STAFF REPORT

TO:	Community Services Committee
FROM:	Manager Property Services
FILE:	51701
DATE:	30 July 2007
SUBJECT:	Proposal to Exchange Reserve Land

PURPOSE

To consider a request from the Greenacres Golf Club to exchange part of an area of esplanade reserve at Best Island for land adjoining the esplanade reserve.

BACKGROUND

The subject land known as Lot 2 DP 8350 was vested in the Council as an esplanade reserve in 1973. As the aerial photograph shows, the access road to the Greenacres Golf Course clubrooms crosses through the esplanade reserve.

The Greenacres Golf Club, as proprietors of part Lot 1 DP 1667, wish to rectify the situation regarding the access and have offered in exchange a 20 metre wide esplanade reserve between Lot 2 DP 8350 and the esplanade reserve adjacent to Barnett Avenue. This would provide public access from the end of Barnett Avenue for approximately 240 metres.

DISCUSSION

If the proposal by the Greenacres Golf Club is proceeded with it will provide a link to the existing esplanade reserve from the end of Barnett Avenue. There will still be a minimum of 20 metres width of the existing esplanade reserve and the Council has no interest in the existing formed road through to the clubrooms.

AFFECTED PARTIES

The immediately affected parties are the Greenacres Golf Club and proprietors of the motels at Best Island. However, the land is subject to the Reserves Act 1977 and this proposal would have to be notified as an exchange pursuant to the requirements of the Reserves Act. Any person wishing to object has the right to be heard by the Council before a decision is made on whether or not to proceed with the exchange of land.

OPTIONS

Either proceed to notify the intention or to take no action.

There are advantages to the Council in notifying the exchange of land whereas no advantages can be identified with taking no action.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council notify the proposal to exchange part of Lot 2 DP 8350 for an esplanade reserve to vest joining Lot 2 DP 8350 to part Lot 1 DP 5478 pursuant to the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977.

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