
**MM32/13 SMALLS ROAD RYDE - The Mayor, Councillor Roy
Maggio**

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I am pleased to inform Council that the State Government has agreed not to sell the land at 3A and 3B Smalls Road, Ryde and has offered to negotiate with Council for a short to medium term license for community use of the land. This is a fantastic outcome for the City of Ryde community.

As you will recall arising from a Notice of Motion put forward by me on 23 April 2013, Council resolved:

- (a) That the Acting General Manager write to the Minister for Lands, the Hon. Gregory Pearce requesting to approve an amendment to Section 34 (a) of the Crown Lands Act 1989 to allow for approved relevant interest to lease the Smalls Road playing fields under the control of Council.*
- (b) That a meeting be organised with the Minister Gregory Pearce, Member of Ryde Victor Dominello, Acting General Manager and relevant staff, interested Councillors and 2 members of the interested activist group to discuss a way forward for the utilisation of the existing sporting fields.*

Council's leadership coupled with a concerted effort by the community; especially the Concerned Residents Action Group and our local member The Hon. Victor Dominello, has succeeded in Council gaining access to the much needed open space for the community.

I would like to extend my appreciation to the members of the Concerned Residents Action Group for their hard work and commitment to retaining the Smalls Road site. I would like to especially acknowledge and thank our Local Member for Ryde, Mr Victor Dominello for his efforts and support.

I propose that Council request the Acting General Manager progress the License negotiations with the relevant State Government Department to gain access to the Smalls Road land for community use.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the Mayor write to the Local Member for Ryde, Mr Victor Dominello MP, and the Smalls Road Concerned Residents Action Group thanking them for their commitment and efforts in achieving this outcome.*

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- (b) That the Mayor write to the Hon. Andrew Constance MP, Minister for Finance and Services, thanking him for his decision to retain the Smalls Road lands for public and community use and seeking a meeting, together with the Acting General Manager, to discuss this matter.
- (c) That Council endorse the Acting General Manager to negotiate with Government Property NSW in finalising a suitable license for community use of 3A and 3B Smalls Road.
- (d) That Council promote this achievement to our community through Council's normal media channels including social media, website, press release etc.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Correspondence from Victor Dominello to 'Residents of Ryde' regarding 3A and 3B Smalls Road Ryde

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Victor Dominello MP

State Member for Ryde



8 November 2013

Dear Residents of Ryde

Saved - 3A and 3B Small Road, Ryde

With the backing of our community we fought hard for the site at Smalls Road to be retained as an educational facility with appropriate open space. Community Representative, Les Toemoe recently joined with me to present a petition with over 1200 signatures to the Minister for Finance and Services the Hon. Andrew Constance MP to retain this site for community.

I am pleased to inform you that we have achieved our aim. I have now received a written response from Minister Constance advising that the land will not be sold. A short to medium term licensing agreement with Ryde City Council will be negotiated. This will ensure that the land is retained as an educational facility for future use. I have attached a copy of this correspondence for your information.

This is an excellent result for our community and is a testament to the commitment and unity displayed, not only by the people in the immediate vicinity of the site, but many living throughout the electorate. I congratulate the community in achieving this outcome.

The sign that was recently erected at the site has caused some concern. I am advised that the signage was developed in consultation with Government Property New South Wales' legal advisors as an interim measure to minimise ongoing public risk issues.

I will keep you informed of any further developments regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

The Hon. Victor Dominello MP
Member for Ryde



The Hon. Andrew Constance MP
Minister for Finance and Services

The Hon Victor Dominello MP
Minister for Citizenship and Communities
Member for Ryde
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Dear Minister

It was a pleasure to meet with you recently about the Government-owned land at 3A and 3B Smalls Road Ryde. Thank you again for submitting the petition on behalf of the Ryde community calling for Government Property NSW to retain the site as an educational facility with appropriate open space.

I have been advised that the land at 3A & 3B Smalls Road Ryde will not be sold. A licensing agreement for community use with the City of Ryde Council is being negotiated.

With regard to the signage erected by Government Property NSW, please be aware that this sign is merely a legal requirement and those rules must remain in place until the licensing agreement is finalised. Please assure your constituents that they are not prohibited from accessing the land.

I trust you are pleased with this outcome.

Thank you for taking the time to raise this issue with me. I will keep you updated on the progress of the matter.

Yours sincerely



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Andrew Constance MP