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Vic Govt won't interfere in Villawood row

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Victoria's Planning Minister says he is hopeful due process will resolve a battle between a property developer and the Macedon Ranges Shire.

Map: Woodend

The council has rejected Villawood Properties' application to rezone farming land at Woodend to build a 650-lot housing estate, after pressure from a vocal community campaign.

However, Villawood has vowed to vigorously pursue the proposal and the next step could be an appeal to the Minister, Matthew Guy.

Mr Guy says there are processes in place that should see the parties resolve the issue without Government interference.

"We want to see the council and the community and the developer, as they have been, working through some of the issues that have been raised," he said.

"I understand the council had some concerns, I understand they've articulated those.

"They need to work through the process that is at hand. It's not an issue that I want to see the State Government micro-manage - we can't and won't micro-manage projects across the state."

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