# 19.4 SUTGOLD V REDLAND CITY COUNCIL (PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COURT APPEAL 3829/2019)

**Objective Reference:** 

Authorising Officer: David Jeanes, Acting General Manager Community & Customer Services

Responsible Officer: Stephen Hill, Acting Group Manager City Planning & Assessment

Report Author: Michael Anderson, Senior Appeals Planner

Attachments: 1. Location Plan

2. Applicant's structure plan

3. Proposed reconfiguration of a lot layout

4. Referral agency response

5. Advice agency response

6. Summary of submissions

7. Reasons for refusal

8. Notice of appeal

The Council is satisfied that, pursuant to Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the information to be received, discussed or considered in relation to this agenda item is:

(f) starting or defending legal proceedings involving the local government.

#### **PURPOSE**

To provide Council with an update on the Sutgold Pty Ltd (Sutgold) v Redland City Council (Council) (Planning & Environment Court Appeal 3829/2019) which is a deemed refusal appeal. Council (the respondent) is required to confirm its position on the development application in the Planning & Environment Court appeal by 31 January 2020. It is referred to Council for determination.

### **BACKGROUND**

# **The Development Application**

Council received an application from Sutgold seeking a development permit for reconfiguring a Lot (RAL) (8 Lots into 176 Lots), park and road – including balance lots for future residential and commercial development on land at 72 – 74 and 78 – 82 Double Jump Road and 158-178 Bunker Road, Victoria Point, and more properly described as Lots 20 and 21 on RP86773, Lots 12 and 13 on RP86773, Lot 12 on RP898198, Lot 22 on RP 86773, Lot 15 on RP86773 and Lot 16 on RP 86773 (Council Reference: ROL006166). The location of the site is shown in **Attachment 1**. The site is owned by:

The application was subject to impact assessment.

Sutgold lodged the development application on 24 March 2017. The development application was properly made on 28 March 2017 and the acknowledgement notice was issued on 12 May 2017.

An information request (IR) was issued on 26 May 2017. The IR identified the proposed residential subdivision was in conflict with the Redlands Planning Scheme (RPS) including the outcomes sought for the rural non-urban, conservation and environmental protection zones. In the IR it was acknowledged that the subject site and surrounds were identified in the *South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031* (SEQRP 2009) as a local development area for residential growth, however the proposal was not considered to comply with the sub-regional narrative for Redland, outlined in Part C of SEQRP 2009 and therefore also conflicts with the SEQRP. The sub-regional narratives in Part C stated that the Victoria Point Local Development Area (VPLDA) 'requires further investigation and planning scheme amendments before any development can proceed'.

Further, it was identified that given the conflict with the RPS and given the SEQRP 2009 State Planning Regulatory Provisions are triggered, which requires that development '...must be consistent with the future planning intent for the area', a structure plan for the whole local development area underpinned by robust evidence prepared by suitably qualified experts was required. A list of key issues raised by the IR included:

- Structure plan;
- Detailed ecological report;
- Demonstration of compliance with South East Queensland Koala Conservation State Planning Regulatory Provisions;
- Landscape master plan;
- Assessment to demonstrate compliance with the protection of the poultry industry overlay code;
   and
- Concept designs for the roundabout at intersection with Bunker Road and the T intersection with Double Jump Road.

A response to the IR was made on behalf of the applicant on 22 June 2018. Included within the information request response was a request for the re-classification of koala habitat, pursuant to Division 9 of the SEQ Koala State Planning Regulatory Provisions.

Following public notification of the development application the decision stage started on the 5 August 2018 and the decision period was extended by agreement with Council to 26 July 2019.

# **The Appeal**

Section 318 of the Sustainable Planning Act (SPA) identifies that the assessment manager must decide the application within 20 business days after the day the decision stage starts (the *decision-making period*), unless otherwise agreed by the applicant. As identified above the decision making period was extended by agreement with the applicant until 26 July 2019. Section 229, 311 and Schedule 1 of the *Planning Act 2016* include the relevant appeal provisions.

The Notice of Appeal (NoA) was filed with the Planning & Environment Court on 23 October 2019.

The NoA seeks the following orders:

- That the appeal be allowed;
- That the development application be approved; and
- The Respondent pay the Appellant's costs of the appeal.

Some of the identified grounds of appeal in the NoA are as follows:

- The subject land has a total site rea of 205,937m<sup>2</sup>;
- Is within the Urban Footprint and a Local Development Area for residential growth in the SEQ Regional Plan 2009;
- Is within the Urban Footprint for *Shaping SEQ South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017* (SEQ Regional Plan 2017);
- Was partly in the rural non-urban zone, the environmental protection zone and conservation zone within the Respondent's Planning Scheme 2006 (version 7.1, 2016); and
- Is currently zoned in City Plan 2018 (version 3) as emerging community.

Full grounds outlined in the NOA are included at Attachment 8.

# City Plan Major Amendment: South West Victoria Point Structure Plan

A report was taken to the General Meeting of Council on 20 November 2019 to seek Council's approval to submit City Plan Major Amendment Package (05/19) South West Victoria Point Local Plan to the Planning Minister for the purpose of completing the State interest review, in accordance with the process outlined in the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules*.

The relevant planning background to the subject area (in the context of preparation of the structure plan) is summarised as follows:

- 2005: the South East Queensland (SEQ) Regional Plan 2005 (SEQ Regional Plan 2005) identified the majority of the subject area as being included within the urban footprint preferred dominant land use category;
- **2006**: under the Redlands Planning Scheme 2006 (RPS 2006) the broader area was predominantly retained within a rural non-urban and conservation zone;
- 2009: Within the subsequent SEQ Regional Plan 2009, the area was identified as the Victoria Point Local Development Area (VPLDA). The area identified the area's potential suitability for future development, subject to further investigations, structure planning and monitoring of land supply;
- **September 2012**: Council resolved to defer structure planning of the area until such time as the new City Plan commenced;
- March 2015: Council received a development application over land located in the eastern portion
  of the area (21-29 and 31 Clay Gully Road and 39 Brendan Way) seeking reconfiguration approval
  to create approximately 289 lots;
- **September 2015**: the draft City Plan was released for public consultation and included the VPLDA within the emerging community zone;
- October 2016: the draft SEQ Regional Plan 2016-2041 was released for public notification and proposed the removal of the VPLDA designation, but retained the area within the urban footprint regional land use category;
- August 2017: the final SEQ Regional Plan 2017 removed the previously designated VPLDA but retained the area within the urban footprint;

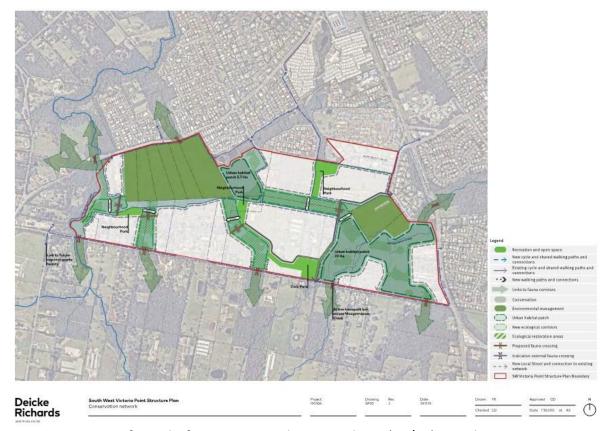
- March 2018: Council resolved to defer a decision on the application lodged over 21-29 and 31 Clay Gully Road and 39 Brendan Way until such time as a Council led structure plan was completed for the whole Victoria Point structure planning area;
- **July 2018:** Council adopted its new City Plan (which commenced October 2018), with the Victoria Point structure plan area included within the emerging community zone. The overall outcomes of this zone continued to require that structure planning of the area within the zone is undertaken in advance of any reconfiguration or development for urban purposes; and
- October 2018: following commencement of the new City Plan, Council resolved at its General Meeting on 10 October 2018, to prepare a structure plan and undertake a major amendment to the City Plan in accordance with Part 4 Section 16.1 of the *Minister's Guidelines and Rules* under the *Planning Act 2016* (PAct).
- November 2019: At the meeting on 10 November 2019 Council made the following resolution:
  - 1. Council gives notice to the State Government that it will not proceed to adopt the proposed South West Victoria Point Local Area Plan as an amendment to City Plan until such time as the full details of the Victoria Point Bypass study is publicly released and there is a firm commitment to the dual carriage way of Cleveland Redland Bay Road between magnolia Parade Victoria Point and Giles Road Redland Bay to accommodate the growth of the area.
  - 2. While Council awaits the State's commitment to delivering the necessary infrastructure, work will continue to progress the major amendments to the City plan as detailed in Attachment 2: City Plan major Amendment Package (05/19): South West Victoria Point Local Plan.
  - 3. To submit Major Amendment Package (05/19): South West Victoria Point Local Plan to the Planning Minister for the purpose of completing the state interest review, in accordance with the process outlined in the Minister's Guidelines and Rules.
  - 4. That the report and attachments remain confidential until such time that the amendment package is released for public consultation, subject to Council and Ministerial approval and maintaining the confidentiality of legally privileged, private and commercial in confidence information.'

Following Council's resolution, the draft Major Amendment Package (05/19): South West Victoria Point Local Plan was referred to the Minister for first state interest check.

Relevant extracts from the draft South West Victoria Park Local Plan (SWVPLP) are provided in **Figures 1** and **2** below.



**Figure 1** – Extract from draft Major Amendment Package (05/19): South West Victoria Point Local Plan (Land Use Zone)



**Figure 2** - Extract from draft Major Amendment Package (05/19): South West Victoria Point Local Plan (Conservation network)

# **Development Proposal & Site Description**

## **Proposal**

As originally submitted the development application proposed 166 low density residential lots including one (1) existing house to be occupied on a new lot to Bunker road, three (3) medium density residential lots, one (1) local centre, four (4) open space lots (including one (1) local recreation park and three (3) open space corridor lots to be dedicated to Council, one (1) potential future development area/proposed regional bio retention area and new road (refer to **Figure 3**).



Figure 3 – Extract of reconfiguration plan as submitted

In responding to the IR a number of changes were made to the proposed development including:

- Removal of the proposed local convenience centre and some medium density residential areas fronting Double Jump Road and Bunker Road;
- Inclusion of secondary ecological corridor linages along the eastern and northern boundaries of the sites (and associated removal of medium density residential fronting Bunker Road);
- Moving of the Double Jump Road access location slightly further east;
- Removal of lots within the area now identified as proposed lot 203, pending resolution of structural and vegetation matters in this area;
- Minor adjustments to the internal road and lot layout to accommodate the above; and
- A structure plan was submitted as part of the response (Refer to Figures 4 and 5).

The resultant design delivers 169 standard residential lots, including one (1) existing house to be contained on a new lot fronting Bunker Road; one (1) medium density residential lot; five (5) open space lots, including one (1) local recreation park and four (4) ecological corridor lots, all to be dedicated to Council; two (2) future development lots; one (1) large lot fronting Double Jump Road and new roads (refer to **Figure 6**).



Figure 4 – Extract from Proposed Applicant's Structure Plan

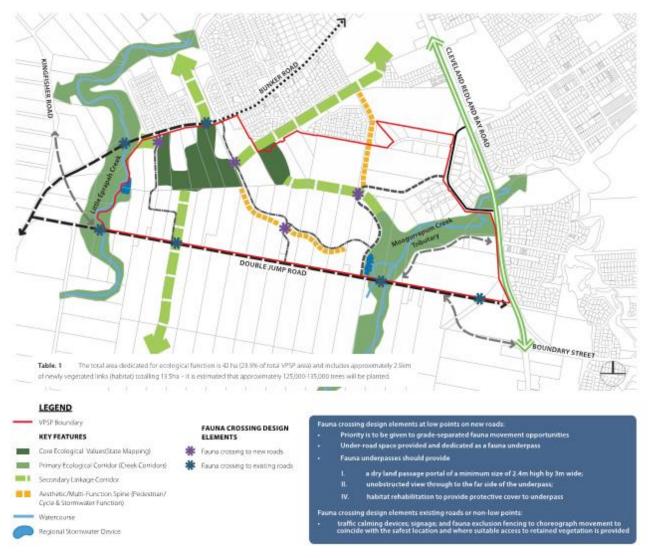


Figure 5 – Extract from Proposed Applicant's Structure Plan – Ecology & Conservation

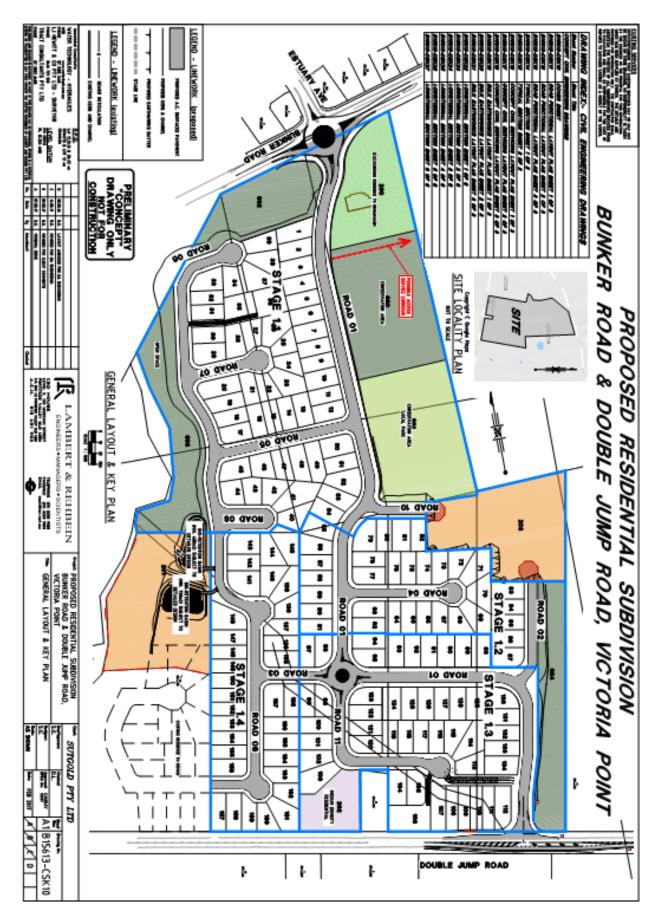


Figure 6 – Extract of Revised Proposed General Layout

# Site & locality

The subject site is situated in Victoria Point. The site is bound by Bunker Road, vegetation and residential properties to the north. Vegetation and rural land uses exist to the east, south and west. The site has frontage to Double Jump Road to the south.

## **ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK**

Chapter 8 (Transitional provisions and repeal), Division 6, Section 311 (4) of the PAct states that in circumstances where appeal proceedings are brought after the commencement of the PAct, the proceedings must be 'brought only under' the PAct. The Court has previously considered the issue of development applications made under the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA), but decided after the PAct commenced. Particularly, whether an appeal to the Planning & Environment Court involving such a development application is to be decided in accordance with the SPA or PAct. For example, in the case of *Jakel Pty Ltd v Brisbane City Council [2018] QPEC 21* (Jakel), the Court determined that the PAct's regime will apply.

