



Resort bid now blocked

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A Supreme Court decision scuttling a multi-million dollar resort and recreation project on Hummock Hill Island near Gladstone could have far reaching effects across the State.

The court decision, only the second in Queensland's history under section 205 of the Land Act, effectively ended the developer's aspirations to build a resort containing hotels, golf courses, shopping centres, subdivided allotments and associated services.

After nine years of negotiations with the Land Administration Commission (LAC), \$2 million

and an assumption that Cabinet approval for a special lease for tourism development on the island was enough to proceed, the court ruled that leases may only be granted under the Land Act by the Governor in Council. It also found that the LAC had no power to negotiate the agreements with Walssteam and there had been no valid delegation by the Lands Minister to the LAC.

The battle between Walssteam and the State Government has led to corporate sector fears the decision could have far reaching effects on a large number of leases held or obtained for development purposes throughout the State. Eighty per cent of Queensland is held under leasehold agreements.

Large property owners who have spent a lifetime developing leases negotiated with the LAC fear they could find earlier negotiations declared null and void.

The decision also removes the obstacle preventing the Department of Mineral Resources from granting RZ Mines an authority to prospect in mining areas 137 and 139D which includes Hummock

Hill, Middle and Wild Cattle Islands.

RZ Mines successfully tendered for the right to make application for an Authority to Prospect last year but the State Government was prevented from granting the authority by Walssteam's court action.

Mineral Resources Minister Ken Vaughan said yesterday RZ Mines would have to wait until the Government completed its coastal land use study before any decision would be made on the granting of an Authority to Prospect in the region.

Member for Callide, Di McCauley, yesterday expressed dismay at the court decision.

"It's a disaster for leaseholders," she said.

"It means banks will no longer accept leasehold as security to advance developmental funds. Any approvals granted by the LAC and Cabinet amount to nothing."

"It also means open slather for mining on Hummock Hill, Middle and Wild Cattle Islands — and the Government has sold out to the Japanese again," said Mrs McCauley.

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lay' technique being used all scope and variety for movement positioning and vocal variety requires the lead role mime the words which are 1 by seven counterparts in the

tainty been admirable and it guarantees that the performances will be 'nothing short of brilliant,' the spokeswoman said.

"Don't miss 'Popeye the Sailor Man'." Tickets for the show which will be staged in the Gladstone State High School assembly hall are selling quickly and seats can be arranged by phoning Gladstone State High between 8am and 4pm. Performances will start at 7.30pm.

Above: Popeye and his sweetheart Olive Oil (alias Gladstone State High students Marisa Scriffignano and Neil Watson) practice for this year's musical, Popeye the Sailor Man.

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staff and students of Gladstone 've been working on 'Popeye' ming of the year.
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