

Scrap group areas call

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THE chairman of the council's Management Committee, Mrs Sybil Hotz, is the first of Durban's city councillors to respond to the Durban Central Residents' Association call to make public their stance on the Group Areas Act.

The association is fighting the proposed eviction of Indian, coloured and mixed families from the white residential area of Albert Park.

In a letter to the association at the weekend, Mrs Hotz said she rejected the Group Areas Act. She told The Daily News today that when the city

council was asked recently for its opinion on the opening of the central business district, the resolution was expanded to include all areas and it was passed by a majority of councillors.

"I believe that it is inevitable that people will go for accommodation where they can find it.

She said she had been associated with every move since she became a councillor in 1974 to do away with the Act.

The association's president, Mr Sayed Iqbal Mohamed, said he was gratified Mrs Hotz had responded so quickly.

Second councillor says No to Group Areas Act

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MRS Lorna Emanuel has become the second Durban city councillor to distance herself from the Group Areas Act in response to a letter from the Durban Central Residents' Association asking councillors to take a stand on the issue.

This follows the current official crackdown on Indian, coloured and mixed families living in the white Albert Park residential area of Durban.

Following the example of Mrs Sybil Hotz, Mrs Emanuel wrote to association president, Mr Sayed Iqbal Mohamed, to say that she had taken her stand on the Act at her first council meeting.

"My attitude towards the Act was made clear at the first open council meeting I attended when I, with a majority of councillors, voted against the Act on December 11, 1986," said Mr Emanuel.

Mr Mohamed said he was still awaiting replies from the other councillors.