

NOTICE OF MOTION

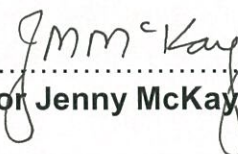
SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR: CR JENNY McKAY

COUNCIL MEETING: Ordinary Meeting

I hereby notify of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting to take place on Thursday 20 August 2015:

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Minister for State Development, the Honourable Anthony Lynham, in relation to the State owned land at 280 Newspaper Hill Road, Belli Park requesting he consider establishing a working party which:


- a) includes relevant State Government agencies, the Member for Nicklin, Cr Jenny McKay (Environment Portfolio holder), Cr Greg Rogerson (Divisional Councillor), representatives of the Mimburi Upper Mary Aboriginal Association and the Kabi Kabi Peoples, The Mary River Integrated Catchment Management Group, SEQ Catchments and other relevant parties;
- b) is tasked to develop a suite of options for the future management of this land that involve retention of ownership by the State but enable broader community access, preservation of cultural heritage values, recognition of Indigenous history and culture and the environmental values of the land - with the options report to be provided to the Minister and Council for consideration.


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Councillor Jenny McKay

13.8.15
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Date 13 August 2015

To all Councillors and Directors

I hereby notify that Councillor Jenny McKay intends to move the motion as shown above at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 20 August 2015.


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Chief Executive Officer

13.8.2015
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COUNCILLOR COMMENT

Mimburi (translated means 'continual flow') is a 400 acre property located at 280 Newspaper Hill Road, Belli Park in the Sunshine Coast local government area. This land was acquired by the former Queensland Government from private ownership as part of the now defunct Traveston Dam project. As the dam proposal did not proceed the land continues to be held in ownership by the State Government.

The property was offered to Mimburi Upper Mary Aboriginal Association by the Queensland State Government on a three year lease with an option to buy at the end. This lease period is now coming to an end. The reason Mimburi Upper Mary Aboriginal Association were offered the land appears to have been the knowledge of a registered bora ground, a site of great significance, near the junction of Belli Creek and the Mary River and a number of artefacts that were identified on the site during the Traveston Dam surveys. The bora ring is recorded on the State database listed as KC:A39 and is described as "On the north side of Belli Creek, about one kilometre east of its junction with the Mary River, is a bora ring which is reportedly in good condition, with a diameter of fifteen metres". It is noted that further details studies are required at this site to better understand the significance of the bora rings and artefacts to Aboriginal people nationwide and to the Kabi People directly.

Mimburi Upper Mary Aboriginal Association is a not-for-profit Aboriginal association dedicated to community capacity building, natural resource management, youth empowerment and creating a centre for Aboriginal cultural activities. Mimburi is seen as an educational resource for many cultural avenues, and the Association hopes to use the land for environmental studies, cultural revival and community work.

The Mimburi Upper Mary Aboriginal Association claim that the former Government made verbal commitments to review the lease at the end of the three year tenure with a view to establishing a longer lease period to allow the Association to develop and facilitate programs and experiences that arise local knowledge, local people, Connection to Country, community connection and cultural values. However, with the changeover of State Government in 2014, this verbal commitment was not actioned.

Following a resolution to council on 18 June 2015, the State has withdrawn the land from sale and awaiting to work with the Sunshine Coast Council and the community to build a Business Plan for the retention of the Land. This should include opportunities for private investment and other business models that would enable the land to be retained by the State.