



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR CLAYFIELD**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Hummingbird House; Clayfield Electorate, Windsor Development**

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (2.54 pm): I would like to associate myself with the comments of the member for Oodgeroo about Hummingbird House. It is a tremendous operation. I was privileged to be at the opening of Hummingbird House and I have constantly supported it. I think it has the support of all sides of politics for the great work it does in some of the most awful and difficult of circumstances for families.

Windsor is a wonderful residential neighbourhood in the Clayfield electorate that was recently included in my electorate as a result of the boundary redistribution. It faces challenges. It is close to the city. It is bounded by Enoggera Creek, the Ferny Grove railway line, Lutwyche Road and Bowen Bridge Road. It is serviced by many facilities including the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and others, but it faces challenges from growth.

On the corner of Le Geyt Street and Gennon Street in Windsor is a block of land that has remained vacant and overgrown with grass. The North Brisbane Bikeway runs along the eastern side with the Ferny Grove train line to the east. Located next to Enoggera Creek, this land is prone to flooding and was last flooded in 2011. Today I want to bring the attention of the House to this vacant land because it is owned by the Department of Transport and Main Roads. I want to speak about this because, with no community consultation, it appears that the department has gone and marked this block with survey pegs. The land is already subdivided.

After hearing from concerned residents of this tight-knit community, particularly around Enoggera Creek and Le Geyt Street, Councillor David McLachlan from the Hamilton ward and I have been investigating. Residents fear that the minister is planning an asset sale. On 25 March I sent a letter to the minister asking him to come clean about the government's plans for this land. Windsor residents do not want to see housing on this site. The community has had enough of it. I conducted a local survey, and the community has been loud and clear on what they want and what they deserve, and that is for this land to be transferred to the Brisbane City Council for the purposes of green space and parkland. They do not want to see more housing development in this area. They want to see the environment preserved and this area transformed into a recreational space that can be utilised by the whole community—whether that is a kids' playground, a dog off-leash area or green space with public gym activities.

In 2017 Councillor McLachlan reached out to Minister Grace Grace, the then state member for this area, as it was in her electorate. Councillor McLachlan suggested at that time that the land be transferred to the council so a park could be delivered to the Windsor community. Unfortunately, Minister Grace Grace never responded. The land has remained vacant until recently marked with the survey pegs, as I have indicated.

The minister and the department must come clean with local residents. They are concerned that this land will be sold off. They are concerned that, without consulting with them, it will be turned into more high-density residential housing in what is a low-density residential area. The land floods. It is bounded by the bikeway and the Ferny Grove line. The minister should explain to residents what is required—

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