

# Public Notification

## Ordinary Meeting

**Thursday, 28 April 2022**



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<b>Item:</b>	<b>11.1 - STRATEGIC LAND ACQUISITION - WITTA</b>		
<b>Officer (title):</b>	<b>Manager Environment and Sustainability Policy</b>	<b>Approving GE (title):</b>	<b>Group Executive Liveability and Natural Assets</b>

In response to Council Resolution OM22/27, item (b)

*That Council:*

- (a) *delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to execute all documentation and finalise the acquisition of the identified strategic land parcel in Witta, and*
- (b) *authorise the Chief Executive Officer to publicly release details relating to the site location and contract price for the strategic land parcel once the negotiations have been finalised and the transfer of ownership of land has been registered with the Titles Registry.*

### **Minute Action:**

Council has acquired a property at Schultz Road, Witta as per the above resolution.

Property Address	Real Property description	Lot Size (hectares)	Contract Price
Schultz Rd WITTA QLD 4552	Lot 36 MCH1164	68.2	of \$620,000 (Excl GST)

The acquired property adjoins Council's existing 213 hectare Kirbys Road Environment Reserve, which was acquired through the Environment Levy Acquisition Program in 2011.

The acquisition of this strategic land parcel has assisted in the delivery of multiple outcomes identified in Council's Environment and Liveability Strategy 2017 including:

- consolidating and expanding an existing Council environment reserve
- increasing the region's conservation estate by 68.2 hectares and
- protecting high biodiversity values, including Matters of National, State and Local Environmental Significance.

This acquisition has assisted in the delivery of a number of the strategic Transformational Actions associated with Council's Environment and Liveability Strategy 2017, including:

### **Transformational Action 6 - Connecting nature and people**

*Connecting our valued habitat areas to support our native flora and fauna and providing the community with opportunities to participate in conservation and to experience the natural environment.*



This acquisition has resulted in the addition of 68.2 hectares to the Sunshine Coast conservation estate, expanding Kirbys Road Environment Reserve to 281 hectares and building landscape connectivity by forming part of a biodiversity corridor that links Maleny National Park and Kondalilla National Park.

The property could also add to the range and extent of potential nature-based outdoor recreation opportunities in the Kirbys Road Environment Reserve, including the opportunity to establish walking trail linkages.

***Transformational Action 8 - Maintaining the blue by protecting the green***

*Delivering healthy waterways and beaches that continue to support our lifestyle and livelihoods through integrated catchment management.*

This acquisition encompasses a network of feeder gullies and streams of Obi Obi Creek. This has provided Council with the opportunity to protect and improve habitats in local creeks and the quality of water flowing into the Mary River.

***Transformational Action 11 - A step ahead***

*Providing for the reinstatement of vegetation and habitats that locally offset the unavoidable vegetation clearing required for critical public infrastructure.*

The acquisition provides an opportunity to contribute to Council's target of maintaining the extent of native vegetation (no net loss) by 2041 through accommodating offset activities and associated third party funding.

