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Hinchliffe Should Look At More *Moreton Bay Regional Council* Developments While He's At It.

Mayor Sutherland Wants War – He Should Get One!

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Scott Driscoll, National Executive Director of *The Retailers Association*, has called on Queensland Planning Minister, Stirling Hinchliffe to look at more than just the North Harbour project within Moreton Bay Regional Council, but also to look further into other suspect planning decisions made by this Council and it's predecessor, the Redcliffe City Council, which also operated under Mayor Sutherland and other still incumbent Councillors.

"Mayor Sutherland protests that he wants a war over a development he knocked back in Caboolture. Well he also deserves a war over one he's ushering through on his home turf in Redcliffe," said Mr Driscoll.

"Allan Sutherland was Mayor of Redcliffe Council when he and local Redcliffe Councillors passed a town plan change for the Redcliffe Leagues Club to build what they claimed would be "just a couple small convenience shops for patrons". Instead we now see the same Mayor and Councillors, re-branded as Moreton Bay Regional Council arguing to allow the Redcliffe Leagues Club to build a full blown, full line 4000sqm Coles Supermarket and another 2000sqm of retail as a "Greenfield Site" smack bang in the middle of what are now Junior Rugby League fields," said Mr Driscoll.

"The Mayor and his two fellow local Redcliffe based Councillors can't seem to decide which one of them knew what and when, pointing at each other as the reason this dud development is even up for DA consideration right now," said Mr Driscoll.

"Frankly, I don't care who's nephew works there or who's supporting who politically. The plain facts are this is yet another dud development this same Council is behind and Minister Hinchliffe needs to now have a close look at it too," said Mr Driscoll.

"With already massive over supply of retail based on Council's own assessment, it's just nuts to have further duplication, now on football fields, so developers can cash in while the community and local small businesses are left to suffer," said Mr Driscoll.

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