In circumstances where a deemed refusal appeal has been filed in the Court and in accordance with the Jakel case outlined above, the development application is considered to be appropriately assessed against the assessment regime within the PAct.

In accordance with section 45 of the *Planning Act 2016*:

- '(5) An **impact assessment** is an assessment that—
  - (a) must be carried out—
    - (i) against the assessment benchmarks in a categorising instrument for the development; and
    - (ii) having regard to any matters prescribed by regulation for this subparagraph; and
  - (b) may be carried out against, or having regard to, any other relevant matter, other than a person's personal circumstances, financial or otherwise.

Examples of another relevant matter—

- a planning need
- the current relevance of the assessment benchmarks in the light of changed circumstances
- whether assessment benchmarks or other prescribed matters were based on material errors
- (6) Subsections (7) and (8) apply if an assessment manager is, under subsection (3) or (5), assessing a development application against or having regard to—
  - (a) a statutory instrument; or
  - (b) another document applied, adopted or incorporated (with or without changes) in a statutory instrument.
- (7) The assessment manager must assess the development application against or having regard to the statutory instrument, or other document, as in effect when the development application was properly made.
- (8) However, the assessment manager may give the weight the assessment manager considers

is appropriate, in the circumstances, to—

- (a) if the statutory instrument or other document is amended or replaced after the development application is properly made but before it is decided by the assessment manager—the amended or replacement instrument or document; or
- (b) another statutory instrument—
  - (i) that comes into effect after the development application is properly made but before it is decided by the assessment manager; and
  - (ii) that the assessment manager would have been required to assess, or could have assessed, the development application against, or having regard to, if the instrument had been in effect when the application was properly made.

Section 31 of the Planning Regulation 2017 identifies that:

- '(1) For section 45(5)(a)(ii) of the Act, the impact assessment must be carried out having regard to—
  - (a) the matters stated in schedules 9 and 10 for the development; and
  - (b) if the prescribed assessment manager is the chief executive—
    - (i) the strategic outcomes for the local government area stated in the planning scheme; and
    - (ii) the purpose statement stated in the planning scheme for the zone and any overlay applying to the premises under the planning scheme; and
    - (iii) the strategic intent and desired regional outcomes stated in the regional plan for a region; and
    - (iv) the State Planning Policy, parts C and D; and
    - (v) for premises designated by the Minister—the designation for the premises; and
  - (c) if the prescribed assessment manager is a person other than the chief executive or the local government—the planning scheme; and
  - (d) if the prescribed assessment manager is a person other than the chief executive—
    - (i) the regional plan for a region; and
    - (ii) the State Planning Policy, to the extent the State Planning Policy is not identified in the planning scheme as being appropriately integrated in the planning scheme; and
    - (iii) for designated premises—the designation for the premises; and
  - (e) any temporary State planning policy applying to the premises; and
  - (f) development approval for, and any lawful use of, the premises or adjacent premises; and
  - (g) common material.

The table below identifies the applicable assessment benchmarks, matters prescribed by regulation and other relevant matters that should be considered in the assessment of the development application.

Assessment	RPS (Version 7.1)
Benchmarks:	Desired environmental outcomes
	Rural non-urban zone code
	Conservation zone code
	Environmental protection zone
	Acid sulphate soils overlay code
	Bushfire hazard overlay
	Flood prone, storm tide and drainage constrained land overlay code
	Habitat protection overlay code
	Protection of poultry industry overlay code
	Road and rail noise impact overlay code
	Landslide hazard overlay code
	Waterways, wetlands and Moreton Bay overlay code
	Reconfiguration code
	Access and parking code
	Excavation and fill code
	Development near underground infrastructure code
	Erosion prevention and sediment code
	Infrastructure works code
	Landscape code
	Stormwater management code
	City Plan (V3)
	Strategic framework
	Emerging community zone code
	Bushfire hazard overlay code
	Environmental significance overlay code
	Flood and storm tide hazard overlay code
	Landslide hazard overlay code
	Healthy waters code
	Infrastructure works code
	Landscape code
	Reconfiguring a lot code
	Transport, servicing, access and parking code
Matters prescribed	State Planning Policy 2017
by Regulation	SEQ Regional Plan 2009 (relevant at time of lodgement)
	SEQ Regional Plan 2017
	Planning Regulation, Schedule 11, Part 6
Other relevant	Draft Major Amendment Package (05/19): South West Victoria Point
matters	Local Plan

## Decision making framework

Section 60 of the *Planning Act 2016* states that:

- (3) To the extent the application involves development that requires impact assessment, and subject to section 62, the assessment manager, after carrying out the assessment, must decide—
  - (a) to approve all or part of the application; or
  - (b) to approve all or part of the application, but impose development conditions on the approval; or
  - (c) to refuse the application.

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- (5) The assessment manager may give a preliminary approval for all or part of the development application, even though the development application sought a development permit.
- (6) If an assessment manager approves only part of a development application, the rest is taken to be refused.

## **APPLICATION ASSESSMENT**

In the circumstances of a deemed refusal appeal to the Planning and Environment Court, the Court takes on the role of the assessment manager for the appeal. In accordance with s45 of the PAct an impact assessment must be carried out against the assessment benchmarks in the categorising instrument and having regard to any matters prescribed by regulation. S31 of the *Planning Regulation 2017* (PReg) identifies, amongst other matters, that the strategic intent and desired regional outcomes stated in the regional plan for the region must be given regard.

The PAct identifies that the assessment manager must assess the development application against or having regard to the statutory instrument, or other document, as in effect when the development application was properly made. However, importantly, the assessment manager may give weight it considers appropriate to another statutory instrument that has been amended or replaced and came into effect after the development application is properly made but before it is decided.

As identified above, at the time this development application was properly made (28 March 2017), the SEQ Regional Plan 2009 (SEQRP) and RPS (version 7.1) were in effect. The SEQRP 2017 took effect in August 2017 and Redland City Plan 2018 (version 3) (City Plan) commenced on 17 July 2019. In accordance with the PAct, the Court in deciding the application, can afford weight to the new statutory instruments that came into effect since the development application was properly made.

The key issues identified in the assessment are:

- Consistency with planning framework
- Environmental values
  - Habitat protection and environmental significance overlay
  - Koala habitat mapping amendment request
  - Assessment against assessment benchmarks for development in the priority koala assessable development area in the *Planning Regulation 2017*
  - o Corridor width and location
- Site layout/design
- Infrastructure delivery

- o sewer
- water
- o stormwater
- Traffic/road network
- Local park provision and location
- Prematurity of development.

## **Consistency with Planning Framework**

## SEQ Regional Plan

At the time the development application was properly made the SEQRP 2009 identified the site within the VPLDA. The SEQRP 2009 stated that 'Planning for a Development Area includes analysing the Development Area context, considering state agency policies and requirements, and examining infrastructure needs, staging, timing and funding'. Whilst recognising local development areas are significant in the delivery of dwelling targets and employment for local government areas, the SEQRP 2009 continues to clarify that plans for development areas should be prepared and approved formally as a structure plan, where the Minister declares an area as a plan area or prepared informally and then used as a basis for submitting a proposed planning scheme amendment or an application for a preliminary approval.

The process of declaring master plan areas under the SPA has been repealed and it is noted that whilst the subject site is included within the urban footprint, the SEQ Regional Plan 2017 no longer identifies the site as a local development area. Whilst this is the case the SEQ Regional Plan 2017 states that:

'Land in the Urban Footprint may be unsuitable for urban purposes for other reasons including constraints such as flooding, land slope, and scenic amenity, and the need to protect significant vegetation, which may include matters of national environmental significance and parts of the regional biodiversity network...Local governments must investigate these areas for urban redevelopment opportunities as part of their planning scheme reviews.

Shaping SEQ relies on local government planning schemes to determine the most suitable zone for each land parcel within the Urban Footprint. The development assessment process determines the extent and suitability of development on each site...'

SEQRP 2017 recognises that the urban footprint contains several areas that may be underutilised for a substantial period and one way of delivering the regional plan is to investigate these areas and unlock their urban development potential in the short-term.

Chapter 4 discusses how the SEQRP 2017 will be delivered and in particular acknowledges that 'local government planning schemes are fundamental in implementing Shaping SEQ...Local government planning schemes provide finer grain local policy and must advance the relevant matters of state and regional significance'.

In accordance with Chapter 4 of SEQRP 2017, proposed development is to be assessed against the following parts of the SEQRP 2017, to the extent relevant:

- Part A: Goals, elements and strategies
- Part C: Sub-regional directions

An application conflicts with the SEQRP 2017 if it does not comply with these sections.

Relevant to the assessment of the development application, the 'grow' goal (Goal 1) identifies a number of elements and strategies. Of particular relevance is element three (3) (new communities) which requires new communities to support a consolidated urban settlement pattern, maximise the use of existing infrastructure and deliver high-quality communities. The Strategy seeks to ensure that the planning and delivery of land use and infrastructure for new communities, including major development areas, are integrated and sequenced, and deliver complete communities in a timely manner.

Goal 4 'sustain' recognises the need to identify and protect natural assets. Element two (2) seeks to protect and enhance the regional biodiversity network to support the natural environment and contribute to a sustainable region.

It is acknowledged that the *SEQRP 2017* does not include the same requirements under SEQRP 2009 in respect of the emphasis placed on the preparation and gazettal of structure plans for inclusion in the planning scheme, following a formal planning scheme amendment process.

However, there remains a clear intent in the SEQRP 2017 to ensure the delivery of land use in new communities protects natural assets and promotes integrated and sequenced development. Whilst this does not preclude developer led structure plans, it is considered critical that in doing so the application ought not to compromise the consideration of the appropriate planning outcomes, in the public interest, and implementation of the future planning strategy for the area.

The consistency with the SEQRP 2017 is therefore closely linked with the future planning strategy and intent for the area. As identified, Council has embarked upon the preparation of the South West Victoria Point Local Plan as an amendment to City Plan. The extent to which the proposed development achieves the identified planning outcomes and whether or not approval of this development application would be prejudicial to securing a new community that protects natural assets and promotes integrated and sequenced development is a key consideration. This, and consistency with the SEQRP 2017, are assessed under the relevant issue headings within this report.

## **State Policy & Regulations**

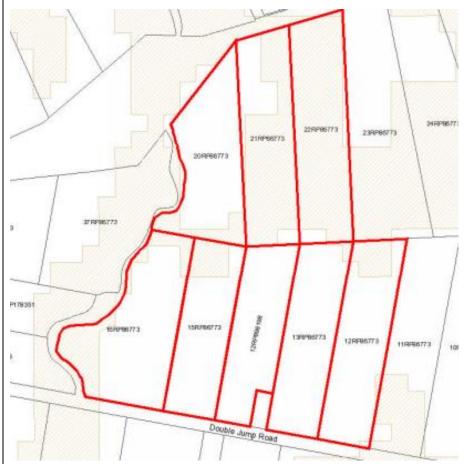
The following sections identifies the relevant state planning instruments relevant to the assessment of the development application in accordance with section 45 of the PAct and s31 of the PReg.

State Policy/Regulation	Applicability to Application
State Planning Policy	The RPS does not integrate the SPP and therefore an assessment
(commenced on 29	against the Interim development assessment requirements (Part E) is
April 2016) – at	required. The following SPP mapping triggers have been identified:
lodgement	Biodiversity
	<ul> <li>Matters of State Environmental Significance (MSES) –</li> <li>Wildlife habitat</li> </ul>
	Coastal environment
	<ul> <li>Coastal zone</li> </ul>
	Water quality
	<ul> <li>Climatic regions – stormwater management Design</li> </ul>
	objectives
	Natural hazards and risk and resilience
	<ul> <li>Bushfire hazard area (Bushfire prone area).</li> </ul>

The assessment provisions relevant to the identified state interest are set out under the corresponding heading below.

### Biodiversity

The subject site is mapped as containing MSES:



The development application is to be assessed against the following requirements:

- Enhances matters of state environmental significance where possible; and
- Identifies any potential significant adverse environmental impacts on matters of State environmental significance, and
- Manages the significant adverse environmental impacts on matters of state environmental significance by protecting the matters of state environmental significance from, or otherwise mitigating, those impacts.

An assessment is included within the environmental values section of this report.

# Water Quality

A stormwater management plan and solution has been prepared in support of the reconfiguration (the detailed design subject to a future development application). It is considered that the impacts on

environmental values of receiving waters arising from altered stormwater flows will be minimised.

## Natural hazards, risk and resilience

A bushfire management plan has been prepared in support of the development application and further discussion and assessment is provided below.

# State Planning Regulatory Provisions – at lodgement

# <u>South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009-2031 State Planning Regulatory Provisions</u>

Under Division 3, Section 3.2 of the SPRP, the development triggers impact assessment and requires the referral of the development application to the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA). The provisions state that the development must be consistent with the future planning intent for the area. As the subdivision is intended to form part of the VPLDA it is considered consistent with the future planning intent for the area.

The concurrence agency response in respect of this referral trigger is summarised below in the State referrals section of this report. The SPRP has been repealed and there is no equivalent assessment provisions contained with the PReg.

# <u>South East Queensland Koala Conservation State Planning Regulatory Provisions (as made November 2015)</u>

The subject site is mapped as within the Priority Koala Assessable Development Area (PKADA). Division 6 – Development in priority Koala Assessable Development Area of South East Queensland Koala Conservation State Planning Regulatory Provision applies to the reconfiguration development application.

Assessment is required against the assessment criteria outlined in Table 6, column 2 of the SPRP:

- Site design does not result in the clearing of non-juvenile koala habitat trees in areas of bushland habitat.
- Site design must avoid clearing non-juvenile koala habitat trees in areas of high value rehabilitation habitat, and medium value rehabilitation habitat, with any unavoidable clearing minimised and significant residual impacts counterbalanced under the Environmental Offsets Act 2014.
- Site design provides safe koala movement opportunities as appropriate to the development type and habitat connectivity values of the site determined through Schedule 2.
- During construction phases:
  - measures are taken in construction practices to not increase the risk of death or injury to koalas; and

- native vegetation that is cleared and in an area intended to be retained for safe koala movement opportunities is progressively restored and rehabilitated.
- Native vegetation clearing is undertaken as sequential clearing and under the guidance of a koala spotter where the native vegetation is a non-juvenile koala habitat tree.
- Landscaping activities provide food, shelter and movement opportunities for koalas consistent with the site design.

Division 9 of the Koala SPRP allows an applicant to request the assessment manager makes a determination that the land, part of the development application, is of a different koala habitat type shown for the land on the map of koala assessable development koala habitat values. As part of the information request response the application has made such a request.

