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*Land at Sandstone Point*

Vicki Wood

THE large parcel of land to the right hand side of Bribie Island Road adjacent to the bridge is NOT being developed into a refugee camp, caravan park, nuclear reactor site or nudist colony.

In pre-election hysteria whipped up by rumour, innuendo and candidates at state and local government level hoping to put a dent into rivals campaigns, all sorts of stories have been floated for political gain.

Division one councillor Gary Parsons, in an effort to allay worries of many of his constituents, said three important points needed to be pointed out to residents.

"Number one is that the land is zoned rural so nothing can be built on it - no tavern, no unit blocks or housing," he said.

"Next is that the land cannot ever be developed unless there is a change at a state level to their regional planning scheme.

"And lastly the state regional plan is not up for renewal for two to three years and the land would then have to be re-zoned from rural to the urban footprint."

Cr Parsons said Sandstone Point residents were becoming very upset about the unsubstantiated rumours which had been floating around since new owner Paul Comiskey purchased the land last year.

"To set the record straight once and for all, after the new owner bought the land, he had it surveyed and it was found the boundary fence fronting Bribie Island Road was on Transport Department property well out of alignment with its correct positioning," he said.

"Then a 10m fire break was constructed and a permit granted to burn off all the radiata slash pine, lantana and other noxious weeds on the site which had been lawfully removed.

"The new owner has improved the health of the site, made it secure and helped fireproof it.

"Hopefully this news will put paid to persistent rumours worrying neighbours which continue to be circulated from mischievous sources for their own ends."

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You mean the Cominskys paid, what was it, \$8 million for this property just to have it as a rural property? Must be the most expensive rural property in Australia. And you mean they have no intention of pushing to have it redeveloped? Are the public considered so gullible they would really believe this story?

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