

Report for Public Consultation

Proposal to revoke the classification of Community Land of 'Princes Road Reserve', Greenacres

Introduction

What is community land

Most land that is owned by Council or under its care and control is set aside for the public to use and enjoy.

All local government land (except roads) that is owned by Council or is under the care, control and management of Council is **Community Land** under the *Local Government Act 1999*, unless it has been exempted through legislation, excluded by resolution of Council or the classification has been revoked.

This land is classified as "Community Land" to make sure it is looked after for the benefit of the whole community and to reflect that some land has special meaning to locals because of important cultural or historic features. Council is responsible for actively managing this land.

Council's overall goal is to create a vibrant and attractive city that is well-planned, with safe and healthy places to live, work and play. When it plans ahead, Council takes into account changing population demographics (in particular ageing), changing community needs and shifts in leisure trends such as the increasing demand for structured recreation activities.

Over time community expectations and priorities change about how Community Land should be used and there are competing demands for its use. Council needs to consider all of these demands and the best way to use ratepayers' money in a way that benefits the most people.

Sometimes Council needs to consider whether it is in the long term interests of the community that the protection of a parcel of land under the classification of Community Land should continue. Council (in consultation with the community) may decide that such protection under this classification is no longer required, to enable the land to be sold and the proceeds used for another community purpose, such as the building of a community facility.

How is community land revoked

The Local Government Act 1999 contains important restrictions on the ability of Council to revoke and sell its Community Land. Community Land cannot be sold without first consulting with the broader community and giving the public an opportunity to consider any proposal to sell the land. Council must take into account the views and opinions of the public when Council makes its decision as to whether it will revoke the Community Land status of the land.

There is a further step in the process. The Minister for Planning and Local Government must also consider the overall merits of the proposal and decide whether to consent to the revocation and sale and give Council the authority to proceed.

What is the process

Section 194 of the *Local Government Act 1999* requires Council to prepare a report on a proposal to revoke the Community Land classification of any land and to place that report on display and follow the steps set out in its public consultation policy before considering any submissions and submitting the proposal to the Minister for Planning and Local Government for decision. The report describes the proposal, the reasons behind it, where the land is located and the possible future use of the land.

What happens to my feedback

Details about the revocation proposal can be seen on Council's website or at Council's offices. Council staff will submit the proposal and report on consultation to Council for consideration.

Any person providing written feedback is required to include their name, address and contact information and together with the comments, these details will be treated as a public document upon receipt.

A copy of any written feedback is included in the report that will be presented to the elected members of Council. Council's response to the issues raised is also included in this report.

Council members must consider what the community has to say about the proposal, when they decide whether to make an application to the Minister for his approval.

Council staff may recommend that the classification of the land be revoked at a meeting of Council. Council may decide not to proceed any further. The decision is up to the elected members of Council.

What is the role of the Minister

If Council decides to apply for the Minister's approval, a report must be provided to the Minister that includes a copy of every public submission made during the course of the public consultation and a report on all submissions. The process of consulting the public and its results is an important factor in the Minister's decision whether to approve the proposal or not. The Minister has the discretion to decide one way or the other.

If the Minister approves Council's application - this consent gives Council the authority to pass a resolution to revoke the classification of the land as Community Land. Once that resolution is made at a meeting of Council, then the sale process can start.

The revocation of the Community Land classification does not take effect unless Council makes a resolution to give effect to the proposal. Council may decide that it does not wish to proceed with the resolution.

If Council resolves to revoke the classification, the land is freed from any dedication, reservation or trust affecting the land (other than under the *Crown Lands Act 1929*).

Report for public consultation

This Report:

- Describes the proposal
- Provides the reasons for the proposal
- Identifies the land and where it is located
- Provides a location plan.

Proposed revocation of 'Princes Road Reserve' and closure of portion of Princes Road adjacent to 66-80 Princes Road, Greenacres

Section 194 of the Local Government Act 1999

Report on the proposal to revoke the Community Land classification of Allotment 105 in Deposited Plan 7922 being the land comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 3471 Folio 133

Legal description of the land

The land that is being considered for revocation is owned by Council and is known as the 'Princes Road Reserve' at Greenacres ('the Reserve').

