

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR:** Councillor J McKay

**COUNCIL MEETING:** Ordinary Meeting 23 March 2017

**I hereby notify of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting to take place on Thursday 23 March 2017:**

**That Council:**

*Move that the Chief Executive Officer:*

- (a) Request a report to the June Ordinary Meeting addressing the public safety issues at Gardiner's Falls, Maleny and consider the installation of appropriate road infrastructure to allow unimpeded access for ambulances and other emergency vehicles to the car park area at Gardner's Falls*
- (b) Examine the potential for closing the car parking area at night to prevent camping and anti-social behaviour*
- (c) Investigate the creation of a management plan for Gardner's Falls which will ensure the ongoing safety of the public and help to restrict anti-social behaviour, enabling council to meet its duty of care.*

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Councillor *J McKay*

*10 March 2017*  
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Date

**To all Councillors and Directors**

I hereby notify that Councillor J McKay intends to move the motion as shown above at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 23 March 2017.

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Chief Executive Officer

*16/3/17*  
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Date

## **COUNCILLOR COMMENT**

It has been drawn to my attention by local residents and tourism providers that the lovely Gardner's Falls, Maleny – a well-known tourism spot in the hinterland is in a very rundown and unmaintained state. Unfortunately, due to its popularity it has become over-loved and as a result a number of incidents have occurred that have caused public safety concern. These activities, coupled with the dual state and local government responsibility; requires that a report come before council to address and manage these issues.

There is public concern that the area is being used for overnight camping, encouraging drinking and resulting in broken bottles and rubbish being left with other waste and left onsite. This situation brings additional concerns with parking and providing a safe entry for emergency vehicles.

As winter is approaching, this is an ideal time to address the issues as there is less public use of the reserve.