

Tennyson Ward Office

From: Tennyson Ward Office
Sent: Wednesday, 28 August 2024 11:24 AM
To: INFO (QRA)
Cc: Miller Electorate Office
Subject: Att Maj General Jake Ellwood Ret, CEOm QRA re Cactoblastis Corner Sherwood
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Dear Major General Ellwood,

Hi Jake,

As you will recall I wrote to you last year regarding remediation of the Cactoblastis Corner Park in Sherwood. A small but mighty riverside Park with high ecological value on the Brisbane River near the Sherwood Arboretum.

As you know the park was affected by a major landslip and has been catastrophically damaged. This is not Council's fault but as the land manager their neglect over the past 2.5 years has been appalling and has left our community in limbo, particularly those residents whose homes adjoin the site.

In your last advice attached, you noted that funds had been approved for Council to undertake work which was expected this year.

Sadly, Council has now confirmed they will do nothing to remediate the site and the parkland has been abandoned in a terrible state. This is in stark contrast to their extraordinary efforts on the northside to remediate Kedron Brook.

Even worse, last night the Council used their majority to move a motion to relinquish the Trusteeship which will see the park returned to the State as unallocated State land. The future of the site is very unclear. This was very unexpected and there was no consultation with me, residents, the State member nor the State Government to my knowledge. Council has just abandoned responsibility for the site.

I am seeking your advice and support for the QRA to step in to undertake the remediation project. It may be the QRA has the capacity to take on the land in Trust but if not as the project manager for this important remediation project.

I would be happy to meet with you and your team on-site to discuss possible options. I've also copied in Mark Bailey the State Member for Miller as this will be a problem the State inherits.

I look forward to hearing from you and I hope that we can work together to find a solution for Sherwood residents.

Regards

Nicole Johnston
Councillor for Tennyson Ward



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