

**Re: Proposed Golf Course and Residential Development at Minnippi West
A Significant Site as listed in the Brisbane City Council Natural Assets Register**

Minnippi West is 125 hectares of public owned land designated Sport and Recreation and Park, at Cannon Hill, 8kms from the CBD. The site contains Endangered and Of Concern remnant ecosystems, conservation grade wetlands, Significant fauna species and bushland habitat listed as State Significant. If you do not agree with BCC and developer BMD's intentions to build an 18 hole golf course and a residential development on the site, please write to:

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- Listed as a Significant Site in the Brisbane City Council Natural Assets Register.
- Contains Endangered and Of Concern remnant vegetation.
- BCC has stated, "*The bushland habitat on the site is listed as State Significant using the SEQROC endorsed Common Nature Conservation Classification System (CNCCS) due to the presence of fauna species listed as **Rare** under the Nature Conservation Act including the **Grey Goshawk**.*"
- Supports many Significant fauna species (including Squirrel gliders and Koalas, Grey-headed Flying fox, migratory birds).
- Has been described by council: "*The wetland system on the site is the largest intact freshwater wetland system outside Boondall and Bayside Parklands.*"
- Soils contain "High" levels of acid sulphate, which when disturbed risk environmental damage to Bulimba Creek, Brisbane River, Moreton Bay.
- Golf course will require extensive remodelling of site situated in a floodplain.

Residents who pay a compulsory Environment Levy and a Bushland Preservation Levy ask:

- Why is council proposing a high impact development on this Significant Site?
- Why did council ignore the findings of the *Squirrel Glider Impact Analysis and Amelioration Strategy*, Sharpe & Burgess, April 2002, which concluded, "only the no development option attained the criteria", in protecting the BCC Significant Species, the Squirrel gliders at Minnippi?
- Why is council proposing development that will result in the net loss of Significant fauna habitat, conservation grade wetlands, Endangered and Of Concern Regional Ecosystems and public open space through the residential development (which will be sold), high impact access road and golf course, when residents are subjected to the compulsory Bushland Preservation Levy that is used to buy land of significant environmental value?
- Why does council refuse to spend public Environment Levy money rehabilitating this Significant Site?
- Why has council not only not maintained this Significant Site, but leased it for adjustment which has prevented natural regeneration?
- Why was the community not told of the significance of the site in council's and BMD's "community consultation"?

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