



Carpark opposition is widespread

It was with disbelief that I read the report, "\$6m carpark on Rosalie" (POST, 7/8).

The proposal to bury a substantial portion of Rosalie Park under asphalt to create a "temporary" carpark servicing the QEII site is ill-conceived and, I believe, likely to be met with a huge groundswell of opposition.

The community, for the sake of a parking "quick fix", risks losing a significant area of invaluable public space.

The need for this parking space, and the haste with which it seems to be being implemented, are a reflection of the lack of foresight which has characterised the management of public transport and access to the QEII site for so long.

The community should not be expected to sacrifice a sig-

nificant part of Rosalie Park to solve a QEII parking problem.

And to those who would argue that this is only a short-term proposition, I would caution that today's "temporary" will become tomorrow's "permanent", as access, transport and parking issues escalate at the ever-expanding QEII site.

Carparks are easily built; public spaces, with the vibrancy and heritage of Rosalie Park, are not. To replace a beautiful open space with a carpark sends an appalling message to our children.

The importance of open space and sporting programs for both children and adults cannot be underestimated, and no amount of money could compensate the community for the loss of this asset.

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to the large number of letters, we have