



Minister Matthew Guy in secret visit to Hanging Rock

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A 'closed visit' to Hanging Rock by Planning Minister Matthew Guy and Northern Victoria MP Amanda Millar on Friday saw the pair discuss the proposed east paddock development.

In December, Ms Millar told Mr Guy that the proposed development had "loomed larger than any other", and hundreds of residents had written to her for support.

The Macedon Ranges council will seek private investment on 5.8 hectares at Hanging Rock for an events and function centre, 100-room hotel, day spa, a second conference and dining room, and an outdoor adventure site.

The decision, which could lead to developing the Rock, has angered many residents.

The Hanging Rock Action Group will apply to have the rock listed on the Victorian Heritage Register.

Ms Millar said the development, although in its early stages, was of "great significance" to residents.

She said the proposal was the substance of Mr Guy's visit to the shire.

"We wanted to ensure the minister had an opportunity to see the rock and the surrounding area."