



## Save Our Park

Good Morning,

I am here to speak about Councils plan to develop Thomas Jack Park into a Cultural and Community Centre. And also the RMA Engineering Parking Report, used for it's approval.

The Report in estimating parking needs - **DIDN'T EVEN COUNT** - **most** of the people and cars that actually stop at Thomas Jack Park. Only the people that happened to walk into the information Centre were counted !

**In July last year** Council declared they were pushing ahead with **their** development plans, despite public outcry. This was **3 months BEFORE** the Parking report was even signed off. Everyone tells me Council already made up their minds, and I can see why. Council have **never sought consent** on such a contentious location.

The RMA Report also mentions provision for 2 additional car parks within our Park - which Council have kept quiet about. It's such a shame turning our Park into car parks - **when there are other spacious locations available**. Like the old Convent on Cunningham St which is on 5 acres, and central.

Colleen Walker, a Reporter of our endearing - and free newspaper, The Town & Country, suggested the Convent would make a **lovely historic theatre** - whilst honouring its legacy.

Council **speaks of Culture**. But what of our Christian culture - it's Christmas. Christianity teaches us to live a moral and honest life. Isn't this culture, - **our culture** - worth preserving ?

I've seen the Mayor and local State Rep Ann Leahy busy opening a few small housing subdivisions, **in a futile attempt** to solve the housing crisis. A crisis that was deliberately caused by Government opening the floodgates of migration. 1.1 Million last year alone.

In Brisbane, people **cue up around the block**, just to apply for for a place to rent. - Whom are government serving ? Obviously NOT Australians.

Megan James had mentioned a 30 unit apartment complex being built in Chinchilla. Where Council plans to jam the pool into parkland. And what of the land where the pool was ? Forcing Australians, into high density housing to make room for a million migrants a year - surly that is a conflict of interest.

Speaking of conflicts of interest, was RMA Engineering awarded any contracts after publishing their questionable parking report ?

This lovely painting is of our beautiful **uncluttered** Park by Megg Cullen, a renowned local Artist that painted the nativity scene inside the Church at Bell. John Cullen of Dalby Rural Supplies, Megg's son, told me Council had been **especially insistent** on his business having plenty of Parking. Council makes people jump through so many hoops to comply with policies. Policies Council have subverted when it suits themselves. They have also denied so many small development applications.

Our community have given passionate talks, and written so many letters to **save our park** - so many letters that fell on deaf ears.

This Council has stirred up ire and enmity in our community.

*It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good.*

I request Council return to the people and give us a clear choice on the location, of our centre.

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