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## **No need to refer Tigers redevelopment to watchdog**

Balmain Leagues Club interim Chief Executive, Danny Munk, today rejected moves by the Leichhardt Council to have the ICAC investigate the club's Rozelle redevelopment.

A public meeting on Monday night supported a move by Leichhardt Mayor Darcy Byrne to ask the ICAC to examine the "relationships" between the Rozelle Village development proposal, including the role played by former State MP Eddie Obeid.

"The leadership of Balmain Leagues Club has met with many dozens of politicians from both sides of politics over the past eight years," Mr Munk said.

"We have met with Premiers, backbenchers, local members, planning ministers and shadow ministers and many others from many electorates who have an interest in planning, development and rugby league.

"To suggest that there is something underhand is going on is offensive and unfair."

Mr Munk again called on Leichhardt Council to get behind the project, which will deliver hundreds of jobs to the local area, and desperately needed facilities, including childcare services.

"The Balmain Tigers has been part of the local community for over 100 years and we want to be part of it for another 100 years," Mr Munk said

"That's what Leichhardt Council should be focused on. Not on some spurious allegation that Mr Obeid may have been involved.

"If Leichhardt Council had done its job properly this matter could have been approved and well under construction by now.

"The supporters of Balmain, club members, and local residents are entitled to have a leagues club to use for social activities and recreation; they are entitled to have access to a range of retail outlets and a major supermarket that will deliver greater choice to the inner-west.

"The Balmain Leagues Club is part of the local history and community fabric. That's what we are trying to preserve.

"I believe it is possible politicians and councillors from all sides of the political spectrum to come together and get this development done for the sake of the community," Mr Munk said.

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