

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Minister has stalled on Murray Shire land release because of Keralup

Murray MLA Murray Cowper has said that land release in the Murray region has been put on the back burner because the Government had hoped to solve all the state's problems with the development of its pie in the sky satellite city, Keralup.

"The Government has put its eggs in one basket and unfortunately the EPA have smashed them all in one hit. Now what?" he said.

"There are at least 5 developments on the table in the Shire of Murray, potentially catering for 100 000 residents, which have been put on hold by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure because the Government has wanted to pursue the Keralup pipe dream."

"Instead we have the Planning Minister holding up worthwhile land releases by private developers and wasting taxpayer money to fund economic and environmental studies of what we've always known is a mozzie-infested swamp draining into the environmentally sensitive Peel-Harvey inlet."

"I know of people who are considering selling from surrounding areas because of the serious mosquito problems."

"The Minister needs to concentrate on governing, let go of her pie in the sky ideas for this city, and allow private land developers to step in to sort out the Government's housing mess."

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Photo : Murray Cowper MLA at the proposed Keralup development site

