

MEDIA RELEASE

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Redlanders Dig Deep To Rescue Shire

"It is a sad day in the Redlands when the people of our Shire must turn to their own resources to ensure our wishes are made clear to the State Government as it plans the future of South East Queensland and the Redlands within it," Lavinia Wood, spokesperson for the Community Alliance for Responsible Planning (CARP) said today.

"Under Mayor Seccombe's leadership, Redland Shire Council has turned its back on the community's clear directive to retain the Shire's urban footprint as it is. Instead, Council identified huge areas of land in the Shire's southern half for urban development for another 23,000 people, and these areas are now earmarked within the State Government's draft SEQ Regional Plan."

"Redlanders have no option now other than to dig deep and divert money from family budgets to pay for a campaign to convince the State Government to remove these designated urban areas. It is a tragic situation, a David and Goliath battle in which the future of the Shire we love, and our quality of life within it, will be determined by the success our community effort."

"Donations have been coming in from people across the Shire, from Mums and Dads, young people, the well-to-do and pensioners on very limited budgets. They might come from different walks of life, but the message is clear – rescue the Redlands before it's too late."

"Tax deductible donations can be made through the CARP website www.carp-redlands.org.au or by asking for a donation form on fax number 3822-4943 or writing to PO Box 427, Capalaba 4157."

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