THE date has not yet been finalised but it is expected Kogarah Council's controversial draft planning proposal (http://www.theleader.com.au/story/2856310/high-rise-on-horizon-for-kogarah/) will go on public exhibition some time after the state election.

And rather than the usual four weeks, the document will be on show for eight weeks.
Until then, the council staff will finalise the exhibition material, including display boards, fact sheets, newspaper advertisements, a website portal and letters to property owners and various organisations.

Kogarah mayor Michael Platt said all residents would get to have input into the document.

He said the council did not do anything "willy nilly" and nothing would be "swept under the carpet".

"We are under pressure (from the government) and we have to identify areas where greater density should take place," he said.

"And we need to hear from the community."

Most Kogarah councillors voted last July in favour of the draft planning proposal — an amendment to Kogarah's local environmental plan (LEP) 2012.

It has since been approved by the Planning Minister and is ready for public exhibition.

If adopted, Kogarah will be capable of accommodating an extra 17,400 residents by 2031, in line with the government's metropolitan housing strategy — mainly through increasing density in certain areas.

Major centres will be allowed nine- to 12-storey developments, with existing low-density areas immediately to the north of the Kogarah town centre identified for 10-storey residential flat development.

A five-to-seven-storey limit is proposed for most of the commercial centres and for the high-density residential zones immediately around those centres, close to public transport routes.

Multi-unit buildings of five to seven storeys would be allowed at some waterfront areas near Tom Uglys Bridge.

A number of community organisations have joined forces in the United Kogarah Local Residents Association and are preparing to fight the plan.

**Do you support the plan?**