

Hands off our reserve

OUR City of Ryde is being decimated as the NSW Government continues its land grab.

No longer does the Labor Party listen to, or care, what its voters think. They have completely lost touch with their community.

Give planning back to the councils and stop this outrageous attempt to balance the books by disposing of valuable open green spaces for our communities to share and enjoy, and placing them in the hands of greedy developers who have no interest in the needs of local residents.

Cudal Reserve in Ryde is one of the last remaining pieces of unstructured open green space in the Ryde/Putney area and it is under threat, particularly in light of the massive 800 dwelling development planned only 300 metres away at the Royal Rehabilitation Centre grounds.

Council have the opportunity to

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listen to their community and recommend to the Minister for Water and the Minister for Planning to suspend any decision on development of the unique land at Cudal Reserve until the impact of this huge development is realised.

Once these pockets of land are gone – they are gone forever.

I urge the council to have some foresight and seize this opportunity.

Their own document "Parks on Track for People 2025" states that there is a shortage of useable open space. It also mentions the need for "the creation of more appropriate passive and unstructured open space options".

Cudal Reserve fits perfectly into that category. Now is the time to "walk the talk" and save this reserve for current and future generations.

Tonia Amy
Ryde

Still objecting to Rehab plan

Dear Sir,

Local residents are as stalwart as they were three years ago in objecting to an overdevelopment of the Royal rehab site and consequent increase in traffic.

We will continue to demonstrate against such a development that disregards local public opinion and infrastructure needs.

In our case this will also mean no longer voting Labor at the next election as this government has continued to override local council decisions in permitting an inappropriate development to proceed.

ANNE BARNETT
Putney