The koala SPRP has been repealed and replaced by the assessment benchmarks relevant to development in koala habitat areas in the PReg. An assessment is included within the environmental values section of this report.

# State Planning Policy 2017 (SPP) – currently in effect

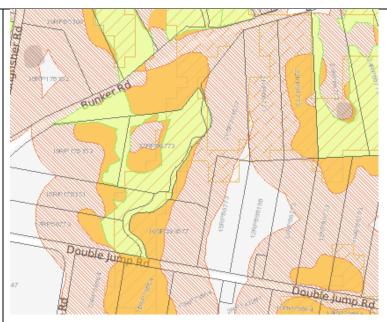
The Planning Minister has identified that State Planning Policy (SPP) April 2016 is reflected in the planning scheme (City Plan Version 3) in the following ways — all State interests in state planning policy.

# Bushfire hazard area

The entire site is subject to the bushfire prone area mapping of the SPP. Across the site the mapping is separated into two (2) categories as follows:

- Medium potential bushfire intensity; and
- Potential impact buffer

Existing areas of vegetation along Little Eprapah Creek and the central area to the north of the site are contained within the medium potential bushfire intensity mapped area with surrounding areas within the potential impact buffer. An extract of the relevant SPP mapping is provided below:



A Bushfire Management Plan (BMP) was submitted with the original application. At the time the report was prepared, in accordance with SPP 1/03: Mitigating the Adverse Impacts of Flood, Bushfire and Landslide, the majority of the site, the site was identified as being a low bushfire hazard area. The report states that bushfire is a consideration in minor sections of the development but is easily satisfied by a perimeter road between areas of hazardous vegetation and the proposed residential lots. It is confirmed that the bushfire attack level (BAL) in all areas of the development would be 12.5.

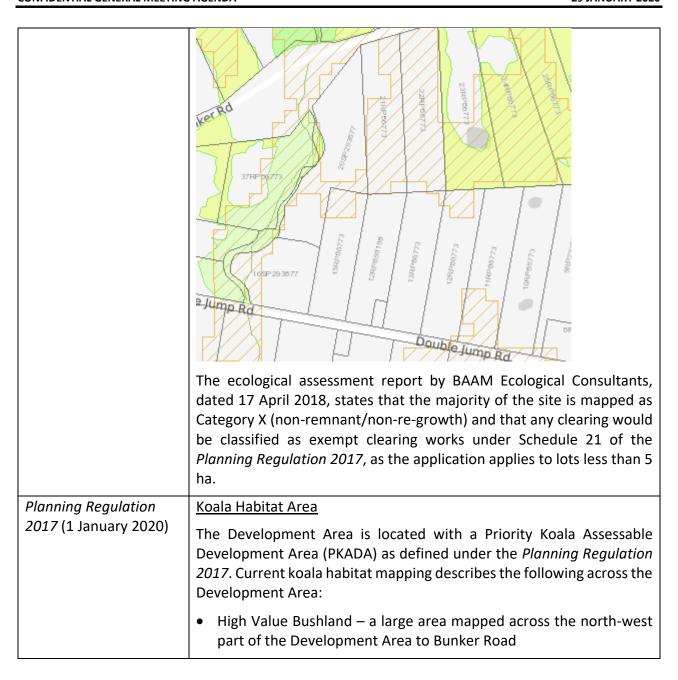
It is noted however that the BMP was drafted in March 2017 and refers to the superseded SPP 1/03. It is therefore considered that a revised BMP would be required to be prepared in accordance with the updated SPP guidance material on Bushfire risk and which takes into account changes that have been made to the layout since the development application was lodged.

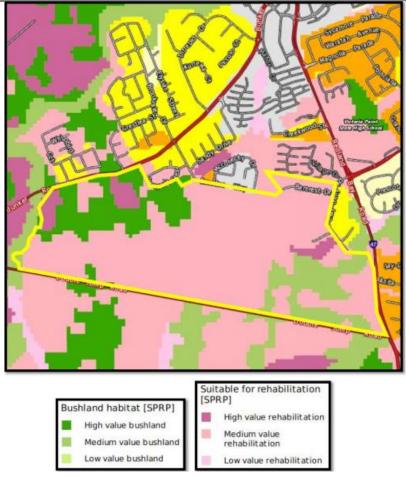
## **Biodiversity**

The site is subject to several categories of biodiversity mapping under the SPP. The mapped categories are as follows:

- Wildlife habitat cross hatch
- Regulated vegetation (essential habitat) yellow

An extract from the SPP mapping is provided below:





Schedule 11 identifies that development on premises within a koala habitat area is to be assessed against the assessment benchmarks stated for development in Schedule 11, Part 2.

Schedule 11, Part 2, Section 6 outlines the assessment benchmarks for development in priority koala assessable development areas. The following matters are assessment benchmarks for development:

- The development does not involve clearing non-juvenile koala habitat trees in bushland areas;
- The development avoids clearing non-juvenile koala habitat trees in an area that is
  - o A high value rehabilitation area; or
  - A medium value rehabilitation area
- If the clearing of non-juvenile koala habitat trees cannot be avoided in an area (stated above) –
  - o The amount of clearing is minimised; and
  - o Any significant residual impact of the clearing is offset
- The matters stated in section 2(2) (a) (e).

Part 4 of Schedule 11 of the Planning Regulation relates to requests being to the assessment manager for the re-classification of koala habitat. This section includes criteria for assessing the request.
An assessment is included within the environmental values section of this report.

## **Redland Planning Scheme**

In the RPS the subject site is included within the rural non-urban, environmental protection and conservation zone code. Whilst part of the site is included within the rural non-urban zone, the site was identified as a local development area in the SEQRP 2009 and more recently included within the urban footprint in the SEQRP 2017. Further, in the City Plan the site is included within the emerging community zone. While partly located within the rural non-urban zone, given the urban intent for the site under the SEQRP 2009 and change in the intent of the zoning under City Plan, in accordance with s45 of the PAct, the Court will need to determine the weight applied to City Plan as opposed to the rural non-urban zone in the RPS, being the instrument which has replaced the RPS and taken effect since lodgement of the application. Given the change in intent for the area, from rural non-urban to urban, identified in relevant statutory instruments (City Plan and SEQRP 2017) an assessment against the rural non-urban zone and DEOs of the RPS has not been undertaken. As an impact assessable development application the relevant assessment benchmark is identified as the entire planning scheme.

Assessment against the relevant environmental protection and conservation zone codes of the RPS and City Plan are undertaken under the environmental values sub-heading of this report.

## Land use intent

As identified above, the strategic framework sets the policy direction for City Plan and forms the basis for ensuring appropriate development occurs within the planning scheme area for the life of the planning scheme. The strategic framework is structured as follows:

- the strategic intent
- the following five themes that collectively represent the policy intent in the following way:
  - o liveable communities and housing
  - economic growth
  - o environment and heritage
  - safety and resilience to hazards
  - o infrastructure.

Specifically, section 3.3.1.4 of the strategic framework relates to development in new communities and relevantly states that:

- in these areas, land is used efficiently and development provides a mix of lot sizes and housing forms, including detached housing on a mix of lots sizes and attached housing within wellstructured and walkable neighbourhoods;
- neighbourhoods are designed to integrate with surrounding transport and open space networks to form connected, convenient and safe systems;
- development facilitates the retention or enhancement of significant waterway and habitat corridors and other areas of environmental significance; and

 unless included within the priority infrastructure area, development does not proceed until all local and trunk infrastructure requirements (both state and local) can be met by the development proponents, and agreed funding mechanisms established.

Assessment of the outcomes under the relevant zone code in the City Plan, as they represent the specific zone intent for this area should also be considered.

The overall outcomes (purpose) of the emerging community zone is to 'guide the creation and functional, efficient and attractive communities in newly developing parts of the city, and to ensure interim development does not compromise the ability to establish these communities or detract from their quality'. The purpose of the code will be achieved through the following overall outcomes:

- a) 'structure planning of the area within the zone is undertaken in advance of any reconfiguration or development for urban purposes;
- b) interim development does not compromise or constrain the potential for well-designed future urban communities;
- c) urban development facilitates the establishment of attractive, functional, resilient and walkable communities that are well supported by accessible centres and employment opportunities, community services and public transport;
- d) urban residential development provides for a mix of affordable housing types and achieves a net residential density of 12-15 dwellings per hectare;
- e) the area fronting Redland Bay Road east of the creek facilitates the establishment of large format retail uses, consistent with the mixed use zone;
- f) land is developed in a logical pattern that facilitates the efficient provision of urban infrastructure;
- g) transport networks are coordinated and interconnected to ensure a high level of accessibility for pedestrians, cyclists, public transport and private vehicles;
- h) development provides effective buffering to nearby sensitive land uses, rural activities and natural areas;
- i) development retains significant landscape, social, recreational and cultural features and values; and
- j) development maximises the retention of natural habitat areas and corridors, and provides effective buffers to wetlands and waterways;'.

# <u>Draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan</u>

As identified above, Council has resolved to endorse the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan and it has been submitted to the State for first State interest review. To date, substantial technical studies have been undertaken to inform the draft structure plan which is currently progressing through first State interest review. Once completed, the draft plan is expected to commence formal public notification providing opportunity for community comment and input on the draft structure plan.

As set out elsewhere in this report, s45 of the PAct 2016 provides legislative authority requiring that assessment <u>must</u> be undertaken against assessment benchmarks in a categorising instrument. However s45 (8) recognises that weight, which the assessment manager considers appropriate, can be given to a statutory instrument that has taken effect after the development application is

properly made but before it is decided. As the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan is unlikely to have taken effect, by the time the Court considers and decides the appeal, assessment against the local plan will not be undertaken pursuant to this section of the PAct.

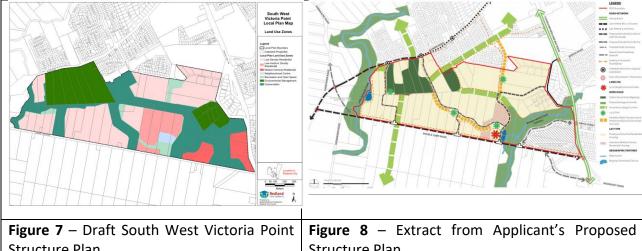
Whilst recognising that the draft structure plan has not yet taken effect, unlike assessment under the *Sustainable Planning Act* (SPA), assessment under the PAct 2016 allows regard to be given to any 'other relevant matter'. In the opinion of the Council town planning expert retained for the appeal, the draft South West Victoria Point Local is considered to be a relevant matter, pursuant to section 45 (5) (b), in the assessment of the development application and therefore regard may be had to it. It is for the Court as the assessment manager to determine the weight to be attributed to it.

Further, in the case of *Coty (England) Pty Ltd v Sydney City Council* (Coty Principle), there is common law authority which establishes that it is possible to give some weight to planning decisions that are in train but which do not yet have the force of law. This was reflected in the *Nerinda Pty Ltd v Redland City Council & Ors* case where it was stated that:

'In Coty this was on the basis of public interest considerations, it being considered important, in the public interest, that whilst a Council's planning scheme was under consideration, the court should avoid, as far as possible, giving a judgment or establishing a principle which would render more difficult the ultimate decision as to the form the scheme should take; and that it is also important, in the public interest, that during the drafting period, the court should, as far as possible, arrive at its judgment in consonance with town planning decisions which have been embodied in the local scheme in the course of its preparation. Applying that principle, it was held that an approval, as sought in that case, for a new, large and permanent industrial building, would "cut across to a substantial degree the considered conclusion of the ... council and its town planning committee", as expressed in the draft planning scheme, that the relevant land should be zoned residential.'

It is for the assessment manager to consider the amount of weight to be given under the Coty principle and in the case of *Lewiac Pty Ltd v Gold Coast City Council* [1996] it was concluded that too much weight could be afforded. It is for the Court to consider the weight attributable when considering the Coty principle and the draft local plan as a relevant matter, pursuant to the PAct.

Council has embarked on the preparation of a local plan for the area, in the public interest, that is to be incorporated as an amendment to the City Plan, and aspects of the current development application are at variance with that structure planning that is in preparation. Figure 7.2.1.2.1 Land use zone plan in the draft local plan structure plan (extract provided in **Figure 1**) identifies land on the subject site within the environmental management, conservation, and recreation and open space and low density residential zone. An extract of the draft structure plan and the proponent's structure plan are shown below in **Figures 7** and **8** below:



Structure Plan

Structure Plan

The key differences relevant to the development application, between the draft structure plan and the proponent's structure plan include the east-west environmental management corridor and location of recreation and open space. In the proponent led structure plan, rather than providing the east-west link, a secondary linkage corridor is located to the north adjacent to Bunker Road. The local park is located within the habitat areas (state mapping) whereas within the draft structure plan a recreation area is located immediately to the south. Detention areas are also located within mapped conservation areas. Further, the revised plan proposed as part of the development application retains a medium density residential area to the south, adjacent to Double Jump Road. Refer to Figure 6 above. There are also identified differences in the coordination and provision of infrastructure, including sewerage and traffic and road networks.

Residential lots and an area proposed for the future regional bio-retention basin (subject to a future development application) are proposed within the environmental management and recreation and open space zone in the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan. Similarly the proposed local park is located within the environmental management zone.

#### Summary

Whilst some inconsistency has been identified with the overall outcomes of the emerging community zone code of City Plan, in that it requires the structure planning of the area within the zone, in advance of any reconfiguration or development for urban purpose, this should not itself be considered decisive. The application should not be refused because Council has not yet implemented its own planning.

In this regard, neither the SEQRP 2017 nor City Plan preclude a proponent led structure planning process, rather (amongst other matters) they seek to achieve the following key planning outcomes:

- that land is used efficiently;
- development does not compromise or constrain the potential for well-designed future urban communities;
- facilitates the retention or enhancement of significant waterway and habitat corridors and other areas of environmental significance;
- promotes integrated and sequenced development and infrastructure provision (coordination);

- land use and site planning matters are addressed; and
- traffic and the road network is satisfactory.

The key consideration is whether the proposal is compliant or not with these planning outcomes from first principles, when considered against the relevant planning framework and having regard to any other relevant matters, such as the emerging draft structure plan.

Applying the 'Coty principle', in the public interest it is appropriate for Council to consider whether the development application will be prejudicial to securing these planning outcomes as part of a coordinated and planned structure planning process led by Council. In doing so considering whether approval of the development application would prejudice the ultimate form of the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan.

The following assessment in this report considers those identified matters under the corresponding issue section headings.

