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State Member for Keysborough

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SAVING POPULAR KEYSBOROUGH PARK

Residents in Keysborough can keep using their local park for recreation, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Member for Keysborough Martin Pakula today announced the popular Chandler Road Reserve park will be retained following concerns from local residents that it would be sold to developers.

The move comes after local residents stressed the important role the park plays in the health and wellbeing of those who use it daily.

The Labor Government will work with the City of Greater Dandenong, which owns the other portion of the reserve, and the local community throughout December to ensure it is kept as a public space.

The Government will also ensure that access is retained from McMahan Street and Maralinga Avenue and the existing park, and also consider the needs of any future development on the former school site. The future needs of the precinct will be discussed and considered as part of the consultation with Council and the community.

When the Maralinga campus closed, students moved to Chandler Park Primary School's main campus. The former school site was declared surplus to education requirements and will be sold.

Quotes attributable to Attorney General Martin Pakula

"This is a good outcome for Keysborough and I commend community members who worked to save their local park."

"I've been advocating strongly on residents' behalf and I'm really pleased we are saving this park for the local community to enjoy."

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Education James Merlino

"We recognise the importance of having local open space for residents to enjoy which is why we have worked hard to save this reserve."

"We understand how outdoor areas can make a big difference to the general wellbeing and lifestyle of families and create a stronger sense of community."