



Hon Stephen Robertson MP
Member for Stretton



**Minister for Natural Resources and
Minister for Mines**

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Mr N J Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
Alice and George Streets
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 13 November 2003 forwarding a copy of a petition lodged in the Queensland Legislative Assembly, requesting the House to prevent the sale of public land in the Pioneer Park area, and to note opposition to the Thuringowa City Council's plan as detailed in the Riverway Master Plan Stage 1: Pioneer Park and Loam Island and to mandate that Pioneer Park be retained as open parkland freely accessible to all citizens in perpetuity.

This matter was considered by the Government's Property Management Committee on 10 December 2003. The concerns of residents as to the loss of community land within Pioneer Park, as part of the overall Riverway Project, were considered by this Committee in assessing the overall merits of the project.

After considering all factors, this Committee decided to endorse the sale of four parcels of State land to the Thuringowa City Council.

The Thuringowa City Council's overall development of Pioneer Park is linked to the overall Riverway Project that will provide an additional 19.7 hectares of riverfront land upstream from Pioneer Park to be developed as Park.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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