Built in the Wrong Spot

Brisbane City Council's controversial Sherwood Bus Depot has been built 2.4 metres further east than approved, requiring a new development approval.

Councillor for Tennyson Ward, Nicole Johnston, said it had been one stuff-up after another on the project, with the first DA non-compliant, ratepayers forking out millions in rent after the site was sold off and subsequent applications made this year to fill and raise the site after January's floods.

"It defies belief that the Sherwood Bus Depot has been built in the wrong location. It is a high profile project in a sensitive residential and environmental area and yet experienced builders have built it in the wrong spot under Council's supervision," Councillor Johnston said.

"My understanding is this will affect the road alignment and access points as well as landscaping and buffering on the site."

"I am extremely concerned that access to the site from Sherwood Road, so close to the narrow single lane rail overpass, will put lives at risk. More than 1200 bus and vehicle movements per day are expected to and from the site with extremely limited visibility particularly for vehicles travelling eastbound."

Councillor Johnston said the revised approval appeared to be done deal with CIP and Council attempting to down play the stuff up. Correspondence showing that Council's builder CIP Pty Ltd and Council's DA team have already agreed that this is a "minor variation" and a "permissible change" despite the fact that State Government legislation Sustainable Planning Act requires proper assessment and formal approval is shocking.

The project which is due to be completed by Christmas, will cost ratepayers \$168 million over the next 25 years of its operations, with the option of extending the Depot's operational life to 45 years.

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