



Background – Phil Ward Reserve:

- State Government land vested in the City
- An adjoining owner approached DPLH requesting to purchase the land
- 2019 – DPLH requested Council's position on relinquishing reserve vesting
- July 2019 – Council did not support the support the relinquishing of reserve vesting – DPLH advised.
- The DPLH / Minister for Lands are still considering the request for disposal of the reserve
- The DPLH is aware that Council do not support the relinquishment





Petition :

1. Refuse to allow aged care developer to engage with community, obtain development approval ...

Response – Council have advised DPLH that land disposal is not supported. Council however cant restrict the aged care operator from engaging with community or lodging a DA

2. Rezone Phil Ward Park to POS

Response – This is an option for Council to consider. The land does not respond well to technical requirements for a park. There is also substantial open space in the locality.

3. Improve Phil Ward Reserve with reticulation and equipment..

Response – Technically the site is not well suited to being a park, there is alternative open space in the locality, there are costs associated with upgrading – also improvements would need to be removed if the State Government decided to sell the land



Recommendation (summary):

Petitioners be advised that:

- The Council has previously resolved not to support the relinquishment of management order/disposal of the land – the decision of whether or not to dispose of the land will be made by the State Government
- Whilst the Council doesn't support the disposal of the land – the Council cant prevent the aged care operator from engaging with community or submitting a development application should they acquire the land.
- Rezoning of the land is not supported at this time given the area is not deficient in open space and as this site doesn't meet many technical requirements for parkland – a rezoning remains an option for Council as long as those deficiencies are understood.
- Upgrading the site as a park is not recommended ahead of the State government decision – and also as the land is not well suited to a park