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The former Dimmeys store in Nepean Highway will be demolished soon.

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# It's coming down

**EXCLUSIVE**

## Let the transformation of Frankston begin

City | Donna Carton

ONE of Frankston's worst eyesores is to be torn down within eight weeks.

The three owners of the former Dimmeys store in Nepean Highway have at last agreed to its demolition.

Sources told the *Leader* the process could take between six and eight weeks because asbestos had to be removed from the building.

The site has been empty since the popular store closed its doors in

October 2007. Traders and shoppers have relentlessly complained about its continual abandonment.

In August 2009, developer Riverlea Australia paid \$2.1 million for the site (about 1545sq m) and revealed plans for an eight-storey apartment block.

The developer intended in the interim to renovate and split the building into three retail outlets while plans for the apartments were considered.

However, in the two years follow-

ing, nothing had been done as Riverlea, the Salpietro family, which owns a 320sq m section at one end of the building, and businessman Hamish MacLachlan a 120sq m building at the rear, have been unable to agree on its future.

"At last they have come to a decision to demolish the ugly thing and rid Frankston of this blight," a source said.

"Hopefully, Riverlea will now proceed with plans for an apartment complex and the front of the

CBD will begin its transformation."

Last month, Frankston celebrated the announcement that thousands of elite athletes will descend on the city for the 226km Ironman Asia Pacific Championship.

Councillors and residents have been calling on landlords of derelict and vacant properties to clean up their sites before the event.

It is believed work will begin soon on another blight on Frankston — the long-empty Peninsula Centre.



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