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LP AN UNNAMED property developer with links to China is the latest to buy into booming Box Hill.

The **site** at 820 Whitehorse Rd, which changed hands for \$18.8 million – setting a record land value in the area of \$10,588 per sq m – was **sold** by <u>Savills</u>. <u>Savills</u> state director CBD and Metropolitan Clinton Baxter said the developer planned to build "at least a 25-level **apartment** complex".

TD "They have quite a few developments around Melbourne; they are a local developer and they do have links to **China**," Mr Baxter said.

"They have developments in the city and they have found that it is becoming too difficult to move around with [Planning Minister] Richard Wynne's interim density law in the city." The **site** is home to a two-storey office building and is marked **Commercial** Zone Schedule 1. Mr Baxter said the **property sold** without a permit but was in an activity centre marked for multi-storey development.

The tower will have plenty of **company**, with work on the Asian Pacific **Group**'s Whitehorse Towers – a \$330 million 36- and 26-store dual tower **residential** development with a five-star **hotel** – starting last month and the to-be-built 20-storey Australian Taxation Office at 990 Whitehorse Rd.

Council general manager city development Jeff Green said there had been no recent planning applications for the **site**. The Box Hill Structure Plan lists the **site** in Activity Precinct B and Built Form Precinct F, which is the primary office precinct in the activity centre and encourages taller buildings.

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