

Nature reserve must be retained

THE question of the Bimblebox Nature Reserve is more than the future of a few rare bird species, it is about trust.

The government website concerning nature refuges states unambiguously that the agreement is perpetual on freehold land, attached to the title and binds successive owners.

On leasehold land it is for the duration of the lease and binds successive lessees.

There is a further statement that the Nature Conservation Act 1992 does make provisions for changes to the agreed conditions through negotiation with the state, as long as the nature refuge values are retained.

It will take a very fertile mind to conjure up a scenario of how wholesale open-cut mining will enable the nature refuge values to be retained.

I realise that the LNP was not the Government when this Bimblebox Nature Reserve was established, but the agreement was with the state, which I understand is not the Government.

So it seems to me if the public is to retain any trust in the governments of Queensland, those now in power must honour the terms of the agreement made for the state of Queensland by another government.

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