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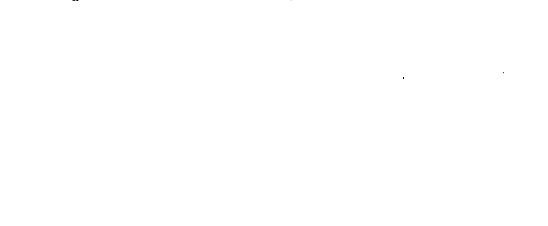
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To: The Victorian Environmental Assessment Council
Regarding: Submission on the Use of Crown Land across 29 Municipalities.
Date: February 2009

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to address the use of Crown Land in the City of Glen Eira.

We have a wonderful asset in the municipality which is Caulfield Racecourse and "Recreation Reserve" the recreation reserve being in the center part of the racecourse. This whole area is for public use however over many years the management has been closing the many public access points to only 4 mainly invisible access points which has successfully and quietly kept the public out over the past generation. With only approx 20 race meetings a year it is such a terrible waste of Crown Land. Especially as the inner urban arrears have been built up to such an extent that there are now up to 10 units on an average block of land in designated transport hub areas around Glen Huntly and Carnegie stations. Due to the population growth in Melbourne the area surrounding Caulfield Racecourse and "Recreation Reserve" is very built up where people do not have gardens. The Racecourse is really the Lungs of Glen Eira but Glen Eira and surrounding residents dont really know of its existence as a public space. The racecourse management do not promote the racecourse as a recreational reserve. As an example just google Caulfield Racecourse and you will find only racing and allied events promoted with no mention of use of recreational reserve other than in "the Master Plan"

You may not be aware that there is a very long term plan for the racing to be moved out of the crown land but the communiqué between Glen Eira Council does not give a reasonable timeframe for this to happen and as you will see in the attached item in the "Caulfield Leader" of 6th January 2009 the management of this treasure of Crown Land is being poorly managed between Council and the Melbourne Racing Club. It appears that procrastination is the tactic used by parties to the plan.

I am asking you to urgently review the process of bringing this Crown Land of the Caulfield Recreational Reserve back to all the people of the area within the next year, to use daily and not just 20 race days a year

I am happy to discuss this further.

Roslyn Gold

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Caulfield Land call

Jenny Ling

A HUGE delay in appointing council trustees to manage contentious Caulfield Racecourse land has prompted calls for swift action.

Glen Eira Council says it was left in the dark for 17 months during the 2005-06 term, resulting in important decisions about public land being made without it.

Councillors have written to the State Government asking for prompt reappointment of Caulfield Racecourse trustees this term. Deputy mayor Steven

Delay 'a terrible state of affairs'

Tang said several important decisions were made during the holiday, including the approval of the \$750 million master plan.

"This is a terrible state of affairs. That has resulted in the community being left out on numerous occasions," Cr Tang said.

The land is governed by 15 trustees comprising six Melbourne Racing Club members, six government representatives and three councillors. A council report said

councillors Helen Whiteside, Steven Tang and Nick Staikos were nominated in February 2008 and eventually appointed on July 2007. But trustees chairman Peter Le Grand said the process was slow for everyone and it was up to 12 months before he was reappointed.

"It's everyone, it's not just the council," Mr Le Grand said. "It's a government process, which obviously takes time."

At its last meeting for 2008, councillors voted for previous trustees to be reappointed in time for the next trustees' meeting on March 19. Cr Margaret Esakoff and Cr Michael Lipshutz were also nominated.

Glen Eira Council outlined its concerns in a letter to the Department of Sustainability and Environment.

The letter reiterated the importance of the public land, worth about \$2 billion, and the need to address findings in the select committee on public land development report, which was released in September.

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