# **ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES**

Ecological reports supporting the development application present an ecological assessment of the extent of values in the application area and justify any non-compliance of the reconfiguration plan with the relevant planning instruments. A summary of the justification is as follows:

- relies on State and Federally threatened species to define corridor requirements;
- identifies the riparian area of Little Eprapah creek as a primary corridor;
- presents arguments that mobile species such as the red-necked wallaby and northern brown bandicoot are present, then explains that movement is restricted across Double Jump and Bunker Roads. It is suggested that these species, along with the Koala, are unlikely to be present within the area as the two roads currently represent a functional obstruction to fauna movement;
- replaces the central east—west corridor with a proposed east-west corridor bordering Bunker Road (to the north of the development application) and offers management strategies to increase functional connectivity;
- proposal of an integrated park and fauna corridor movement network; and
- provides other design constraints as reason for removal of ecological corridors as a compromise between competing interests in the development.

**Figure 9** below is an extract from the Landscape Master Plan (from the BAAM Report) which identifies the alternative connected corridors proposed as part of the development:

- Re-instatement of vegetation for a width of between 30-60m along the western boundary to supplement existing vegetation associated with Little Eprapah Creek, partly included within the land zoned for conservation in RPS. The southern part of this area includes a lot for the proposed regional bio-retention basin;
- An east-west corridor on the north boundary, adjacent to Boundary Road which connects Little Eprapah Creek with the bushland habitat included within the core habitat area; and
- The north-south core habitat area which includes the proposed park area.



Figure 9 – Extract of Landscape Master Plan (BAAM Report)

# Habitat Protection and Environmental Significance Overlay

The habitat protection overlay in the RPS has been replaced by the environmental significance overlay in the City Plan, which identifies different categories and areas. **Figure 10** below provides an extract of the habitat protection overlay in the RPS and environmental significance overlay in City

Plan. The environmental significance overlay in City Plan is based on the SPP mapping for Matters of State Environmental Significance (MSES), at a particular point in time and includes matters of Local Environmental Significance (MLES).



Figure 10 – Overlay maps

The current SPP mapping is identified in **Figure 11** below and identifies wildlife habit relevant to the site.

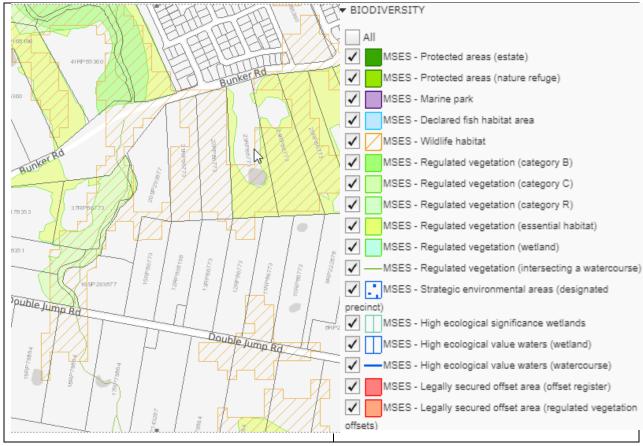


Figure 11 – Current SPP Mapping

While there is a property map of assessable vegetation (PMAV) which identifies the vegetation as category X for the purposes of the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*, the east-west connection is mapped for its wildlife habitat value rather than a regulated vegetation category.

The latest SPP mapping included with the City Plan (based on SPP Mapping at the time) and current SPP mapping show the same extent of MSES where the east-west connection is proposed. As the extent of mapping in City Plan and the environmental significance overlay is consistent with the new SPP mapping, the SPP is considered to be appropriately reflected in City Plan.

In City Plan, the purpose of the environmental significance code is achieved through the following overall outcomes:

- Areas of high biodiversity or ecological significance are retained and protected;
- Development maximises the retention of native vegetation and significant habitat features;
- Development minimises the loss of koala habitat trees;
- Impacts on matters of state or local ecological significance are minimised and mitigated;
- Development does not cause substantial fragmentation of habitat areas;
- Opportunities for safe and viable wildlife movement within and between habitat areas are facilitated;
- Landscaping and planting is undertaken in a manner that contributes to the ecological values of the site; and

• Where they occur significant residual impacts on matters of local environmental significance or another prescribed environmental matter in accordance with section 15(4) of the *Environmental Offsets Act 2014*, may need to be offset.

# Koala Habitat Mapping Amendment Request

In responding to the IR the applicants ecological consultants BAAM included a request to amend the *South East Queensland Koala Conservation Planning Regulations* (KSPRP) koala habitat mapping as part of the development application. The KSPRP was in effect at the time the development application was made, however has been repealed and replaced by the *Planning Regulation 2017*. Of relevance to the assessment of this development application, it is requested that those portions mapped as high value bushland habitat on Lots 15, 20 and 21 RP86773 should be re-classified as holding koala rehabilitation habitat values. It is recommended by the applicant that the entire areas of these lots should be more accurately mapped as high or medium value rehabilitation to reflect the existing habit conditions and lack of ascribed bushland habitat values within the KSPRP bushland definition. The applicant in undertaking their assessment included an assessment of the location of koala trees. An extract of this plan is provided in **Figure 12** below:

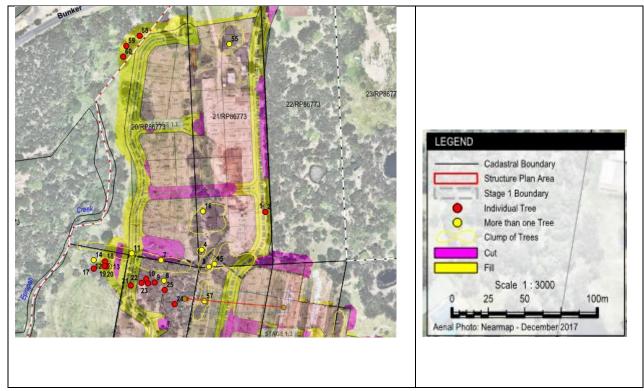


Figure 12 – Extract from BAAM Report – Locations of Koala Trees

This area generally relates to area 1.2 (purple) and the east-west corridor as shown in **Figure 13** below:



Figure 13 – Extract from BAAM Information Request Response

As set out above, the KSPRP has been repealed and replaced by the PReg. Schedule 11, Part 4, section 10 of the PReg includes the assessment criteria for deciding such requests. It is noted there are some differences between the criteria contained within Division 9 of the KSPRP (bushland habitat a defined term in the dictionary), now repealed and the PReg.

Considering the assessment criteria for deciding such requests, in both the KSPRP and PReg, the east-west connection area in question is considered to meet with the assessment criteria for a bushland habitat area. Accordingly, it is recommended that the request to change the classification of high value bushland is not supported.

The request to amend the koala habitat mapping and high value bushland located in the east-west corridor area (on Lots 15, 20 and 21 RP86773) is not supported as the bushland meets with the assessment criteria for bushland habitat areas in the Schedule 11, Part 4, Section 10 of the *Planning Regulation 2017*.

Assessment against Assessment Benchmarks for Development in the Priority Koala Assessable Development Area in the *Planning Regulation 2017* 

An assessment against the relevant assessment benchmarks for development within koala habitat areas and specifically assessment benchmarks for development in PKADA in the PReg is required. In this regard it is considered that:

- The development will involve the clearing of non-juvenile koala habitat trees in a bushland habitat area;
- Whilst it is proposed to offset cleared vegetation on site it has not been sufficiently demonstrated that the amount of clearing can be avoided or minimised; and
- It has not been demonstrated that the development provides, to the greatest extent
  practicable, safe koala movement measures that are appropriate for the development and
  habitat connectivity value of the premises. It is not considered that the alternative safe koala

measures and proposed corridors are the appropriate outcome for the development and habitat connectivity value of the premises. This is discussed in further detail below.

For the above reasons the proposed development does not comply with the assessment benchmarks identified in Schedule 11, Part 2, Section 2 and 6 of the *Planning Regulation 2017*.

## **Corridor Location**

The development application does not propose to retain the east-west linkage identified within the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan. This area is also mapped as high value bushland in the SPRP and wildlife habitat in the SPP mapping. As set out above a request for re-classification has been made and the justification contained within Appendix 8 of the BAAM report in response to the IR states (underlining has been inserted by Officers for emphasis):

'Identifies a potential east west linkage point centrally located in the western portion of the VPSP area. Although there is existing vegetation and this linkage would result in a central connection to Little Eprapah Creek; due to the level of civil works required to provide sewage, stormwater treatments, flood immunity and other associated earth works to achieve appropriate urban design outcomes, there is only a low likelihood of some selected vegetation being retained within the extreme western portion of the VPSP area. There is a vegetated linkage provided to the north of this location within the VPSP and connections external to the VPSP area. This linkage was not specifically identified by the RCC Wildlife Corridor plan.'

It is noted that the reason behind not respecting the mapped corridor stated above is not an ecological argument.

The assessment also includes an assessment of the alternative Bunker Road link to Little Eprapah Creek (corridor location 1.1 on the plan in the BAAM report) and states (underlining has been inserted by Officers for emphasis):

'This is the location identified as the most practical and achievable means to link the core retained habitats to the Little Eprapah Creek Corridor. There is existing vegetation which will be subjected to weed removal and habitat enhancement to reinstate native vegetation, particularly Koala habitat trees. The proposed layout includes a roadway in this location and whilst this presents limitations to the functions of the corridor there is no suitable alternative location. This roadway terminates at a roundabout and is envisaged to be a low speed environment. There will be detailed management responses in this area to facilitate safe fauna movement particularly the deployment of Fauna exclusion fencing to choreograph fauna within the corridor to Little Eprapah Creek and prevent access to Bunker Road wherever practical'.

In general, arguments for the alteration of corridor locations is based on a compromise with other conflicting design requirements and offers management techniques to resolve any impacts to habitats and corridors. The alternative corridor locations are not considered acceptable for the following reasons:

- The development does not provide adequately for safe Koala movement through or within the site;
- Places development within mapped bushland habitat, severs mapped enhancement links and does not provide suitable alternative or compensatory habitat areas;
- The reconfiguration has not been designed to protect environmental and habitat values;

- The development does not protect, maintain and improve the existing extent of remnant and non-remnant vegetation by preventing clearing or fragmentation of viable habitat areas;
- Removal of corridor opportunities through location of future development and regional bioretention basin placed within the waterway buffer and along Little Eprapah Creek;
- The development of the site relies on vegetation on the west of Little Eprapah Creek to provide for fauna movement. The location of a bio-retention basin within the mapped waterway buffer, is not considered to protect, enhance, manage and minimise impacts on the environmental values of waterways, wetlands, coastal drainage areas, and their associated ecological values by retaining habit links and retaining biodiversity;
- The proposed east-west fauna movement corridor in the north of application area (adjacent to Bunker Road and severed by the proposed new access road) is limited in width and is not supported as an appropriate fauna movement corridor. The corridor is bound by the proposed residential development and bunker Road to the north and is severed by the proposed main north-south access road to the development;
- Alternative options for safe fauna movement have not been appropriately considered;
- Severing of east-west connectivity through removal of the central corridor, mapped as high value bushland in the SPRP and as wildlife habitat in the SPP mapping is not supported as it severs linkage between the extant vegetation on little Eprapah and Moogurrapum Creeks (these are the two major north-south corridors) and forces wildlife to cross the entrance to the reconfiguration in the vicinity of Bunker Road which is considered an inferior fauna movement corridor and ecological outcome;
- Encroachment of the proposed development and proposed access road into the north-south
  corridor will result in the removal of koala habitat trees along the eastern boundary of the
  development (Lots 12 RP86773) and is not supported (contrary to habitat protection overlay
  and enhancement link in RPS and conservation zone in the draft South West Victoria Point
  Local plan; and
- The location of the local park within the environmental protection zone and habitat protection overlay of the RPS and environmental significance overlay in City Plan.

In this regard the proposed development is contrary to the relevant ecological and bushland habitat assessments benchmarks contained within the RPS being the desired environmental outcomes (DEO's), conservation and environmental protection zone code, habitat protection overlay, waterways, wetlands and Moreton Bay overlay code and reconfiguration code.

The proposed development is also contrary to the City Plan and relevant assessment benchmarks including the strategic framework, emerging community zone code and the environmental significance overlay.

Given the long standing planning outcomes incorporated in the relevant statutory planning instruments, weight is also afforded to the Draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan which seeks to re-enforce these ecological and bush land habitat outcomes (refer to following sections in terms of weight applied to other relevant matters).

## **INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY**

<u>Sewer</u>

The applicant's civil engineering report states that a new 225mm diameter gravity sewerage main and lift station are the most appropriate sewerage strategy for the western portion of the Victoria Point Structure Plan area and would connect to the existing public sewer network at the location identified below, which will feed to the Victoria Point Sewer Treatment Plant (STP), see **Figure 14** below:



Figure 14 – Victoria Point Sewer Treatment Plan location

The Sewer Network Analysis, prepared by Cardno, concludes that the existing external network has capacity to service the proposed development.

The Victoria Point emerging community zone area is located outside of the Priority Infrastructure Area of the Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP). When a new community is developed outside of the PIA the desired environmental outcomes of the RPS v7.1 and the strategic framework of the City Plan requires that development does not proceed until all local and trunk infrastructure requirements (both state and local) can be met by development proponents, and an agreed funding mechanism is established.

Overall outcomes of the infrastructure works code within the RPS v7.1 and the City Plan are also virtually identical in that they seek to ensure that infrastructure is provided in a cost-effective and efficient manner, is designed to minimize whole-of-lifecycle costs, is integrated with the existing networks and does not result on adverse impacts on environmental or landscape values.

The conclusions drawn by the applicant's sewer analysis report, which state that the existing network has capacity to service the proposed development, are noted. However, work which has been undertaken by Council in the drafting of the Victoria Point structure plan recognises that development within the area is required to contribute to the upgrades of the Victoria Point STP, including sewer mains and pump stations, as the treatment plant does not have sufficient capacity to cater for the expected demand.

Further, to minimise whole of life costs and ensure that infrastructure is to be provided in a costeffective and efficient manner, a gravity sewer is the preferred option of the service provider Redland Water, due to the associated lower operational and maintenance costs. The applicant proposes a lift station however at the northern end of the site, close to Bunker Road. The stated reasons for not providing a full gravity network relate to site constraints associated with the ground levels and existing vegetation. However, this is contrary the conclusions of the applicants own

servicing report, which states that the majority of the site can be serviced via a gravity network, apart from some limited areas along the eastern end, along the creek. See **Figure 15** below.

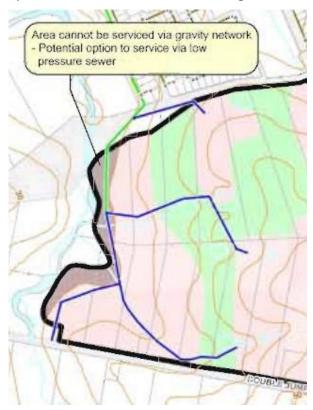


Figure 15 Extract from Applicants Servicing Report

As upgrades to the existing STP plant at Victoria Point are required, prior to development within the area proceeding, it is considered that the application has not demonstrated that the required local and trunk infrastructure requirements can be met, through an agreed funding mechanism. Further, it has also not been demonstrated that the necessary infrastructure to service the development would be provided in a cost-effective and efficient manner — and designed to minimise whole-of-lifecycle costs — would be integrated with the existing network and which would not result on adverse impacts on environmental or landscape values.

