

# New rules spark duplex fears



By CHRISTOPHER O'LEARY

A BRISBANE City Councillor is worried new State Government planning provisions could wreck the southwest.

But the Government said it was only trying to cut red tape.

Cr Matthew Bourke (LNP) of Jamboree ward said recent changes to the Sustainable Planning Act could alter the Centenary Suburbs Neighbourhood Plan.

The Government said the provisions target council double-dipping on requirements for new houses in low-density residential zones, but Cr Bourke believed they could start an "open slather" of properties redeveloped into duplexes with little consultation.

"This area was developed 50 years ago and it doesn't have the infrastructure to carry substantial population," he said. "That's why we didn't include a substantial increase of population to the plan."

"Residents should be concerned because under the State Government plan they are going to find neighbours knocking down their places to build two places without warning."

However State Minister for Planning Stirling Hinch-



PLANNING CONCERNS: Cr Matthew Bourke and Caroline Hamilton of Westlake.

liffe said while the provisions streamlined the planning approval process,

it was the council and not the Government which zoned Brisbane land.

"There are 22 rules in Brisbane, and if a duplex development triggered any one it

would be required to go through full council assessment," he said.

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