

MARIBYRNONG RESIDENTS ASSOCN. (INC)

C/o 2 Warrs Road,
MARIBYRNONG, 3032.

26.7.2007

The Secretary.
Legislative Council Select Committee on
Public Land Development,
Parliament of Victoria,
Spring Street,
MELBOURNE. 3002.

ATTENTION: MR. RICHARD WILLIS.
SUBJECT: INQUIRY INTO THE SALE & DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LAND
AND OPEN SPACE.

Dear Sir,

Members of our Association are most concerned that public lands in the city of Maribyrnong and surrounding areas have been diminishing over recent years.

We particularly wish to refer to:-

- (a) The sale of Maribyrnong Primary School in Warrs. Rd. Maribyrnong (Melways Ref.28A9) which not only was necessary to service the needs of a greatly expanding local population, but which also served as a playground for children and exercise areas for adults in its vicinity, an area which is not otherwise served by useable public open space.
- (b) The leasing to a soccer club of part of Maribyrnong Secondary College which is located on part of Robert Barrett Reserve adjoining Gordon St. Maribyrnong (Melways Ref.28A10).
- (c) The leasing of portion of Robert Barrett Reserve, abutting Rosamond Rd. Maribyrnong (Melways Ref.27K10) to Highpoint West Shopping & Entertainment Centre for the purpose of parking 300 cars for a peppercorn rental of \$1.00 per annum for a period of either 33 years as originally proposed, or 21 years, the supposed maximum term for the lease of Crown Land.
- (d) The disposal of portion of Tannery Reserve, bounded by Hopkins, Maribyrnong, Wingfield and Moreland Streets, Footscray. (Melways Ref.42E5) to a developer of apartments and a riverside restaurant.
- (e) The development of portion of the Royal Agricultural Society's Showgrounds, (Melways Ref.28F12) for year round commercial activities.

We would very much appreciate your consideration of the foregoing matters and would appreciate the opportunity to make an oral submission when a public hearing is called.

Yours Sincerely,


(Alan Ross)

HON. SECRETARY.