



High and dry: Brighton-Le-Sands on Botany Bay.

Sea level fears 'ridiculous'

The CSIRO has confirmed that the rise of sea levels relative to land in Sydney Harbour has only been 0.86 millimetres per year, calculated from over 82 years of data.

Therefore, Greens councillor Lesa de Leau's suggestions (*Leader*, May 13) that "we could end up with a glamorous pier and marina under water" are ridiculous in the extreme. Boats float and the marina is five-metres above sea level, so, at that rate, it will be several thousand years before Bankstown gets a beach or we sink the marina.

I own property in Cape Town, South Africa, and when the council put a marina in there, the city boomed, property prices rose, employment and tourism flourished.

Just as surely as time and tide wait for no one, you can't stop progress, no matter how much negative spin you put on it.

The pier and progress go hand in glove. The only thing residents need to fear is rising property prices.

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