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**MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Backs turned on local champions**

Member for Burdekin Dale Last has hit out at the State Labor Government for turning their backs hardworking community champions who are still waiting for a four-year-old election promise to be completed.

Despite being among the promises in the 2017 State Election and previously holding approvals to dredge the Molongle Creek channel, the 200 Cape Upstart property owners are still waiting for the tide to come in on the All Tide Access Project.

Mr Last said it was an absolute disgrace that the efforts of locals who had fought hard to secure the project, were being rubbished by departmental bureaucracy.

“This community has quite simply run out of patience and faith in this state government who should be working together to get the job done like they promised,” Mr Last said.

“Here we have a group of local champions who have not only fought tooth and nail to get this project secured, but have previously put in the time and sought the permits to keep maintaining the limited access they have to their properties.”

“These are permits that the Molongle Creek Boat Club have held and paid for since 1998 for a site that has been disturbed since 1981.”

“Now it seems these permits are being completely ignored for the sake of bureaucracy over a project that has quite frankly been littered with bungles since the start.”

Mr Last said the latest hold up on the All Tide Access project was another step sideways for a promise that should have already been fulfilled.

“A state minister who claimed he would visit Molongle Creek to inspect the debacle for himself was a no-show and now this.”

“How much more heartache and frustration does this community need to endure before the State Government wakes up and takes notice of community lead action outside of the south-east.”

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