

Question on Notice

No. 34

Asked on Tuesday, 13 February 2024

MS S BOLTON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the government owned land and associated infrastructure at 60 Fellowship Drive Doonan still sitting idle—

Will the Minister intervene and as previously requested transition the site for the provision of emergency temporary accommodations until identified projects are constructed?

ANSWER:

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council (Council) is Trustee of 60 Fellowship Drive, Doonan (Doonan Reserve) (the Site) which is a Reserve for Environment Park, Public Halls, Recreation and Sporting purposes.

In 2023, Council called for tenders seeking a 10-year trustee lease over the Site for use in accordance with the existing purposes. It is understood that no lease was entered into following this process.

The Site is considered unsuitable for the development of social housing due to the current zoning (Community Facilities) and the reserve purpose which is incompatible for residential redevelopment. Housing development on the property would be further constrained by vegetation protection, bushfire hazard, koala habitat and flood planning scheme overlays.

When acquiring properties for the development of social housing, opportunities are assessed against the department's acquisition criteria. An important consideration under the criteria is the proximity to amenities and essential services for tenants. The Site is some distance from amenity and the department would target properties that are better located for tenant needs.