

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **New group forms to save parkland at Edgar's Creek North Coburg**

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Over 60 residents of North Coburg / Newlands met publicly last week to fight development of open space in the vicinity of Edgars Ck.

The meeting unanimously agreed that the land should be given to the people of Moreland and kept as public open space. A committee was formed and the campaign has been given a name – the MERRI & EDGARS CREEK PARKLAND GROUP (MECPG).

The public meeting heard speakers from political parties contesting the coming state election. The sitting Member for Pascoe Vale, Ms Christine Campbell (ALP), and Western metropolitan upper house candidates Colleen Hartland (Greens), Stephen Reynolds (Liberal), and Robert Livesay (Democrats) all pledged that the land should stay as public open space and be given to the people of Moreland.

Spokesperson for the group, Greg Carden, said the group was seeking the intervention of the Bracks government, as the ultimate owner of the land to gift the land to the City of Moreland as custodians. Greg Carden said,

“the views of the residents in this quiet pocket of North Coburg have the historical opportunity to make the difference of who gets into the reformed Legislative Council. We could potentially determine the balance of power in the upper house. We would like to think that the Bracks government is listening to us.”

MECPG says that there will be further meetings and campaign events in the coming months.

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