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State Sells Alan Fletcher Research Station

The Newman State Government has erected for sale signs on the 6.3 hectare Alan Fletcher Research Station site in Magazine Street Sherwood.

Councillor Johnston said she was disappointed that local member and minister, Scott Emerson, campaigned to preserve the site in Opposition but now in Government supports the sale.

“Sadly the State Government’s marketing materials are pushing small lot residential development on this significant site. They have simply given a green light to developers and will no doubt sell out to the highest bidder,” Councillor Johnston said.

“Nowhere in the online marketing materials does the State Government even mention the parkland and community use requirements.”

Councillor Johnston said the community had fought hard to prevent inappropriate development on the site through the Sherwood Graceville Neighbourhood Plan.

“Council introduced some development controls but ignored the almost 200 hundred submissions from residents who wanted the land zoned as parkland and for community use.”

The Neighbourhood Plan does require:

- an approved masterplan for the site;
- allows small lot 450sqm blocks;
- public parkland along the riverfront including;
- a landscaped buffer zone to the parkland and street frontages;
- bicycle links.

Any future development will be required to go through Council’s development assessment process.

Councillor Johnston said together with local community groups and residents she would fight hard to ensure that any future development on the site strictly met local and city planning requirements.

For sale details are located on the Savills website here:

<http://commercialpropertysearch.savills.com.au/SearchDetailPlainNewMP.aspx?id=138176&jt=ForSale&com=False&ret=False&ind=False&lan=False&addr=27MagazineStreetSherwoodQLD4075>

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