The proposal is considered contrary to the RPS, City Plan and City Plan Major Amendment Package (05/19) draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan.

### TRAFFIC AND THE ROAD NETWORK

The originally submitted development application was supported by a traffic impact assessment report and assesses the impact of the development on the local and State-controlled networks. In respect to the State-controlled network, the report concluded that the Double jump Road/Cleveland Bay Road intersection is already oversaturated. It had also been assumed that development traffic with a destination in the south along Cleveland Redland Bay Road would use Heinemann Road – Giles Road route for safe access via the Giles Road/Cleveland Redland Bay Road intersection, which was soon to be signalised (note this is now completed).

In respect to the local road network, the Double Jump Road/Bunker Road intersection is already identified at capacity. No interim upgrade options to improve capacity have been identified. It is acknowledged that the LGIP proposes upgrade works in the vicinity of this intersection which, once completed, will address this issue. The traffic impact assessment report states that due to the

proposed layout and staging of the proposed development, traffic generated from the development will be able to avoid use of the critical turn right movement from Double Jump Road into Bunker road, by instead using the Bunker Road development access.

The proposal is for an access onto Bunker Road opposite Estuary Avenue intersection and implementation of a single lane roundabout. An access onto Double Jump Road is also proposed. At the proposed Double Jump Road site access intersection, comparison traffic flow projections indicate that a channelised CHR (s) right turn lane and basic left turn (BAL) left turn lane would be warranted in Double Jump Road at the intersection.

The traffic response prepared in support of the information request response confirms that the revised layout does not materially change the originally submitted traffic impact assessment. In addition, a review of the traffic reports informing the structure plan area was prepared in responding to the information request. The report concludes that (amongst other conclusions relating to the wider Structure Plan area):

- The Victoria Point bypass has been included in Council's planning documents for several years as a relief of congestion on Cleveland Redland Bay Road through Victoria Point. It is stated that Cleveland Redland Bay Road is already at capacity in peak times. It is stated that these intersection capacity constraints can be resolved with signalisation. Those signalisation upgrades are required now, irrespective of development in the structure plan area.
- Double Jump Road is a sub-arterial road carrying a high proportion of traffic. It is stated that
  this can remain a 2-lane road and does not need to be a 4-lane road as identified in the priority
  infrastructure plan (PIP).

The PIP includes Double Jump Road- Kingfisher Road route as a four (4) lane route along its entire length from Cleveland Redland Bay Road to Boundary Road. This provision was amended in the Local Government Infrastructure Plan (LGIP) as follows:

- TR-L-108 Double Jump Double Jump Road: Seal widening from Cleveland-Redland Bay Road to Heinemann Road;
- TR-L-106 Bunker Road (Sub Arterial Road): Seal widening from Brookvale Drive to Realignment;
- TR-P-20 Intersection Heinemann Road (Sub arterial road): intersection upgrade at Double Jump Road (2017-2021); and
- TR − L − 115 − Double Jump Rd: Realignment Heinemann to Kingfisher, new intersection Heinemann, roundabout Bunker.

The LGIP identifies minor upgrade of Double Jump Road maintaining it as a two (2) lane road.

The proposed works are shown below in **Figure 16**:



Figure 16 Extract from LGIP Mapping – Transport Network

The proposed development does not make provision for upgrades to Double Jump Road and whilst it is concluded that the suggested upgrades to the network are sufficient to meet the traffic generated by the development, it is considered that the proposed solutions do not form an integrated approach to the traffic network and future planning of the road network as part of the South West Victoria Point Local Plan area in general. Approval of the development would be prejudicial to the delivery of the intent for the area and road network.

# **SITE LAYOUT AND DESIGN**

# Walkable Neighbourhoods/Cul-de-sacs

The RPS and City Plan applicable to the assessment of the development application both contain provisions relating to the creation of an urban form that promotes walking and cycling. DEO 3.1.5 (1) (b) in the RPS and more specifically S1.2 (c) of the reconfiguring a lot code seeks to create a high level of internal accessibility and S1.2 (e) limit the use of cul-de-sacs, only incorporating these where constraints dictate their use.

In City Plan, the emerging community zone code makes provision for the promotion of a logical pattern of development and the creation of walkable neighbourhoods with high levels of accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists (PO5) and overall outcome 6.2.20.2 (2) (c) and (g). Further, PO14 of the reconfiguring lot code requires a high level of internal access and external connections for pedestrians, cyclists, vehicles and public transport. Particularly, PO15 requires that development maximises the use of a grid pattern layout that avoids the use of cul-de-sacs. The overall outcomes of the reconfiguring a lot code reflect these design outcomes requiring the creation of safe, functional and attractive places that are consistent with the intended outcomes for the zone in which the land is located and the creation of an integrated, efficient and safe movement network, that promotes the use of public transport, walking and cycling (overall outcome 9.3.4.2 (2) (a) (iii)).

An extract of the proposed layout is provided in **Figure 6** of this report. Whilst the north—south road connection is maintained, linking Double Jump and Bunker Road, the development is characterised by lots accessed via a series of cul-de-sacs. It is acknowledged that pedestrian and cycling

connectivity is proposed through open space and environmental corridors, however this is considered peripheral to the site and the design of residential lots does not promote an integrated movement network. The proliferation of residential lots accessed via cul-de-sacs is not considered to support the promotion of a logical pattern of development and creation of well-structured and walkable neighbourhoods with high level of accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists.

Whilst not yet adopted, the City Plan Major Amendment Package (05/19) and draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan include similar provisions to those contained within RPS and City Plan, seeking to reduce the use of cul-de-sacs and encourage well-structured walkable neighbourhoods. Accordingly, whilst only draft, the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan should be considered as a relevant matter.

The proposal is considered contrary to the DEOs and reconfiguring a lot code in the RPS and emerging community zone code and reconfiguring a lot code in City Plan. The proposed development is also considered contrary to the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan, as a relevant matter in the assessment of the development application.

## **Medium Density Residential**

The development application as originally submitted proposed an area of medium density residential development adjacent to a proposed local centre on Double Jump Road. In responding to the information request the proposed local centre has been removed, however an area proposed for medium density residential development is retained. Generally, opportunities for medium density housing development are located within areas with good access to services and transport. This is reflected in the desired environmental outcomes (DEOs) for the City in the RPS (3.3.1 (1) (g) – DEO No. 2 – Character and identity) and City Plan strategic framework strategic framework (3.2.2 – Liveable communities and housing strategic intent) and 3.3.1.1 (9) and the strategic outcomes for newly developed communities.

Furthermore, the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan code reflects the general locational requirements for medium density housing and identifies in the overall outcomes that "(e) the medium density residential zone provides for medium density living in areas that are close to public transport or centres, consisting of predominantly of townhouses and apartments.' The proposed areas of medium density residential in the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan are located further east (closer to the proposed neighbourhood centre and Redland Bay Road).

The proposed area of medium density residential development is not located within close proximity to an existing or proposed centre and is somewhat removed from the internal road (which may be suitable for public transport). As such, it is considered that the development proposes medium density residential development in a location that is not close to a public centre or planned public transport and is not suitable for the increased density proposed. This is considered contrary to the RPS and City Plan and the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan.

The proposal is considered contrary to the DEOs in the RPS and strategic framework in City Plan. The proposed development is also considered contrary to the overall outcomes of the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan, as a relevant matter in the assessment of the development application.

# **LOCAL PARK PROVISION AND LOCATION**

The open space and recreation study submitted in response to the information request identifies a number of key principles for multiple use open spaces including, amongst others, the co-location of

formal parks within informal linear corridors. In order to integrate with the existing natural environment and to allow the retention of trees a total park area of 1.0 ha in size is proposed. This exceeds the Desire Standard of Service (DSS) requirement of 0.5 ha in size. An area of 0.5 hectares is proposed and will be embellished in accordance with the DSS.

The proposed park is located within the environmental protection zone and habitat protection overlay (bushland habitat) in the RPS. Development within the environmental protection zone is generally required to minimise adverse impacts on environmental values by providing low key uses. This can include recreational uses that contribute to the public and private landscape network, where they are low-key and have very low impacts upon environmental values. It is accepted that the co-location of parks within the environmental protection zone can be consistent with the overall outcomes for the zone, where impacts to environmental values are low.

In this case it is considered that the additional protection is afforded by the habitat protection overlay. The overall outcomes for the habitat protection overlay seek to ensure that development is designed, sited and managed to protect environmental and habitat values and to achieve a net gain through enhancement planting. In areas identified as bushland habitat the identified outcome is the preservation, management and net gain of large mainland areas of the city where habitat values remain. Specific outcome S2.1 seeks to enhance and secure a net gain in native vegetation. Where locating development within the bushland habitat alternative locations outside these areas should be investigated.

In City Plan the area of the proposed park is included within the environmental significance overlay. The overall outcomes for the code seek to retain and protect areas of ecological significance, through the minimisation in the loss of koala habitat trees, minimisation and mitigation of impacts and facilitating opportunities for safe and viable fauna movement. The proposed recreational park, located within the environmental significance area, reduces the functionality of the corridor by decreasing the ability to rehabilitate this area to gain a minimum core habitat of this corridor of one hundred (100) metres. Recreational areas tend to have lighting for surveillance and safety and clearer areas (vegetation) for crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) issues and increased activity which is likely to be prejudicial to the ecological functioning of corridor and fauna movement.

In the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan the location of the recreational park is located outside of the environmental management zone and mapped values of environmental significance and is included within the recreation and open space zone. In this context, as part of the broader environmental values and corridor considerations, this is considered to be a more integrated approach to open space/park planning and the protection and functioning of corridors of ecological significance.

The proposed location of the recreation park is not considered to sufficiently mitigate the adverse effects on environmental and habitat values and compromises the opportunities for safe and viable fauna movement within and between habitat areas. Further, alternative locations outside the identified areas of environmental significance, which will minimise the potential impact upon fauna movement, have not been adequately considered.

The proposal is considered contrary to the DEOs, environmental protection zone code, habitat protection overlay and reconfiguration of a lot code in the RPS and strategic framework, emerging community code, environmental significance overlay and reconfiguring a lot code in City Plan. The proposed development is also considered contrary to the overall outcomes for the environmental management zone and performance outcomes for reconfiguring a lot in the draft South West

Victoria Point Local Plan, as a relevant matter in the assessment of the development application. In addition the proposed location of the local park within an area of identified ecological values as reflected in the existing and proposed zoning and relevant overlays is contrary to the desired standards of service as documented in the LGIP.

## **PREMATURITY**

Pursuant to s45 of the PAct, assessment may be carried out or regard had to any other relevant matter. As has been identified the South West Victoria Point Local Plan is considered a relevant matter. Significant investigation and background technical studies have been undertaken in drafting the proposed planning scheme amendment to incorporate the local plan into City Plan. The draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan has also reached an important stage with its recent adoption by Council for the purposes of state interest review. Applying the 'Coty principle' and whether the development application will be prejudicial to securing these planning outcomes in the public interest, as part of a coordinated and planned structure planning process led by Council, is therefore a further consideration.

## Structure Planning

Potential inconsistency between the proposed development application and the emerging local plan in itself is not considered a reason for refusal. Rather, as set out above, the assessment of the proposal and planning outcomes from first principles, against the relevant assessment benchmarks contained within the relevant statutory instruments (considering instruments that assessment must be undertaken and those instruments to which regard may be given) needs to be considered and assessed. The assessment in this report concludes that the proposal is not compliant with the identified planning outcomes in the relevant planning instruments, from first principles.

Approval of the development application would 'cut across', to a substantial degree, the strategic intent and ability to deliver an integrated and sequenced community within the South West Victoria Point Local Plan area. As demonstrated, these planning outcomes are embedded in the relevant local categorising instruments and draft local plan. Approval of the development application, which is inconsistent with these planning outcomes in advance of the local plan and City Plan amendment taking effect, would be premature and compromise the implementation of the structure plan for the coordinated and efficient development of the locality. In this assessment context, significant weight should be afforded to the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan.

The development has not demonstrated that the land will be used efficiently — within well-structured and walkable neighbourhoods, to facilitate the retention and enhancement of significant waterway and habitat corridors (including encouragement of fauna movement) and other areas of environmental significance; or integrate with surrounding transport/open space networks; or provide the necessary infrastructure requirements (both state and local) to service the development — by way of an agreed funding mechanism.

The proposal is considered contrary to the relevant provisions of the planning scheme and other relevant matters being the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan.

## Implementation of the Draft Structure Plan

Further, it is considered that the proposed reconfiguration would compromise the implementation of the South West Victoria Point Local Plan and the coordinated and efficient development of the area as a well-designed future urban community.

The proposal is considered contrary to City Plan Major Amendment Package (05/19) South West Victoria Point Local Plan.

# SEQRP 2017 – Part A: Goals, Elements and Strategies

The strategies of the SEQRP 2017 (pursuant to goal 1: Grow and element 3: New communities) identify a strategy to ensure the planning and delivery of land use and infrastructure for new communities, are integrated and sequenced, and deliver complete communities in a timely manner. It is recognised that this must be balanced with Chapter 3, Part C: sub-regional directions and in circumstances of inconsistency between the strategies and sub-regional directions, the sub-regional directions prevail.

In this regard no inconsistency has been identified between the strategies and sub-regional directions in *SEQRP 2017*. The population growth and identified dwellings target in the sub-regional directions is noted and Council has identified the subject land within the emerging community zone in City Plan, in order to provide sufficient land to meet with the additional dwelling requirement (2016-2041).

Further, in order to plan for the delivery of the new community in an integrated, sequenced and complete community in a timely manner, Council has followed a logical process since the earlier SEQRP 2009, by implementing City Plan (changing the zoning to emerging community) and preparing a draft structure plan for the area.

The application compromises important aspects of this current planning. Conflict has been identified with the planning outcomes identified from first principles. The extent to which this 'cuts across' the local plan/structure plan process is considered prejudicial to the finer grain local planning for the structure plan area. In such circumstances, and in the absence of any inconsistency with the sub-regional directions, approval of the development application is considered to be premature and prejudicial to achieving the outcomes and strategies for new communities identified within chapter 3, Part A goals, elements and strategies identified in the SEQ Regional Plan 2017.

## **STATE REFERRALS**

### Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning

The application triggered referral to the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (DILGP) pursuant to Schedule 7, table 2, Item 39 — Regional plans of the *Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009* (SPReg). The DILGP provided its formal concurrence agency response on 7 July 2017. The following advice was provided to the assessment manager:

'The final version of the draft South East Queensland Regional Plan 2016, also known as ShapingSEQ, is likely to commence prior to the start of the decision period for this development application. Should this occur, it is acknowledged that the assessment manager in accordance with section 317 of SPA may give weight it is satisfied appropriate to ShapingSEQ.'

