

## Prospect cinema plan doubt

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VISION: Developer Steve Maras wants building height limits of at least four storeys on Prospect Rd.

A CINEMA planned for Prospect Rd is in jeopardy unless higher building limits are given the green light.

Developer Steve Maras said he would look to build his 1930s art deco-style cinema complex in another area, unless the State Government approved a building height limit of at least four storeys along the strip.

"We have got a specific model in mind for this site and it depends on having the ability to go to at least four storeys," Mr Maras said.

"We will not wait forever and are looking at other options for the boutique theatre outside of Prospect."

The State Government is changing height limits along the inner-north's main roads to cater for population growth and wants to see Prospect Rd increase to

between four and five storeys.

But last month Prospect councillors voted to push for a three-storey building limit for most of Prospect Rd, including the site of the proposed cinema at the corner of Rose St.

The complex would potentially include fashion boutiques, restaurants, offices and residential housing.

Prospect Mayor David O'Loughlin said losing the cinema because of height limits would be "extremely disappointing for local people".

A Planning Department spokeswoman said "discussions with the council have been constructive".

"We believe we are approaching an agreement that everyone can embrace," she said.

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