

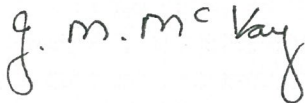
NOTICE OF MOTION

SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR: Cr Jenny McKay

COUNCIL MEETING: Ordinary 18 June 2015

I hereby notify of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting to take place on Thursday, 18 June 2015:

That Council request the Chief Executive Officer write to the Premier of Queensland seeking the withdrawal from sale of the property known as 'Minburi', located at 280 Newspaper Hill Road, Belli Park and that the extension of the lease over this property be reviewed with the Mimburi Upper Mary Aboriginal Association.



10/6/2015

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Councillor

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Date

To all Councillors and Executive Directors:

I hereby notify that Cr Jenny McKay intends to move the motion as shown above at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 18 June 2015.



10.6.2015

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Chief Executive Officer

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Date

COUNCILLOR COMMENTS:

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 significant, 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 detailed 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 3 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 change-over of State Government in 2014 this verbal commitment was not actioned.

The land is now for sale by the Queensland State Government as part of a commitment to return land to private ownership and revitalise the Mary Valley and stabilize the community. However, the Mimburi Upper Mary Aboriginal Association are seeking Council's support to halt the sale of this property and request that the Queensland State Government review the Association's lease or potentially gift the land to the Association.