

Question on Notice

No. 61

Asked on 24 February 2021

MRS L GERBER asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the 148 hectare eco-tourism election promise to acquire the site known to locals as 'Martha's Vineyard' in Currumbin Valley and turn it into eco-parkland—

Will the Deputy Premier advise (a) the amount of money set aside for the acquisition of the property, (b) if negotiations have commenced with the current owner, (c) if the State Government intends to acquire the land through compulsory acquisition if negotiations break down and (d) has the Gold Coast City Council agreed to partner with the State Government on the project?

ANSWER:

- (a) In October 2020, the Palaszczuk Government committed to considering all options to acquire the site known as 'Martha's Vineyard' in the Currumbin Valley to transform it into an eco park.
- (b) Discussions have commenced with the landowner.
- (c) As these discussions are ongoing it is not appropriate to comment on a proposed acquisition strategy or funding.
- (d) In late February I wrote to Mayor Tom Tate about working with Gold Coast City Council on this initiative.