

# Cressida O'Hanlon MP

MEMBER FOR DUNSTAN



Dear resident

I am writing to provide an update regarding the land between the St Peters Billabong bank and the adjacent properties.

Since July 2024, I have been liaising with Council and relevant parties on behalf of residents regarding this matter. I understand how frustrating it has been for the community not to have a clear outcome to date, particularly given the importance many residents place on access and the potential precedent relating to the perceived acquisition of the land.

As you may be aware, decisions relating to local pathways and public land management sit within Council's jurisdiction. However, I have continued to raise residents' concerns directly with Council and have sought updates and clarification on the community's behalf.

Council has now advised that its primary concern relates to the stability of the billabong banks. Following assessment, it has determined that the path along the property line is unsafe for public use and has therefore made the decision to prevent access to the path.

As part of this decision, Council has advised that fencing with gates will be installed and secured with padlocks, meaning access to the area will be restricted. The fence is due to be installed in approximately six weeks.

Council has also advised that it is preparing correspondence to residents outlining the outcome of its stability assessments of the Billabong banks. This correspondence will include copies of the reports commissioned by Council.

In relation to the fencing installed by some adjoining property owners, I have raised this issue directly with Council on behalf of residents and sought clarification regarding the property boundaries in this area. Council has advised that legal property boundaries are determined through formal land surveys undertaken when properties are bought or sold, and that it does not consider the current situation alters the legal ownership of the land.

I appreciate that this outcome will be disappointing for some residents. While the final decision rests with Council, I will continue to remain in contact with them and advocate for residents where possible.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Cressida'.

**Cressida O'Hanlon MP**  
**Member for Dunstan**

4 March 2026

