

Question on Notice
No. 613
Asked on 10 May 2005

QUESTION:

MR HAYWARD ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE ARTS (MS BLIGH) –

With reference to the importance of a new primary school to service the rapidly growing population of Burpengary –

Will she advise on progress for land acquisition to locate the school?

ANSWER:

The Department of Education and the Arts (DEA) completed concise investigation of the Burpengary West area, to identify a suitable site to accommodate a new State Primary School facility to relieve the existing Burpengary State Primary School.

The site identified that best meets DEA's criteria is located on the corner of Kurrajong Drive, Rowley Road and Hutton Road, Burpengary West. This site consists of five rural/residential lots, accommodating four owner occupied residences. This identified site ideally satisfies DEA's requirements in terms of student catchment and accessibility, topographical perspectives and the practicalities of land availability and centrality within the local area. In coming to this conclusion, DEA considered 4 other sites in the area.

On 16 March 2005, Department of Natural Resources & Mines (DNRM) forwarded letters to the five (5) registered property owners expressing the States interest in acquiring their properties. DNRM on behalf of DEA, forwarded a 'Notice of Intention To Resume' letter dated 22 April 2005 to all the respective property owners, in an endeavour to secure the lots for future school purposes.

Under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*, the respective land owners were given the opportunity to object to the taking of the land by 31 May 2005.

One formal objection was received by DNRM from the legal representatives of the owners of Lot 5 who originally expressed their willingness to sell. This objection was based on the grounds of:

- (1) The owner's view that the school is not needed;
- (2) The owner's sub-divisional application approval; and
- (3) The owner's view that other properties were considered suitable for resumption.

This objection is currently being considered by the Department of Education and the Arts.