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Dear Lord Mayor, *Graham,*

Queen Bess Street Land

I am writing to you today regarding a lot of State Government land at Queen Bess Street, Woolloongabba. This land is presently being leased by Hutchinson Builders during the construction of the Greengate Aged Care Facility at St Luke's Church, Taylor Street Woolloongabba.

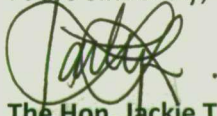
My office has been liaising with Hutchinson Builders regarding the proposed use of this land at the culmination of this project. As a condition of the lease, Hutchinson Builders have agreed to a finance and implement a series of improvements on the land. These improvements include rehabilitating the land, turf and concrete pathways to provide formalised amenity to the local area. I have attached a preliminary sketch drawn up by Hutchinson Builders to illustrate the proposed works. These plans have been made in consultation with local residents and are in keeping with community expectations.

The land is administered by Transport and Main Roads and is currently surplus to their requirements. The land was originally acquired during the construction of the South-East Freeway Project and has since been used informally by the local community to provide access to the pedestrian and cycle bridge which spans the freeway. This also provides a valuable link to Buranda Shopping Centre, the PA Hospital, the South-East Bikeway and the Buranda rail and bus stations.

It is my hope that this land could be transferred in trust to the Brisbane City Council for use as a park for the local community. In my time as the Member for South Brisbane I have been approached numerous times by countless local residents who are eager to see this land more effectively utilised for the local community. Improving the access for the community and increasing green space would be keeping with the community expectations.

I would be very keen to meet with you regarding this issue and look forward to your positive response. If your office requires further information, please contact Catherine Bermingham in my electorate office on 37249100.

Yours sincerely,



The Hon. Jackie Trad MP

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