



MY SAY



Building a tall order

By Andrew Dawson

BERNARD Salt (“Long Live the suburban dream”, May 6) may be at odds with the Government’s planning imperatives, but his argument is also at odds with the changing demands of Melburnians.

Many people are choosing to live in medium and high-density housing.

For some, it’s a matter of convenience over size as strata blocks are often close to services and where people work.

Young people are increasingly choosing the CBD and Docklands over the suburbs, while our older people embrace community living, recognising advantages such as greater security and more social interaction.

Many developments in inner areas, as well as retirement villages, include amenities such as pools, tennis courts and gymnasiums that would be out of reach to most people.

While living the traditional suburban life is attractive to many, Mr Salt’s assertion that middle Melbourne will not be converted to “vertical living” is not supported by the evidence.

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