



The Hon Tony Kelly MLC
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Mr Mike Rayner
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Dear Mr Rayner

I refer to your representations concerning Council's proposal to construct a multi-level car park adjacent to the Murwillumbah Memorial Swimming Complex.

I have carefully considered Council's request to exchange those parcels of Council's freehold land on which parts of the swimming complex are situated, for the area of Crown land proposed to be included in the car park site.

Notwithstanding the different areas of the respective parcels, I am not convinced that any such exchange would be in the best interests of the people of New South Wales. While ownership of the land proposed to be surrendered by Council would revert to the Crown, the reality is that the land would continue to be used for its existing purpose, and still be managed by Council for the benefit of its ratepayers. Council would however benefit by obtaining Crown land at no cost so that it can address Murwillumbah's need for additional parking spaces, the majority of which will service the CBD.

The provision of amenities such as swimming pools and associated infrastructure for the local community is the responsibility of the local government authority, and Crown lands are no longer made available for such purposes by way of reservation.

Council may now contact Karen Hembrow, Manager, Land Administration at the Grafton Office of the Department of Lands on telephone 6640 2041 and advise whether it wishes to proceed with the acquisition of the Crown land or to apply for a lease under the Crown Lands Act 1989.

Yours faithfully

Tony Kelly MLC
 Minister for Lands

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