

Report by Patrick Wong, Director Technical Services and Roger Brook, Strategic Planning Co-ordinator

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes and supports the actions of Council officers to date in regards to resolving the outstanding matters of rezoning and transfer of land ownership.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Council of the frustration over the length of time of the approval process for there zoning of Matthews Park and of the land transfer of 15 Parramatta Road Homebush (former Arnott's land) and to seek endorsement to strongly pursue the Department of Planning in regards to promptly resolving these issues.

BACKGROUND

Draft Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 106 – Matthews Park

Matthews Park is an area of land approx 13561sqm located in an industrial precinct on the corner of Amarina Avenue and Roberts Road. The NSW Fire Brigade is located directly adjacent to the park.

Council, at its meeting of 1 November 2005, resolved (Minute No 331/05):

Sale of Matthews Park – Roberts Road & Amarina Avenue, Greenacre

“2. That Council prepares a draft local environmental plan, in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and Regulation, for portion of Matthews Park described as Lot 1 DP 588394 to:

- i. reclassify the land from Community Land to Operational land;*
- ii. remove the public reserve status of the land and discharge any trusts, estates, interests, dedications, conditions, restrictions, covenants and the like affecting the land or any part of the land;*
- iii. rezone the land to zone 4 industrial under the Strathfield Planning Scheme Ordinance.”*

The purpose of the draft LEP is to reclassify the land from community to operational to facilitate the sale of the site and for the proceeds from the sale to be reinvested for the purchase or augmentation of community open space in the Greenacre and/or the Belfield area. It is also to rezone the land to industrial (4) to permit a range of industrial uses consistent with adjoining development.

15 Parramatta Rd Homebush (Former Arnott's Land)

The former Arnott's site is an area of land bounded by Parramatta Road, Allen Street and Powell's Creek zoned as County Open Space. It forms an integral component of the Powell's Creek Corridor

Open Space area which will link the Homebush Bay Parklands to Strathfield and Homebush. The site was acquired by compulsory acquisition by the Department of Planning on 23 May 2001 as being of regional significance for open space and recreational uses.

REPORT

A chronological summary has been included (refer Attachment 1) to demonstrate the lengthy time period taken to process both the rezoning of Matthews Park and the land transfer of 15Parramatta Road, Homebush.

REFERRAL FROM OTHER DEPARTMENT

No referral was required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Chronological Summary - Matthews Park Rezoning & 15 Parramatta Road, Homebush Land Transfer (Former Arnott's Land)

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