

Dear Residents

St Peters Billabong

Many of you have raised with me your concerns about the Council's decision to restrict public access to the Billabong as well the ongoing issue around the private fence encroachment. The lack of action and accountability on this matter has left the community incredibly frustrated.

The St Peters Billabong is a beautiful environmental asset that should be accessible to the entire community.

I note the Independent Commission Against Corruption investigated the actions of Council in relation to the encroachment and made a number of recommendations with respect to the Council's internal Planning Approval Compliance and Development Complaint Handling policy.

The upcoming State Election is an opportunity for the community to elect a representative that is truly prepared to go into bat for them on local issues. I have worked directly with members of the St Peters Residents Association to bring this issue to light, you can see my advocacy here: [St Peters billabong outlook to be shut after alleged fence encroachment | The Advertiser](#)

If elected, we will invest **\$10 million into Linear Park** for environmental and recreational improvements as part of the Linear Park Connection Project. This will enable Council to make improvements to the Billabong to make it more accessible (not less) to our local community. I understand residents would love to see various improvements to the area, these funds can be used for improved facilities as well as environmental restoration.

I am proudly the only local candidate at this State Election with a commitment to preserve, protect and improve the St Peters Billabong and Linear Park for the benefit of our community.

Kind regards,



Dr Anna Finizio

Liberal Candidate for Dunstan