Refer to **Attachment 4** for a copy of the referral concurrence agency response.

# Department of Transport and Main Roads (Third Party Advice)

In accordance with section 256 of the SPA, Council requested third party advice from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR)). The Department advised that given the dispersed nature of predicted trips to/from the proposal, it is not seen to be reasonable for TMR

to request additional analysis to demonstrate the impact of this development on the operation of the state controlled road network. See **Attachment 5** for a copy of the third party advice.

# **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

The proposed development is impact assessable and required public notification. The application was publicly notified for 15 business days from 11 July 2018 to 3 August 2018. A notice of compliance for public notification was received on 3 August 2018.

### **Submissions**

Refer to **Attachment 6** for a summary of submissions.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS	

## **Legislative Requirements**

In accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* this development application has been assessed against the RPS (7.1) and other relevant planning instruments.

# **Risk Management**

Standard development application risks apply.

### **Financial**

There is potential that in a deemed refusal appeal the appellant may apply for an award of costs.

## **People**

There are no implications for staff.

## **Environmental**

Environmental implications are detailed within the assessment in the "Issues" section of this report.

### Social

Social implications are detailed within the assessment in the "Issues" section of this report.

# Alignment with Council's Policy and Plans

The assessment and officer's recommendation align with Council's policies and plans as described within the "Issues" section of this report.

# **Human Rights**

In accordance with section 58 of the *Human Rights Act 2019*, consideration has been given to the relevant human rights in particular c.25 Privacy and Reputation, when drafting this report.

### **CONSULTATION**

Consulted	Consultation Date	Comments/Actions
Director Dounelds Dianning Dty Ltd	December 2019 –	Preliminary advice has been incorporated
Director - Reynolds Planning Pty Ltd	January 2020	into the report.
Managing Principal – Terrestria Ecological	December 2019 –	Preliminary advice has been incorporated
Management	January 2020	into the report.

### **OPTIONS**

## **Option One**

That Council resolves as follows:

- 1. To oppose the development application, for the reasons generally in accordance with those identified in Attachment 7.
- 2. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the reasons for refusal after consultation with the relevant experts and Counsel advice.
- 3. To instruct its solicitors to notify the parties that it opposes the development application, for the reason generally in accordance with those identified in Attachment 7.
- 4. That this report and attachments remain confidential until the conclusion of the appeal, subject to maintaining the confidentiality of legally privileged and commercial in confidence information.

### **Option Two**

That Council resolves as follows:

- 1. To oppose the development application, subject to additional or amended reasons.
- 2. To instruct its solicitors to notify the parties that it opposes the development application, for the reasons identified in point 1.
- 3. That this report and attachments remain confidential until the conclusion of the appeal, subject to maintaining the confidentiality of legally privileged and commercial in confidence information.

### **Option Three**

That Council resolves as follows:

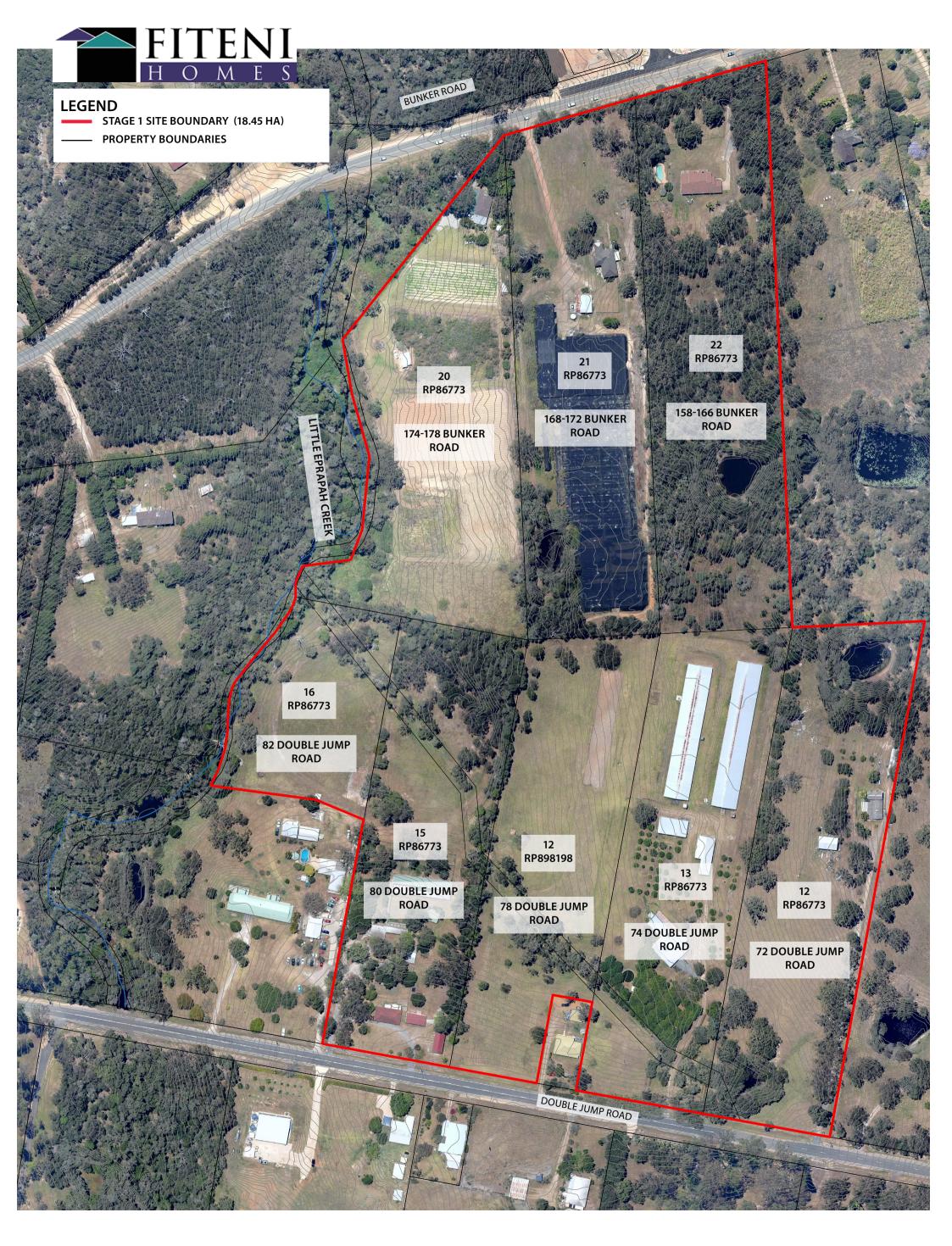
- 1. To support the development application for reconfiguration of a lot and delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to draft conditions.
- 2. To instruct its solicitors to notify the parties that it supports the development application for reconfiguration of a lot, subject to conditions.
- 3. That this report and attachments remain confidential until the conclusion of the appeal, subject to maintaining the confidentiality of legally privileged and commercial in confidence information.

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolves as follows:

- 1. To oppose the development application, for the reasons generally in accordance with those identified in Attachment 7.
- 2. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the reasons for refusal after consultation with the relevant experts and Counsel advice.
- 3. To instruct its solicitors to notify the parties that it opposes the development application, for the reasons generally in accordance with those identified in Attachment 7.
- 4. That this report and attachments remain confidential until the conclusion of the appeal, subject to maintaining the confidentiality of legally privileged and commercial in confidence information.

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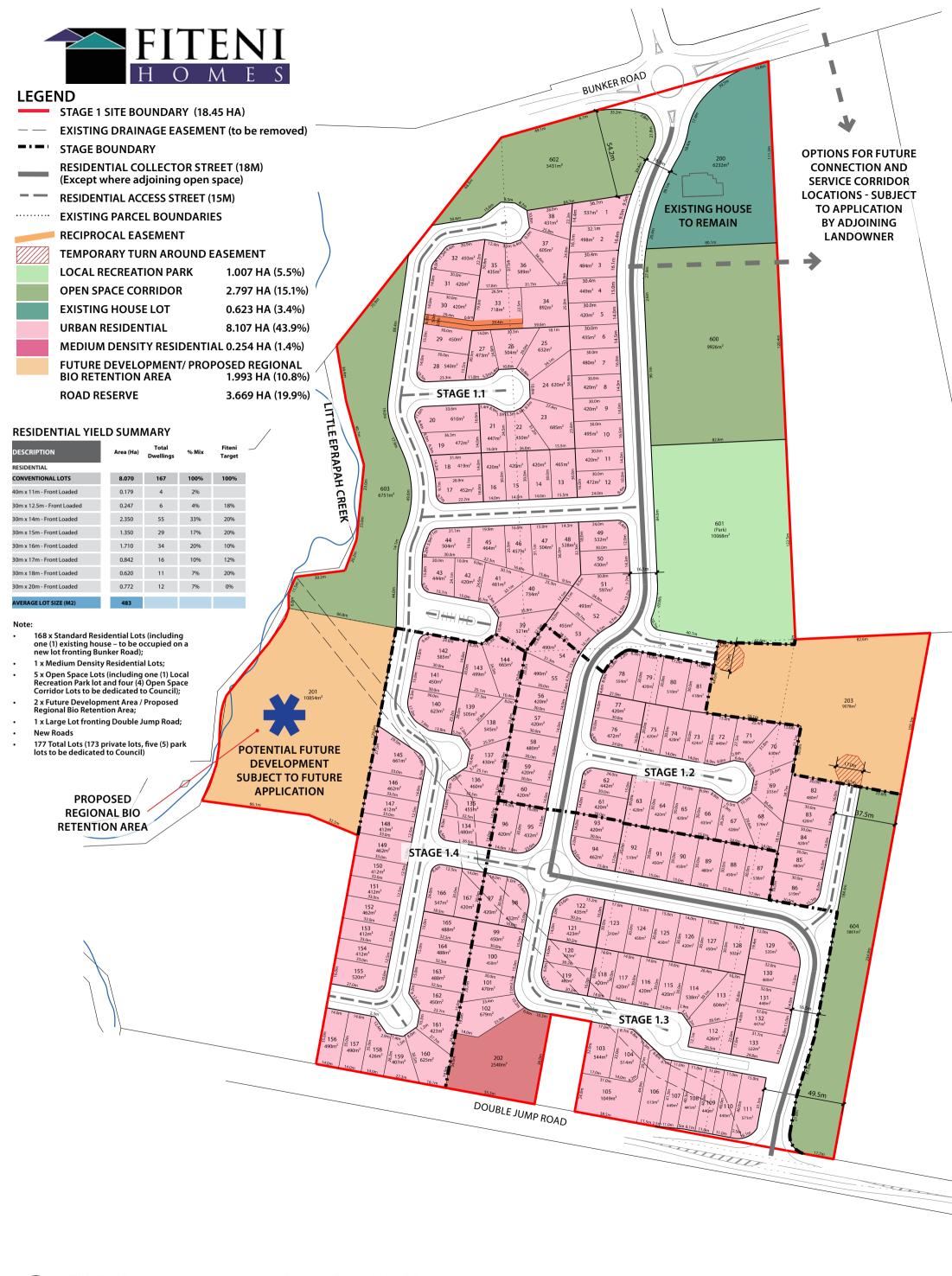
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Figure 3.1 Structure plan



22 June 2018





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Reconfiguration Plan

Double Jump Road



Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning

Our reference: SDA-0517-039736 Your reference: ROL006166

7 July 2017

Chief Executive officer Redland City Council PO Box 21 Cleveland QLD 4163

Via email: damailbox@redland.qld.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

# Concurrence agency response - no requirements

72 Double Jump Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165; Lot 12 on RP86773

74 Double Jump Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165; Lot 13 on RP86773

78 Double Jump Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165; Lot 12 on RP898198

80 Double Jump Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165; Lot 15 on RP86773

82 Double Jump Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165; Lot 16 on RP86773

158-166 Double Jump Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165; Lot 22 on RP86773

166-172 Double Jump Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165; Lot 21 on RP86773

174-178 Double Jump Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165; Lot 20 on RP86773

(Given under section 285 of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009)

The referral agency material for the development application described below was received by the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the department) under section 272 of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (the Act) on 2 June 2017.

## **Applicant details**

Applicant name: Sutgold Pty Ltd c/- Tract Consultants Pty Ltd Sean

Gallagher

Applicant contact details: Level 2, 140 Ann Street

BRISBANE QLD 4000

### Site details

Street address: 72-82 and 155-158 Double Jump Road, Victoria Point QLD

4165

Real property description: Lots 12, 13, 15, 16, 21, 22, 20 on RP86773 & Lot 12 on

RP898198

Local government area: Redland City Council

**Application details** 

Proposed development: Reconfiguring a lot (8 lots into 176 lots), park and road –

including balance lots for future residential and commercial

development

## Referral trigger

The development application was referred to the department under the following provision of the Sustainable Planning Regulation 2009:

Referral trigger Schedule 7, Table 2, Item 39 – Regional Plans

## No requirements

The department advises the assessment manager, under section 287(2)(a) of the Act, that it has no requirements relating to the application.

### **Further advice**

Under section 287(6) of the Act, the department offers advice about the application to the assessment manager.

# **Draft South East Queensland Regional Plan 2016**

1. The final version of the draft South East Queensland Regional Plan 2016, also known as ShapingSEQ, is likely to commence prior to the start of the decision period for this development application. Should this occur, it is acknowledged that the assessment manager in accordance with section 317 of SPA may give the weight it is satisfied appropriate to ShapingSEQ.

A copy of this response has been sent to the applicant for their information.

If you require any further information, please contact Thomas Holmes, Senior Planning Officer, Planning and Development Services – SEQ South on (07) 5644 3217, or via email GCSARA@dilgp.qld.gov.au who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

Kim Kirstein

Manger – Planning and Development Services – SEQ South

cc: Redland City Council (att: Emma Martin)

TMR17-021418 Our ref Your ref 0716-0859 Enquiries Melanie Packer

Department of

**Transport and Main Roads** 

8 June 2017

Redland City Council PO Box 21 Cleveland QLD 4163

Attention: Emma Martin

Dear Sir/Madam

## Third Party Advice about a Development Application

Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (8 Lots into 176) **Proposed Development:** 

Lots, park and road - including balance lots for future

residential and commercial development)

**Real Property Description:** Lot 12RP86773, 12RP898198, 13RP86773, 15RP86773,

16RP86773, 20RP86773, 21RP86773, 22RP86773

Street Address: 72 Double Jump Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165

> 74 Double Jump Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165 78 Double Jump Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165 80 Double Jump Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165 82 Double Jump Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165 158-166 Bunker Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165 168-172 Bunker Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165 174-178 Bunker Road, Victoria Point QLD 4165

**Assessment Manager ref.:** ROL006166

**Local Government Area:** Redland City Council

Reference is made to your request for third party advice from the Department of Transport and Main Roads (the department) in relation to the abovementioned development application in accordance with section 256 of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009 (SPA).

