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****IN DEFENCE OF EDIBLESCAPES — WHY A COMPLETE RECORD MATTERS****

Ediblescapes has received further correspondence from the City concerning the Notice of Non-Renewal.

The City states that the decision was not made by an individual officer, but followed consideration involving several relevant City officers across the organisation. The City has also confirmed that it does not presently intend to place the Notice on hold.

We acknowledge that several officers may have participated. However, our concern is whether everyone involved received complete, current and balanced information.

Several matters referred to in the non-renewal decision originated during Ediblescapes' earlier years under the Country Paradise Parklands sublicence or during discussions before the first direct Deed of Licence in June 2024. These matters had already been discussed, explained or addressed before the direct licence was established.

For more than a year following the later licence renewal, Ediblescapes received no communication from Parks and Recreation identifying these historical matters as continuing or unresolved concerns.

Councillor Peter Young's intervention may now provide an opportunity for the elected Council to request a new review. We welcome that possibility.

However, a review can only be fair and meaningful if Councillors receive the complete and updated history—not simply the same administrative account repeated without Ediblescapes' explanations, evidence, subsequent actions and progress.

We are therefore asking that any report presented to Council:

- includes Ediblescapes' submissions and supporting documents;
- distinguishes historical matters from conduct during the current Deed of Licence;
- identifies the information relied upon in reaching the decision; and
- gives Ediblescapes an opportunity to correct factual inaccuracies or missing context.

This is not about blaming individual officers. It is about ensuring that elected Councillors can consider the future of the living garden using a complete, balanced and properly contextualised record.

We will continue updating the public correspondence and supporting evidence here:

<https://www.ediblescapes.org/petition>

With gratitude to everyone who has signed the petition, shared testimony and expressed support for the Ediblescapes living garden.

****Ediblescapes Inc.****

I refer to the petition received by the City of Gold Coast on 21 August 2026.

The City administers petitions in accordance with *Subordinate Local Law 1.1 (Meetings) (Subordinate Local Law)* which outlines the necessary criteria for presenting petitions at General Meetings of Council.

The Petition you submitted was assessed as compliant with the requirements of section 20 of the Subordinate Local Law and will be presented by the Councillor for Division 5, Councillor P Young



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