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Resident / Occupier

Dear Resident / Occupier

As you are probably aware, the land previously used as the North Lakes Golf Course is owned by a private company, JH Northlakes Pty Ltd, a company related to the Village Retirement Group, owner/operators of a number of retirement villages across southeast Queensland.

Since 2018, when the landowner announced it was considering development of a retirement village and aged care facility on part of the former golf course land, there has been much discussion in the community as to whether a development application for such land uses could be lawfully made to your council and whether your council is able to lawfully assess and decide such a development application.

In an effort to resolve this matter, your council proposed that the landowner enter into an agreement with the community-based group, Save the North Lakes Golf Course Inc (SNLGC), to obtain an expert determination from an independent barrister who has significant expertise in this area of law. Both the landowner and SNLGC participated with your council in preparing the specific questions to be posed to the legal expert.

The expert determination has now been handed down, and a summary of the determination (prepared by the expert) is attached. This determination now provides clarity to all parties.

Your council will continue to work openly and in good faith with the landowner, SNLGC and local residents in the context of this expert determination.

For any queries in relation to this matter please contact Development Services on (07) 5433 2407.

Kind regards,



Greg Chemello
Chief Executive Officer