The department has assessed the proposed development and offers the following advice with respect to the application:

The development is generally consistent with a wider Structure Plan prepared as part of a residential estate on land between Double Jump Road, Clay Gully Road and Bunker Road.

ABN: 39 407 690 291

- The submitted Traffic Impact Assessment predicts 134 two-way peak hour trips as a result of this proposal (with a 70:30 in/out directional split – that is 94 departures and 40 arrivals in the morning peak and the reverse in the evening). The predicted development traffic generation is considered to be reasonable.
- The predicted distribution of traffic, in terms of destination, is considered reasonable for this proposal.
- Based on the submitted Traffic Impact Assessment, it is expected that the following percentage growth rates will be experienced on nearby state-controlled roads:
  - o Cleveland Redland Bay Road: 2.4%
  - o Boundary Road: 2.9%
  - o Mount Cotton Road: 1.3%

Based on this, the predicted increase in traffic resulting from this proposal is seen as relatively low (less than 3% of total traffic).

• Therefore, given the dispersed nature of predicted trips to/from the proposal, it is not seen to be reasonable for TMR to request additional analysis to demonstrate the impact of this development on the operation of the state controlled road network.

Should you have any queries regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Melanie Packer, Town Planner (Corridor and Land Management) on (07) 3066 5709

Yours sincerely

Matthew Murray

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Principal Advisor (Development Control), Corridor and Land Management

# Attachment 6 – Summary of Submissions

A total of 651 preperly made submissions were received.

646 properly made submissions in support of the development application were received on the following grounds:

Issue	Description	Officers Comment
Victoria Point Emerging Community Area	Support the construction of new homes, parkland, bikeway connections and bushland corridors in the Victoria Point Emerging Community Area	The area has been included within the emerging community zone in City Plan and forms part of the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan. Ensuring that new communities are integrated and sequenced to deliver complete communities is critical.
Environmental areas	Rehabilitation of environmental areas	Rehabilitation of environmental areas is supported where it forms part of a comprehensive approach to the structure planning of the area. Also, where it will support the objectives of fauna movement and connectivity through the development. The proposed development does not support a comprehensive approach to this matter.
Housing Need	Standalone houses decrease the need for overdevelopment of existing neighbourhoods	The inclusion of the subject site within the emerging community zone in City Plan recognises the potential of the area to meet with the housing requirements set out in SEQRP 2017.
Housing choice	Housing choice and supports families	The development application is a reconfiguration of a lot and the proposed lot size is consistent with the intent of the low density residential zone. However, the location of the proposed medium density residential is not considered appropriate.
New Parkland	Support the provision of new parkland	The provision of a new local park is supported however the locations within the location of it within land subject to environmental zoning and

		environmental/bushland overlays is not supported. The
		park is considered to be more appropriately located outside of these areas.
Local Road Network	Support improvements to local road network in the area and structure plan area.	Refer to assessment report.
Economy	<ul> <li>The development will support the local construction industry and importance of the construction industry to the local economy.</li> <li>Clients develop in other areas due to difficulty in getting approval.</li> </ul>	The site is included within the emerging community zone and the draft South West Victoria Local Plan and it is accepted that the site will be developed and consequently support the local economy. However, development should not be at all costs and should be assessed against the relevant planning framework. Development that substantially cuts across future planning for the area and recognised planning interests should not be supported.
Investment	Recognise importance of private investment in improving the facilities in the southern Redlands.	Refer to above response.
Location	Good location for the construction of new homes	The area has been included within the emerging community zone in City Plan and forms part of the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan.
Appearance	Good development for Victoria Point and will be a good fit with the appearance of the surrounding suburbs.	The development
Reputation	Fiteni Homes are known locally as a good house builder	This is not considered to be a relevant to the assessment of the development application.
Road bypass	Benefits of a road bypass	A bypass in its entirety does not form part of the development application.
Layout	Good balance between areas of housing, open space and green areas	This is key in the assessment o of the development application. Refer to assessment report.
Urban Footprint	The land has been in the urban footprint for some time and is the next logical supply.	The area has been included within the emerging community zone in City Plan

		and forms part of the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan. Ensuring that new communities are integrated and sequenced to deliver complete communities is critical.
Land Supply	Land supply is limited and a healthy land supply is required to maintain affordability.	The inclusion of the subject site within the emerging community zone in City Plan recognises the potential of the area to meet with the housing requirements set out in SEQRP 2017.

5 properly made submissions of objection to the development application were received on the following grounds:

Issue	Description	Officers Comment
Water Availability	Water for business is drawn from Sandy Creek. Urban development will result in the amount and quality of water.	
Ecological corridor	<ul> <li>Lack of justification for movement of the corridor to the north</li> <li>The northern corridor is impacted by the proposed access road which will restrict ground based fauna movement</li> <li>The north-south corridor is shifted into adjoining land</li> </ul>	Matters of environmental value and significance is considered within the assessment report.
Structure Plan	<ul> <li>The development fails to deliver the emerging community as it shifts the northsouth ecological corridor onto adjoining land. This should be considered as part of structure Plan.</li> <li>More of the ecological corridor should be provided on Fiteni land.</li> </ul>	As above.

	Road connection	
	should be extended	
	through to Lot 11.	
	<ul> <li>Stormwater and upstream consideration (although noted not part of this development</li> </ul>	
	application).	
	<ul> <li>PPV land should be removed from the applicant's Structure Plan.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Diversion of Double         Jump Road to         Boundary Road should         not be included in the     </li> </ul>	
	Structure Plan.	
Access	<ul> <li>Does not provide road access and connectivity to East</li> <li>Limits the ability of the Structure Plan to achieve its outcomes and the coordinated development of the Paige land.</li> <li>Stormwater, water and wastewater infrastructure to be designed and constructed to cater for development of the Paige land.</li> </ul>	As above.

A total of 13 not properly made submissions were received.

No further issues, other than those identified, above were raised.

### **REASONS FOR REFUSAL**

### **Request to Amend Koala Habitat Mapping**

1. The request to amend the koala habitat mapping and high value bushland classification, located on Lots 15, 20 and 21 RP86773 is not supported as the bushland meets with the assessment criteria for bushland habitat areas in the Schedule 11, Part 4, Section 10 of the *Planning Regulation 2017*.

## **Reconfiguring a Lot Development Permit**

## A. Environmental Values

- 1. The development will involve the clearing of non-juvenile koala habitat trees in a bushland habitat area which is prohibited by Schedule 11, Part 2, Section 6 of the *Planning Regulation 2017*.
  - It has not been demonstrated that the development provides, to the greatest extent practicable, safe koala movement measures that are appropriate for the development and habitat connectivity value of the premises in accordance with Schedule 11, Part 2, Section 2 of the *Planning Regulation 2017*. Alternative safe koala measures and proposed corridors are not an appropriate outcome for the development and habitat connectivity value of the premises.
- 2. The reconfiguration does not protect and enhance areas where there are opportunities for environmental enhancement activities to support significant ecosystems, protect koala habitat and provide natural corridor linkages between conservation areas in accordance with the Strategic Framework. Further, the proposed east-west natural corridor linkage is inadequate for the safe movement of native fauna as the corridor is located adjacent to Bunker Road, a sub-arterial road, and fauna friendly fencing to prevent native fauna from moving onto Bunker Road would not be effective as it is severed by the proposed road access to Bunker Road. The proposed east-west corridor linkage is not a suitable alternative to the equivalent east-west corridor in the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan for the fauna safety grounds above and in addition does not allow for the long-term conservation of the mapped bushland habitat and Matter of State Environmental Significance that the development proposes to remove.
- 3. Future development and a proposed future bio-retention basin is located within the minimum 50 metre buffer distance and riparian vegetation protection area of Little Eprapah Creek in accordance with the Waterway corridors and wetlands overlay code of the City Plan. As the design of the bio-retention basin does not form part of this development application, the development has not demonstrated that the development protects, enhances, manages and minimize

impacts on environmental values of Little Eprapah Creek and its associated ecological value in line with the Strategic Framework and Healthy waters code of the City Plan.

## **B.** Infrastructure Delivery

- 4. It has not demonstrated that the required local and trunk infrastructure requirements can be met, through an agreed funding mechanism as required by the Strategic Framework of the City Plan.
- 5. It has also not been demonstrated that the necessary infrastructure to service the development would be provided in cost-effective and efficient manner, which is designed to minimize whole-of-lifecycle costs, would be integrated with the existing network and which does not result on adverse impacts on environmental or landscape values in accordance with the Infrastructure works code of the City Plan.

### C. Traffic

- 6. It has not been demonstrated that the impacts upon local and state road networks can be met...
- 7. Further, it has not been demonstrated that the development is undertaken in a way that optimizes available capacity and established investment in the road network for the wider Victoria Point Structure Plan area to ensure that development occurs in an orderly and cost effective manner supported by an integrated network.

# D. Site Layout and Design

### Walkable Neighbourhoods

8. The proliferation of residential lots accessed via cul-de-sacs is not considered to support the promotion of a logical pattern of development and creation of well-structured and walkable neighbourhoods with high level of accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists in accordance with the Strategic Framework and Reconfiguring a lot code of the City Plan.

## Medium Density Residential

9. The development proposes medium density residential development in a location that is not close to a public centre or planned public transport and is not suitable for the increased density proposed as required by the Strategic Framework.

# E. Park Provision

10. The proposed location of the recreation park, is not supported in areas of identified environmental significance in accordance with the desired standards of service of the Local Government Infrastructure Plan. Further, alternative locations

outside the identified areas of environmental significance, which will minimise the potential impact upon fauna movement have not been adequately considered.

# F. Prematurity

# **Structure Planning**

11. The development has not demonstrated that the land will be used efficiently, within well-structured and walkable neighbourhoods, would facilitate the retention and enhancement of significant waterway and habitat corridors (including encouragement of fauna movement) and other areas of environmental significance, would integrate with surrounding transport/open space networks or would provide the necessary infrastructure requirements (both state and local) to service the development, by way of an agreed funding mechanism as required by the Strategic Framework

# Implementation of the Draft Structure Plan

12. Further, approval of the development would be premature and the reconfiguration would compromise the implementation of the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan and the coordinated and efficient development of the area as a well-designed future urban community.

# **SEQRP 2017**

- 13. The reconfiguration fails to ensure that the planning and delivery of land use and infrastructure for new communities are integrated and sequenced in order to deliver complete communities in a timely manner.
- 14. The reconfiguration fails to protect and enhance the regional biodiversity network that includes Matters of State Environmental Significance and koala habitat and a network of interconnected koala habitat.

### CONFLICT WITH RELEVANT PLANNING INSTRUMENTS

### **Reconfiguring a Lot Development Permit**

### A. Environmental Values

The proposed development does not comply with the following assessment benchmarks in the *Planning Regulation 2017* (**PReg**):

a) the reconfiguration does not comply with the assessment benchmarks identified in Schedule 11, Part 2, Section 2 (a) and 6 (3) (a) and (d) of the *Planning Regulation 2017*.

The proposed development does not comply with the following provisions of the Redlands Planning Scheme (RPS):

- b) Part 3.1.2 (1) (a) (i) (c), (d) and (e) of the desired environmental outcome No.1 Natural Environment.
- c) Overall outcome 4.6.7 (2) (a) (i) (a), (b), (c) (d) of the environmental protection zone code.
- d) Overall outcome 5.7.7 (2) (a), (c), (d) and (e) of the habitat protection overlay.
- e) Specific outcomes \$1.1 and \$2.1 of the habitat protection overlay.
- f) Overall outcomes 5.12.7 (2) (a) (ii), (iii) and (vi) of the waterways, wetlands and Moreton Bay overlay code.
- g) Specific outcome S1.1 (1), (2) (a) and (h), S2 (1) waterways, wetlands and Moreton Bay overlay code.
- h) Overall outcomes 7.11.3 (2) (f) (ii) and (j) of the reconfiguration of a lot code.
- i) Specific outcome S1.1 (1) (b) of the reconfiguration of a lot code.

The proposed development does not comply with the following provisions of the Redland City Plan (City Plan):

- a) 3.2.4 Strategic intent environment and heritage in the strategic framework.
- b) 3.3.1.4 (4) Newly developing communities in the strategic framework.
- c) 3.5.1.1 (1), (2), (3) and (8) the natural environment.
- d) Overall outcome 6.2.20.2 (2) (h) and (j) of the emerging community zone code.
- e) Performance outcome PO5 (12) and PO13 of the emerging community zone code.
- f) Overall outcome 8.2.4.2 (2) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) of the environmental significance overlay.
- g) Specific outcome PO1, PO2, PO4, PO6, PO8, PO10, PO12, PO13, PO14, PO15 of the environmental significance overlay.
- h) Overall outcome 8.2.11.2 (2) (a) and (c) of the waterway corridors and wetlands overlay code.
- i) Performance outcome PO2 (6a) of the waterway corridors and wetlands overlay code.

The proposed development does not comply with the following provisions of the draft South West Victoria Point Local Plan (draft Local Plan):

- a) Overall outcomes 7.2.1.2 (2) (h), (i), (9), (10), (11) (a) (xi), (xii), (d) of the draft Local Plan.
- b) Performance outcomes PO1, PO3, PO5, PO6, PO7, PO9 and PO10 conservation zone assessment benchmarks.
- c) Performance outcome PO1, PO2, PO4, PO5, PO6 of Table 7.2.1.3.7 environmental management zone assessment benchmarks.
- d) Performance outcome PO4, PO7, PO23 and PO26 reconfiguration assessment benchmarks.

# **B.** Infrastructure Delivery

The proposed development does not comply with the following provisions of the RPS

- a) Part 3.1.6(1) (a), (b), (c), (e), (f), (g) of the desired environmental outcome No. 5 Essential Services.
- b) Overall outcomes 8.7.3 (2) (a) of the infrastructure works code.
- c) Specific outcomes S3 and S4 of the infrastructure works code.
- d) Overall outcomes 7.11.3 (2) (e) (i) and (f) (vii) of the reconfiguration code.
- e) Specific outcomes S1.4 (1) (b), (c) (i) and (iii) of the reconfiguration code.

The proposed development does not comply with the following provisions of the City Plan:

- a) Part 7.7.1.1 (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) infrastructure, of the strategic framework.
- b) Overall outcome 9.3.2.2 (2) of the infrastructure works code.
- c) Performance outcomes PO4, PO5, PO6, PO7, PO8 and PO10 of the infrastructure works code.
- d) Overall outcome 9.3.4.2 (2), (a), (vi) and (vii) of the reconfiguring a lot code.
- e) Performance outcomes PO9, PO37 of the reconfiguring a lot code.

