

Question on Notice

No. 860

Asked on Thursday, 17 June 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 election promise to acquire the site known as 'Martha's Vineyard' in Currumbin Valley and turn it into an eco-park—

Will the Deputy Premier advise (a) who is leading the discussions with the landowner and what government department/agency or other organisation they represent, (b) considering the land was purchased by the landowner for \$15.25m in 2019 and Labor only allocated \$500,000 to acquiring the land in last year's budget, and no funding has been allocated to this project in the 2021-2022 budget, how does the government propose to acquire the land and (c) what is the government's plan should the landowner start the housing development on the site under the current development application?

ANSWER:

I refer the Member to the answer to Question on Notice 61 asked on 24 February 2021.

Late last year, I tasked Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) within my department, with investigating all options for the State to acquire Martha's Farm and transform the land into the eco-parkland.

Since the beginning of 2021, EDQ officers have undertaken commercial negotiations with the current landowners in an attempt to secure the site's future. Unfortunately, a commercial agreement has not been reached, and government has commenced a process to compulsorily acquire the land.

EDQ officers remain open to a commercial resolution with the landowner.

Funding has been allocated for site acquisition and is available when required.