

## Thomas Jack Park - Botched Cultural Centre Plan **Glaring Oversights** of the RMA Traffic/ Parking Report & Council.

1. Potential Conflicts of Interest found, and possible breaches of corporate governance and the Local Government Act.

This would be up to the Queensland Ombudsman to determine when a complaint is lodged.

- 2. The RMA Parking/ Traffic Report: <u>Didn't Even Count</u> most of the of people/ cars that stopped at Thomas Jack Park! In estimating parking needs the Report used patronage data from: The Dalby Library, MyALL107 and the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) <u>not actual visitors to the Park that did not also call into the VIC</u>. The report also failed to count the visitors to the Playground, the bus stop, and caravans on Pratten St.
- 3. Western Downs Regional Council publicly announced they were going to build their Cultural Centre in Thomas Jack Park, 103 days <u>before</u> the Preliminary Traffic and Parking report was even published! Council confirmed development of Thomas Jack Park on the 3rd of July 2024. The Traffic and Parking Report was not completed and signed off until the 14th of October 2024 over 3 months later!
- 4. Council boasted publicly that they are relocating the Parks and Gardens Depot on the Bunya St side to give back green space that buildings would take up. One of the findings of the bungled "Have Your Say Survey" even admitted that one of peoples most important values was that any Centre SHOULD NOT TO TAKE AWAY FROM GREEN SPACE. However the Parking Report states the Depot can be converted into a 42 space carpark for "future needs". As well as provision for yet another internal carpark on Pratten St to replace the gravel carpark most travellers and locals use. Council is misleading the public, by not making it clear they plan on turning some our beloved park into a carpark. Because of course they would. You can't build and extensive Cinema, Art Gallery, Library and more without decent parking.
- 5. Believe it or not, the Parking/ Traffic Study goes on to say that by **having people park along the streets, instead of in a carpark will help stop crime!** Would you feel safer parking your car down the street, or in a well lit car park?
- 6. Why not put the Centre back where it was at 107 Drayton? Are Council being pressured to use it for high density housing? Instead of our Representatives saying NO we can't take anymore migrants, (1.1 Million in 2024 alone!) they sell our land, & culture.
- 7. Council does **NOT HAVE CONSENT** for "their" planned Centre. If a million homes were built tomorrow, Government actors would bring in 10 million more people. The same thing is happening in Chinchilla as Dalby. The pool is being jammed inside Parkland. Do our supposed representatives and councillors live in high density housing? No. Whilst sitting on leather chairs, councillors gave us concrete to sit on at Mary's Place. Ask the people openly and honestly where they want their Centre.