The proposed development does not comply with the following provisions of the draft Local Plan:

a) Overall outcomes 7.2.1.2 (2) (j) and (k), (11) (reconfiguring a lot) (g) and (h), (12) trunk infrastructure (J) of the draft Local Plan code.

## C. Traffic

The proposed development does not comply with the following provisions of the RPS:

- a) Part 3.1.4 (1) (c) of the desired environmental outcome No. 4 –. Access and mobility.
- b) Overall outcomes 8.1.3 92) (a) (i) of the access and parking code.
- c) Overall outcomes 8.7.3 (2) (a) of the infrastructure works code.
- d) Specific outcomes S7 of the infrastructure works code.

- e) Overall outcomes 7.11.3 (2) (f), (iii) and (vii) of the reconfiguration code.
- f) Specific outcomes S1.4 (1) (b), (c) (i) and (iii) of the reconfiguration code.
- g) Priority Infrastructure Plan.

The proposed development does not comply with the following provisions of the City Plan:

- a) Part 3.3.1.1 (9) (c) –liveable communities and housing of the strategic framework.
- b) Part 3.3.1.4 (8) Newly developing communities of the strategic framework.
- c) Part 3.7.1.1 (1), (2), (3), (6) Infrastructure theme in the strategic framework.
- d) Overall outcome 6.2.20.2 (2) (b), (f), (g) of the emerging community zone code.
- e) Performance outcome PO3 and PO5 (2) of the emerging community zone code.
- f) Overall outcomes 9.3.5.2 (1) of the transport, servicing, access and parking code.
- g) Performance outcome PO3 (1) of the transport, servicing, access and parking code.
- h) Overall outcome 9.3.4.2 (2), (a), (iii) and (vii) of the reconfiguring a lot code.
- i) Performance outcomes PO14 (6) of the reconfiguring a lot code.
- j) The Local Government Infrastructure Plan.

The proposed development does not comply with the following provisions of the draft Local Plan:

- a) Overall outcome 7.2.1.2 (2) (a), (b) and (k) of the draft Local Plan code.
- b) Overall outcome 7.2.1..2 (11) (c) (i), 12 (iv)
- c) Performance outcome PO20 of the reconfiguration benchmarks for assessable development in the draft Local Plan code.

# k) Park Provision

The proposed development does not comply with the following provisions of the RPS:

- a) 3.1.2 (1) (a) (i) and (ii), (c) of the desired environmental outcome No. 2 Character and identity.
- b) Overall outcome 4.6.7 (a) (i) (a), (c) and (d), (b) (ii) and (c) of the environmental protection zone code.
- c) Specific outcomes S2.1 and S2.2 of the environmental protection zone code.
- d) Overall outcome 5.7.7 (2) (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) of the habitat protection overlay code.
- e) Performance outcome S1.2 and S2.1 of the habitat protection overlay code.
- f) 7.11.3 (2) (J) of the reconfiguring a lot code.
- g) Specific outcome S1.1 (1) (b), S1.3 and S1.6 (4) of the reconfiguring a lot code.

The proposed development does not comply with the following provisions of the City Plan:

a) Strategic framework 3.2.4 – Strategic intent – Environment and heritage.

- Strategic Framework 3.3 theme Liveable communities and housing and strategic outcomes for newly developed communities 3.3.1.4 (4).
- b) Overall outcome 6.2.20.2 (j) of the emerging community zone code.
- c) Performance outcome PO5 (12) and PO13 of the emerging community zone code
- d) Overall outcome 8.2.4.2 (2) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (h) of the environmental significance overlay code.
- e) Performance outcome PO2, PO3, PO4, PO5, PO6, PO7, PO8, PO11, PO14, PO15 and PO18 of the environmental significance overlay code.
- f) Overall outcome 9.3.4.2 (2) (a) (iv) of the reconfiguring a lot code.
- g) Performance outcome PO3 (2), (3), PO5 (2), PO45 and PO46 of the reconfiguring a lot code.

The proposed development does not comply with the following provisions of the draft Local Plan:

- d) Overall outcome 7.2.1.2 (2) (b) and (i), (10) environmental management zone (a), (b) (d), (11) reconfiguring a lot (a) and (d) of the draft Local Plan code.
- e) Performance outcome PO1, PO2, PO5 and PO6 of the environmental management zone benchmarks for assessable development in the draft Local Plan code.
- f) Performance outcome PO31 of the reconfiguration reconfiguration assessment benchmarks.

## I) Site Layout and Design

## Walkable Neighbourhoods

The reconfiguration does not comply with the following provisions of the RPS:

- a) Part 3.1.5 (1) (b) of the desired environmental outcome No. 4 Access and Mobility.
- b) Overall outcome 7.11.3 (2) (f) (iii) of the reconfiguration code.
- c) Specific outcome S1.2 (1) (c), (e) of the reconfiguration code.

The reconfiguration does not comply with the following provisions of the City Plan:

- a) Strategic intent Part 3.2.2 (Liveable communities and housing) of the Strategic framework and Strategic outcome 3.3.1.4 (2) (Newly developing communities) of the Liveable communities and housing theme of the Strategic framework.
- b) Overall outcome 6.2.20.2 (2) (c) and (g) of the emerging community zone code.
- c) Performance outcome PO5 (1), (3) and (4) of the emerging community zone code.
- d) Overall outcome 9.3.4.2 (2) (a) (iii) of the reconfiguring a lot code.
- e) Performance outcome PO14 (1), (2) and (3) and PO15 of the reconfiguring a lot code.

The reconfiguration does not comply with the following provisions of the draft Local Plan:

a) Overall outcome 7.2.1.2 (2) (a), (4) (i) – Low density residential zone, 11 (a), (c) – Reconfiguring a lot of the draft Local Plan code.

b) Performance outcome Table 7.2.1.3.8 – Reconfiguration benchmarks PO17 (1), (3), PO18 and PO19 of the draft Local Plan code.

## **Medium Density Residential**

The reconfiguration does not comply with the following provisions of the RPS:

a) 3.3.1 (1) (g) of the desired environmental outcome No. 2 – Character and identity.

The reconfiguration does not comply with the following provisions of the City Plan:

a) Strategic framework (3.2.2 – Liveable communities and housing strategic intent) and 3.1.1 (9) and the strategic outcomes for newly developed communities.

The reconfiguration does not comply with the following provisions of the draft Local Plan.

a) Overall outcome 7.2.1.2 (2) (e) of the draft Local Plan code.

# m) Prematurity

The reconfiguration does not comply with the following provisions of the RPS:

a) 3.3.1 (1) (c) and (d) of the desired environmental outcome No. 2 – Character and identity.

The reconfiguration does not comply with the following provisions of the City Plan:

- a) Strategic framework 3.2.2 Strategic intent Liveable communities and housing.
- b) Strategic framework 3.3 theme Liveable communities and housing and strategic outcomes for newly developed communities 3.3.1.4 (2), (3), (4), (5), (8).
- c) Overall outcome 6.2.20.2 (2) (a), (b), (f), (g) and (j) of the emerging community zone code.
- d) Performance outcome PO3, PO5 (1), (2), (3), (4) and (12) of the emerging community zone code.
- e) Overall outcome (1) and (2) (a) of the reconfiguring a lot code.

The reconfiguration does not comply with the following provisions of the draft Local Plan:

f) Overall outcome 7.2.1.2 (2) of the draft Local Plan code.

## Implementation of the Draft Structure Plan

The reconfiguration does not comply with the following provisions of the draft Local Plan:

- a) Overall outcome 7.2.1.2 (2) (b) and (i), (10) environmental management zone (a),
   (b) (d), (11) reconfiguring a lot (a) and (d) of the draft South West Victoria Point local plan code.
- b) Performance outcome PO1, PO2, PO5 and PO6 of the environmental management zone benchmarks for assessable development in the Local Plan code.
- c) Performance outcome PO31 of the reconfiguration benchmarks for development that is assessable development reconfiguration assessment benchmarks.

# **SEQRP 2017**

The reconfiguration does not comply with the following parts of the South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017 (Shaping SEQ):

- a) Chapter 3, Part A, Goal 1: Grow, Element 3: New Communities.
- b) Chapter 3, Part A, Goal 4: Sustain, Element 2: Biodiversity and Element 3: Koala conservation.

In the Planning and Environment Court

Held at: Brisbane

Between:

SUTGOLD PTY LTD Appellant

of 2019

No.

And: REDLAND CITY COUNCIL Respondent

# NOTICE OF APPEAL

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SUTGOLD PTY LTD care of Anderssen Lawyers, Level 24, 12 Creek Street, Brisbane in the State of Queensland appeals to the Planning and Environment Court at Brisbane against the deemed refusal by the Redland City Council for an application by the Appellant for a development permit for a reconfiguration a lot (8 lots into 176 lots and new roads) ("the Development Application"), over land located at 72, 74, 78, 80 and 82 Double Jump Road, 158-166, 168-172 and 174-178 Bunker Road, Victoria Point, more particularly described as lot 12, 13, 15, 22 and 21 on RP86773, Lot 16 and 20 on SP293877 and lot 12 on RP898198 ("the Subject Land") and seeks the following orders or other relief:

- 1. That the appeal be allowed;
- 2. That the development application be approved;
- 3. The Respondent pay the Appellant's costs of the appeal; and
- 4. Any further or other orders the Court may deem fit.

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# The grounds of appeal are:

- 5. The subject land:
  - (a) has a total site area of 205,937m<sup>2</sup>;
  - (b) is within the Urban Footprint and a Local Development Area for residential growth ("the VPLDA") in the South East Queensland Regional Plan 2009 – 2031;
  - (c) is within the Urban Footprint for Shaping SEQ South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017;
  - (d) was partly in the Rural Non-Urban Zone, the Environmental Protection Zone and Conservation Zone within the Respondent's Planning Scheme 2006 (version 7.1, 2016);
  - (e) is currently zoned in City Plan 2018 (version 3) as Emerging Community.
- 6. On 24 March 2017 the Appellant lodged the Development Application with the Respondent. In respect of the Development Application;
  - (a) the Respondent was the assessment manager;
  - (b) the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning was a referral agency ("the Department");
  - (c) the development application was impact assessable.
- On 26 May 2017 the Respondent issued an information request which sought, inter alia, for the Appellant to prepare a structure plan for the subject land and the VPLDA.
- 8. On 7 July 2017 the Department issued its response advising that it had no requirements in respect of the Development Application.
- On 22 June 2018 the Appellant responded to the Information request. The Information Response included the following attachments;

- (a) Attachment A: Victoria Point Emerging Community Structure Plan (and supporting technical reports);
- (b) Attachment B: Structure Plan Third Party Peer Review;
- (c) Attachment C Revised Stage 1 Reconfiguration Plan;
- (d) Attachment D Updated Civil Engineering Services Report;
- (e) Attachment E Updated Flooding and Stormwater Management Plan;
- (f) Attachment F Traffic Technical Note;
- (g) Attachment G Updated Noise Impact Assessment;
- (h) Attachment H Updated Bushfire Management Plan;
- (i) Attachment I Updated Ecological Assessment Report;
- (j) Attachment J Landscape Master Plan;
- (k) Attachment K Poultry Industry Memo; and
- (I) Attachment L Open Space Note.
- 10. The Structure Plan submitted as attachment A to the information response was prepared by the Appellant at the request of the Respondent. The preparation of the Structure Plan was the result of extensive consultation with the Respondent, the Department and other landowners within the VPLDA. The Structure Plan was supported by a large body of technical studies consisting of;
  - (a) Flood and Stormwater Management Plan prepared by Water Technology;
  - (b) Open Space and Recreation Study prepared by Otium Sport and Leisure;
  - (c) Multi-Purpose Corridor Strategy prepared by Tract Consultants;
  - (d) Housing Needs Assessment prepared by Giles Consulting International Pty Ltd;
  - (e) Retail Needs Assessment prepared by Norling Consulting;

- (f) Traffic Impact Assessment Report prepared by Holland Traffic Consulting;
- (g) Traffic Assessment Report prepared by Lambert & Rehbein;
- (h) Civil Engineering Structure Planning Report prepared by Lambert & Rehbein;
- (i) Water Supply Service Strategy prepared by H2One Pty Ltd;
- (j) Sewer Network Analysis prepared by Cardno;
- (k) Western Sewerage Options Assessment Report prepared by Lambert & Rehbein; and
- (I) Strategic Bushfire Hazard Assessment and Management Plan prepared by MHW.
- 11. The Appellant subsequently conducted extensive public consultation about the Structure Plan via a community engagement program which included:
  - (a) a website, social media and shop front presence;
  - (b) resident surveys;
  - (c) community and school design workshops;
  - (d) community activities;
  - (e) social media competitions; and
  - (f) one-on-one discussions.
- 12. Public Notification of the Development Application was undertaken from 11 July 2018 to 3 August 2018. Properly made submissions were received, (the precise number of which the Appellant has not been able to ascertain) but of those about which the appellant is aware and/or can be accessed via the Respondents' website:
  - (a) approximately 550 supported the approval of the Development Application;
  - (b) no submissions sought refusal;

- (c) two sought changes to particular aspects of the proposal to better accommodate the future development of nearby land.
- 13. The notification stage ended and the decision stage started on 5 August 2018.
- 14. On 4 September 2018 the Respondent as assessment manager extended the decision making period by 20 business days to 3 October 2018.
- 15. As a result of requests by the Respondent the Appellant granted further extensions of the decision making period including the following;

Date extension agreed	Extended to	
27 September 2018	31 October 2018	
25 October 2018	29 November 2018	
22 November 2018	31 January 2019	
31 January 2019	28 February 2019	
25 February 2019	29 March 2019	
19 March 2019	29 April 2019	
16 April 2019	29 May 2019	
27 May 2019	28 June 2019	
19 June 2019	26 July 2019	

- 16. The Respondent has failed or refused to decide the Development Application within the decision making period and is thereby deemed to have refused the Development Application.
- 17. The Development Application satisfies the requirements for approval contained in chapter 6, part 5, divisions 2 and 3 of the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* and should thereby have been approved by the Respondent.

- 18. The Development Application, now the subject of this appeal, warrants approval under Chapter 3 of the *Planning Act 2016*.
- 19. In the premises:
  - (a) the appeal should be allowed;
  - the Development Application should be approved subject to appropriate conditions; and
  - (c) the Respondent should pay the Appellant's costs of and incidental to the appeal.

Signed:

Description:

Anderssen Lawyers Pty Ltd - Solicitors for the Appellant

Dated:

23 October 2019

If you are named as a respondent in this notice of appeal and wish to be heard in this appeal you must:

- (a) within 10 business days after being served with a copy of this Notice of Appeal, file an Entry of Appearance in the Registry where this notice of appeal was filed or where the court file is kept; and
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If you are entitled to elect to be a party to this appeal and you wish to be heard in this appeal you must:

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- (d) serve a copy of the Notice of Election on each other party.

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