

# THE FORESHORE: THE FACTS.

## Re-elected Beattie Government will stop Airlie Beach highrise

The Beattie Government, if re-elected, will not grant a lease on the Airlie Beach foreshore for any high-rise development over a park and recreation reserve adjoining the Airlie Beach Lagoon, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines Henry Palaszczuk said today.

"The previous Minister made it clear that the government would take account of community views in considering any lease application for a development over the foreshore," Mr Palaszczuk said.

"As such the State does not believe the development - as proposed - is appropriate on that site and if re-elected will not grant the term lease application for the proposed development."

The Whitsunday Shire Council has applied for a term lease over part of the park and recreation reserve adjoining the Airlie Beach Lagoon for the purpose of facilitating a high-rise development.

However, this has provoked local opposition and the formation of a group known as Save Our Foreshore.

Member for Whitsunday, Jan Jarratt has met with representatives from the Save Our Foreshore group who have voiced their strong disapproval of the proposed development.

"The project has caused considerable division within the Airlie Beach community which is in nobody's long-term interests," Ms Jarratt said.

"I am pleased that the State Government has responded quickly to address the community's concerns while providing clear direction to the developer and the Whitsunday Shire Council."

Mr Palaszczuk said: "Given the level of opposition to this proposed development, as demonstrated by community petitions and public protests, the State Government has made the difficult decision to oppose the current development proposal."

„The State would however consider an alternative proposal if it enjoyed wide spread community support and was of a reduced scale.

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Alongside is Minister Palaszczuk's recent announcement, on behalf of the Beattie Government, regarding Airlie's public foreshore.

We welcome the Government's decision, if re-elected, to refuse a lease for "*any high-rise development.*" They will not grant the lease for the "*development as proposed.*"

They have **not**, however, ruled out the possibility of this land still being given away to private development.

It is at present only "*the current development proposal*" that is being refused. The Government is clearly leaving open the opportunity for a private commercial development of "*a reduced scale*" on this public foreshore site, subject to "*wide spread community support.*"

Save Our Foreshore is still concerned that sections of this announcement are ambiguous.

**It is our view that our public foreshore is still under threat.**

Save Our Foreshore is committed to public foreshore land being maintained as public open space and will continue to work with the Whitsunday community towards this end.



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