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Mosman Council will vote on whether to join a NIMBY resident's lawsuit to try to block the Minns Labor government's plans to build more apartment blocks in wealthy suburbs on Sydney's Lower North Shore.

A motion due to go to council on Tuesday evening would, if passed, order officials to "take all necessary steps" to join resident Judith Pearson's case in the NSW Land and Environment Court claiming that new residential blocks will ruin the character and value of the neighbourhood, which includes Sydney Harbour's most prestigious waterfront property.

Pearson started court proceedings in July to challenge the Minns government's low and mid-rise housing policy that aims to turbocharge development across the state to address a housing supply crisis that is driving up prices and rents.

The policy allows development of between three and six storeys within 800 metres of a town centre.

More than 90 submissions were made to Mosman Council over one of the first development applications under the new policy that proposes to

build a six-storey luxury apartment building on Awaba Street.

Pearson told *The Sydney Morning Herald* in August she was launching her legal action because new unit blocks would decimate the character and value of her suburb.

Tuesday's motion, submitted by independent councillor Simon Menzies, would task the council to instruct its lawyers "to file all necessary documents and liaise with Mrs Pearson's legal representative, to join Mrs Pearson's legal case as a party against the state of NSW".

"Council will take full advantage of its role in Mrs Pearson's legal case to advocate against the low and mid-rise housing policy; where appropriate, advocate for an alternative plan for Mosman; and until the resolution of Mrs Pearson's case, or the state's response to any alternative plan for Mosman, advocate a temporary pause of the application of the low and mid-rise housing policy to Mosman," it says.

"Mosman Council's long held position is to accept an increase of housing density, but that we determine the location of the new dwellings rather than

accept the locations specified in LMR," it says, referring to the policy.

It noted that the government had rejected the council's request for a framework from the government under which it could develop an alternative plan for new dwellings.

"Joining as a party provides council with the highest chance of its alternative plan being implemented... It would be our hope that the alternative plan would be accepted, and the legal action would then be settled."

NSW Planning Minister Paul Scully urged councillors not to support Menzies' bid to have Mosman join the Pearson lawsuit. "While I'm not surprised, I am very, very disappointed," he said. "I hope that enough councillors have the good sense to vote against this motion."

The government is also facing strong community opposition to higher density development in Woollahra and Edgecliff in Sydney's inner east, where it has announced plans to recommence development on a once-abandoned train station to allow for up to 10,000 more homes nearby.