The parcel of land is described as Allotment 105 in Deposited Plan 7922 being portion of the land contained in partially cancelled Certificate of Title Volume 3471 Folio 133. The total size of the Reserve is approximately 1,000 square metres.

Where is the land that is being considered for revocation

The Reserve is located near the St Martins Catholic Primary School at 66-80 Princess Road, Greenacres ('the School'). The location of the site is shown on the aerial photograph below.



Location plan

Proposal to close portion of Princes Road that surrounds the reserve

Catholic Education South Australia has also approached Council to close portion of Princes Road adjacent to the School and surrounding the Reserve, to create an area of safety for families to drop off and collect their children to cater for the expected increase in students with the expansion of the facilities.

More specifically the portion of Princes Road that is proposed for closure is contained in Allotment 106 in Deposited Plan 7922 being part of the land contained in partially cancelled Certificate of Title Volume 3471 Folio 133. Land Services SA has confirmed that Allotment 106 was originally created as part of Princes Road and was vested as a road in the Corporation of the City of Enfield in 1967.

The portion of Princes Road that is proposed for closure is identified on the following plan as the area labelled 'A".

This roadway would need to be closed under the procedure of the *Roads (Opening and Closing) Act* 1991 before it can be transferred to a third party.



Photographs of the site





Reasons for the revocation proposal

Council has been approached by Catholic Education South Australia who is interested in purchasing the Reserve as the School is expanding its educational facilities and needs an area for additional staff car parking to support its expanded school facilities.

Current use

The Reserve is currently accessible for the general public but given its size and that it is surrounded by a public road, the functionality and utility of the Reserve is diminished. The Reserve provides some open space amenity for the local community.

What is the zoning of the land and surrounds

The Reserve is located within the Residential Zone and the Residential East Policy Area, as delineated in the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Development Plan.

How is the land classified?

The Reserve is listed in the 'Community Land Management Plan Passive Recreation Reserves' (adopted 10 December 2019)(Appendix 1 – Schedule of Land; page 31).

What could happen on the Reserve if it is revoked

Depending on the response from the community and the approval of the Minister for Planning and Local Government, Council intends to sell the Reserve to the Catholic Endowment Society Incorporated by private negotiation. Council will seek to maximise the sale value for the land.

How the council proposes to use the proceeds of the sale of the revoked land

Council intends to place the proceeds of sale of the Reserve and the portion of closed road into general revenue and use the funds towards the upgrade and modernisation of existing community facilities across the Council area and reduce the need to borrow money to do so.

It does not appear that there has been government assistance to acquire the Reserve as it was vested to the Corporation of the City of Enfield in 1967 by virtue of the *Town Planning Act 1929-1963* probably as a condition of approval for the subdivision by the South Australian Housing Trust.

How will the proposal affect the local community

The revocation proposal will assist the School in expanding the educational facilities offered to the local community and more widely by providing an area for car parking to support the larger facility. However, the proposal will reduce the amount of functional open space within the Council area.

The proposal to close the road adjacent to the School and surrounding the Reserve to create an area of safety for families to drop off and collect their children will have a positive impact on the functioning of the School and the safety of children and parents.

There may be a loss of some of the trees that exist on the Reserve if development approval is given to the establishment of a car park. Any regulated or significant trees on the land would be subject to planning controls and consideration would be given to any tree damaging activity to these particular trees. The normal planning assessment process would consider the design and layout of the car park, the health, condition and structure of the existing trees and what replacement trees and shrubs are proposed to minimise any significant impact on the landscape. An assessment would be made as to which trees are worthy of retention and which trees could be removed.

What is the history behind this land

The Reserve is in the ownership of Council (in fee simple) and is contained in a partially cancelled Certificate of Title Volume 3471 Folio 133.

Certificate of Title Volume 3471 Folio 133 was issued to the South Australian Housing Trust on 9 February 1967. A subdivision was subsequently approved and the balance of the land being Reserves 'A' and 'B', Whysall Road, the Walkway, Princes Road and Redward Road was vested in the Corporation of the City of Enfield in 1967 by virtue of section 14(1) of the *Town Planning Act* 1929-1963.

Section 14(1) of the *Town Planning Act 1929-1963* provided that when any plan of subdivision was deposited in the Lands Titles Registration Office every road, street, thoroughfare, reserve or other like open space shown on that plan shall be vested for the purpose indicated on the plan in fee simple by virtue of that Act in the Council of the area in which it was situated.

