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John-Paul

I heard your interview on ABC Radio National 612 AM 29/4/13... on behaviour contracts and future planning/ master planning for schools.

I am simultaneously sending a separate email to your office at [surfers.paradise@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:surfers.paradise@parliament.qld.gov.au) on an admin matter – reference “Website and Internet Rankings and presentation” – one response, and noting for attention corrections required.

I have a comment on Education, as follows:

**BEWARE THE LAND GRAB, How much open space do we preserve?**

Schools are open space. Schools are community resources. Schools need to be central to communities. Schools are central to an holistic education process.

Schools have a history, a present and a future. Schools have been located in our communities with foresight. Schools are works in progress, forever evolving, building on foundations. Small schools are the building blocks of future growth areas. If there is no school in the area, opportunities for development are limited, families don't settle. Communities need to be balanced with a mix of age groups and opportunities for participation by all members of the community.

Broadbeach needs its school. Any school with three ovals is not space to be taken. (case in Brisbane reported this week)

The open space around a school is invaluable. How do schools manage their open space? Think ....Playgrounds, sportsgrounds, open space, security, return to nature to de-stress. How do schools manage their sports grounds? School operating costs, travel time, green house gases, travel to stadiums and centres, sources of school funding.

A case in point ....

Southport State School was relocated to make way for Southport Central. The outcome has been positive for the school, but there are advantages and disadvantages. The School has ended up with more space and resources being located adjacent to Owen Park. ...Can the Gold Coast Show be squeezed into Owen Park on Loders Creek? Where's the room to grow? The space is being crowded. The new Anzac memorial on the Broadwater - how many does it accommodate, it is a make do for one day of the year, a park for other purposes? The development of Southport

Central on the old Southport School site has been challenging, but it is generally thought to be in the right direction. The carpark at the Library and the park on Lawson Street opposite Southport Central are essential open space.

**Musgrave Hill and the Special School** facilities are likely at risk because of the proposed Parklands Development. The open space at Parklands with its school and park buffers are unique. The open space is irreplaceable. The multiple purpose use and its flexibility and its capability to accommodate large and varying groups is unique. Broadwater Parklands is at risk from Development of the Spit and Wavebreak Island. Broadwater Parklands are being extended by land reclamation. Broadwater Parklands is at risk of water inundation. Broadwater Parklands is not a replacement for Parklands. Parklands, an open air amphitheatre in the lie of the land and exhibition space with decades of infrastructure in place, is at risk of being demolished and totally wasted, annihilation of progress, disruption to progress, waste of the site.

Health and Knowledge Precinct – conference facilities, meeting rooms, communications and technology resources, business hotel and serviced apartments/ onsite accommodation. A very special exception, one very high rise for a Games Village to be converted to a Health and Knowledge Precinct might be compatible with existing use. (think theme -- not head in the clouds, but supersonic, the future of the cloud, aiming high). All open space must remain. Some concession at Parklands has been made. How many more concessions are made, where does it stop – when all the open space is gone!

Now is the time to recognise the value of open space and to make fixed arrangements to preserve the open space amid the areas marked for development.

Parklands Gold Coast does not belong to the Hospital nor to the University nor to any other. Hospital and University already have a lot of other land. (Does the Hospital belong to the Community? Does the University belong to the Community? Who do they serve?) Who makes the rules? Community assets and resources do not belong to the Government to do with as they see fit over-riding the wishes of the community.

Parklands belongs to the community, as does the School and the Park and the amenity of Musgrave Hill and of the entire Parklands Gold Coast site.

A case in point .... Food for Thought!

Regards

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Dear s.47(3)(b) - Contrary

Thank you for your email dated 3 May 2013 to the Honourable John-Paul Langbroek MP, Minister for Education, Training and Employment regarding open space and future and master planning for schools. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The time you have taken to write to the Minister about these issues is appreciated and I note your concerns regarding the preservation of open spaces.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment recognises the important role schools play in the wider community, including the overall provision of open and green space within the urban frame. In managing school facilities and land, it is vital that the Department acts responsibly to ensure all of its sites are both protected for community use and also used to their maximum potential, while also ensuring funding can be directed to school communities in Queensland where it is most needed.

In relation to your concern regarding Broadbeach State School, I can assure you that this school has not been proposed for closure in the Department's 2013 *School Viability Assessment*.

Additionally, with regard to your concerns about the impact of the Parklands Development on Musgrave Hill State School, I can confirm that the school site will not be impacted by the development. The school site sits outside of the Priority Development Area (PDA), which is an area that has been declared by the State Government to facilitate the development of land for economic or community purposes. The Parklands PDA can be viewed online on the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning's website at <http://www.dsdip.qld.gov.au/infrastructure-and-planning/parklands.html>.

Your examples provided regarding the community use of various Gold Coast sites including Anzac Memorial and Owen Park have been noted. Should you have any further queries regarding education facilities, I invite you to contact Mr Joe Willis, Director Infrastructure Strategy by email at [Joe.f.willis@dete.qld.gov.au](mailto:Joe.f.willis@dete.qld.gov.au) or on telephone 32371902.

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