

Tabled by Tim Mulhern MP at the  
THLGC estimates hearing on 18-10-12.  
Cr Gucki



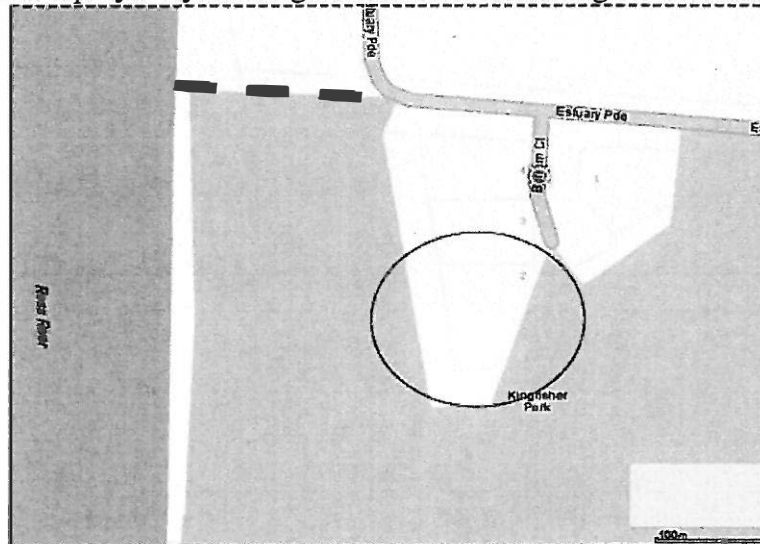
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**Owners of the three properties have returned an extensive area behind the locked, double gate and a child's play house, vegetable garden and sandpit have been constructed.**  
**[REDACTED] resident Mark Barber said he co-wrote to council reporting vandalism of sprinklers and theft from his property.**  
**Mr Burton confirmed council was contacted by letter and it was decided to instal a 1.8m high by 11m long fence stretching from the front property's corner boundary to the river.**  
**``The fenced land is a designated easement held by Townsville Water (formerly Townsville/Thuringowa Water Supply Board) and is used to carry pipes and infrastructure to the water treatment plant," he said.**  
**``It is not dedicated public open space and is not part of any formal pathway network.**  
**``The fenced area includes gate access to the easement to allow council staff to maintain routine checks on its infrastructure."**  
**Cr Hill said council's response is very disappointing.**  
**``There is no doubt the establishment of the fence should have gone through council as the green-space in question is public land," she said.**  
**The Townsville Sun contacted Cr Crisafulli who denied any involvement.**  
**``I deliberately distanced myself from this process given my role with council," he said.**  
**``It is sad that Cr Hill would seek to drag my family and my neighbours into the mud for her grubby political games."**  
**Cr Hill said council's response also conflicted with Riverway's management plan which prohibits properties to have exclusive access to the river.**  
**``I was on the board of the original Riverway Development Committee and we developed a policy where no property was to have access to the river," she said**

Rivergate.....Is our Deputy Mayor living on the land that belongs to the common people?



The constructed fence (red dotted line) and Cr Crisafulli's house on the river

Story: Craig Mc Donald

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### **Is this the ultimate case of it's not what you know but who you are and who you know?**

A scandal is unfolding on the riverbanks of Ross River with the Townsville Sun Newspaper reporting that Deputy Mayor David Crisafulli may have been re locating some boundaries of the non-electoral kind recently.

Dubbed 'Rivergate', it is reported by the Sun that Cr Crisafulli may have been involved in the construction of a fence which denies access to other Townsville residents to an area of public land fronting the river.

It is also fairly obvious looking at the plan above that his property (circled) is one of the greatest beneficiaries of the fence (dotted red line) being constructed creating a larger than normal backyard with prime river frontage.

An excerpt from the story appears below. Read the full story and view the pics in the Townsville Sun.

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