



The Hon. Teresa Gambaro, MP
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence



Councillor Campbell Newman
Lord Mayor of Brisbane

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FEDS JOIN MAYOR TO PRESERVE 'POOH CORNER'

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, the Hon Teresa Gambaro, MP and Brisbane Lord Mayor, Councillor Campbell Newman today jointly announced plans to save 'Pooh Corner', by transferring ownership from the Department of Defence to the Brisbane City Council.

"The Commonwealth has always recognised the ecological significance of Pooh Corner and I am heartened by Lord Mayor Campbell Newman's proactive approach in working with the Commonwealth to ensure the ongoing protection of this land," Ms Gambaro said.

"I have listened to what Cr Newman has said about the importance of this land and am now prepared to look at a concessional sale to the Brisbane City Council."

"While we sort out the details of this sale, I have instructed my department to temporarily withdraw the property from the market in accordance with the Commonwealth Property Disposal Policy," Ms Gambaro said.

Cr Newman confirmed that Council would be making a submission to buy the land, in order to preserve its long-term ecological significance.

"The Commonwealth Government has demonstrated a high level of commitment to environmental principles by its decision to withdraw Pooh Corner from the market while it considers Council's submission," Cr Newman said.

"I am working with the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence, Teresa Gambaro MP, to ensure Brisbane's future interests are best served and the environmental values and ecological principles of this land are maintained."

"Offering a great quality of life, Brisbane has the highest population growth and most exciting development potential in Australia. If we are to effectively manage increased population growth and demand, while preserving our prized quality of life, we will need to secure and then preserve and maintain Brisbane's bushlands, waterways and greenspaces," Cr Newman said.

"The Parliamentary Secretary has shown a great willingness to work with me to find a way of saving this land."

"I think we are very lucky to have a Brisbane-based MP in this role," Cr Newman said.

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