As Allotment 105 is designated in Deposited Plan 7922 as Reserve 'B', the parcel of land vested in the Corporation of the City of Enfield for the purposes of a reserve.

Are there any registered interests over the land?

There does not appear to be any easements or other registered interests over Allotment 105.

Dedication, reservation or trust to which the land is subject

The Reserve is held by the City of Port Adelaide Enfield by what is known as a 'fee simple' ownership. The Reserve does not appear to be subject to any known Crown Land dedication, reservation or trust.

Have Your Say

Council wants to hear what you have to say, good or bad. You are invited to make a submission on the proposed revocation of community land classification.

Your submission must be made in writing headed 'Community Land Revocation – Princes Road Reserve, Greenacres', and include your name, address and contact information. Please note, all submissions will become public documents upon receipt.

Your feedback is important, it will be reported to a Council Meeting after the close of the consultation, and will be used to guide our decision making in relation to the proposal. Submissions can be emailed to consultation@cityofpae.sa.gov.au, posted to PO Box 110, Port Adelaide SA 5015, or hand delivered to the Civic Centre at 163 St Vincent Street, Port Adelaide.

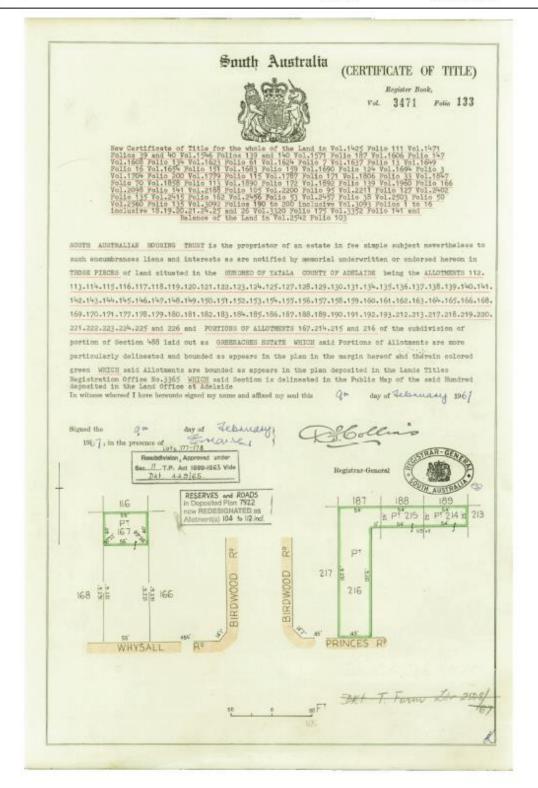
If you need any further information please contact Council's Community and Commercial Property Team on telephone 08 8405 6600 or send an email to consultation@cityofpae.sa.gov.au.

Certificate of Title for the land being considered for revocation



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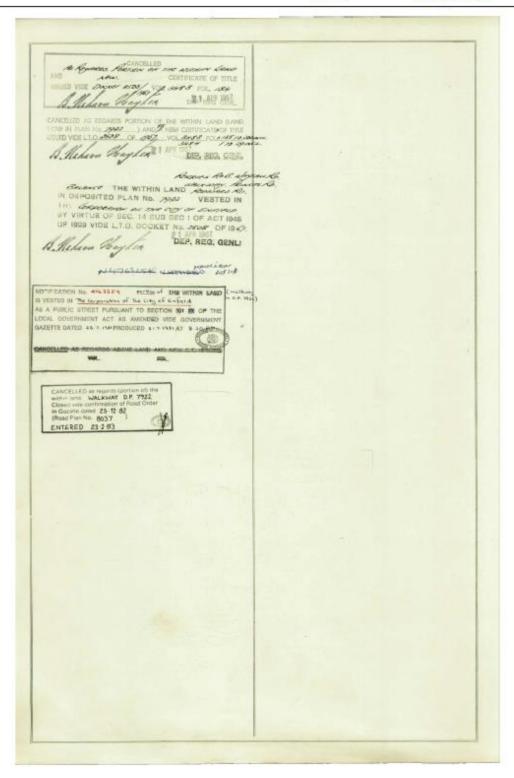
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Administrative Interests

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