



Minister for Housing and Public Works

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Mr Carl Judge MP
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Dear Mr Judge *Carl*

Thank you for your letter of 6 August 2013 regarding the future use of the former RSPCA site at Yeronga.

This issue has been ongoing for some time and I can understand why you and your constituents are keen to have it resolved as quickly as possible.

I can confirm that staff from my department have been in discussion with Brisbane City Council (Council) officers about the possible transfer of a 3,370m² portion of the site. The intent was that this land would be amalgamated into the adjoining Reserve for Park and Recreation purposes, for which Council acts as Trustee. Council would then liaise with the South Brisbane District Junior Cricket Club in regards to that Club's request to expand the existing cricket field, located on the adjoining Reserve land.

I have been told Council has advised my department it will not consider accepting this portion of the former RSPCA site in trust due to the significant cost to rehabilitate the site for use as sporting fields. Given Council's position this parcel will now be offered on the open market as part of the larger lot.

Thank you for your patience while this matter is being addressed. If I can be of assistance with other matters within my portfolio, please contact my office on telephone 07 3237 1832.

Yours sincerely

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