

# Bond blimps fly into flak as resident protests grow

**HOVERING** Bond blimps have high-rise unit owners on the North Shore worried about their privacy.

Residents complain that the probing eyes of passengers peer into their homes, violating their privacy, and the blimps cause noise pollution.

North Sydney Council is reportedly taking legal advice about residents' rights to protest against the airships, which have been dubbed locally as "disgusting flies in the sky".

North Sydney Deputy Mayor, Alderman Neil Hartley, said the council had been receiving many complaints about the airships.

"People say they are noisy and object to them - and I agree," he said.

"I think they are obscene and don't see why we should have to put up with them."

A local action group called "Ban The Airship" is being formed to tackle Mr Alan Bond's multi-million-dollar Bond Corp over the issue.

And a second group of Sydney



**GROSS INTRUSION:** blimp invades privacy, residents say

residents has formed a protest group called **BOND - Body Opposing Noisy Dirigibles**.

A BOND spokesman said the group was offended by the "floating booze billboards" and that "the sky is a public place for all to enjoy without intrusion by over-inflated corporate egos".

Ald Hartley said the advertising on the blimps offended many residents, particularly as the products advertised were alcohol and cigarettes.

Ald Paul Eastaway of Mosman Council said many of his municipality's residents were angry about the airship flights. "The noise from the ships is penetrating," he said.

Outraged Lindfield resident, Mr David Wells, said: "The blimp is a gross intrusion into people's privacy and makes more noise than a lawnmower, trals and screeching car together."

The Sun-Herald was unable to contact a Bond Corp spokesman for comment.