**To The Lord Mayor and Councilors of the City of Brisbane.**

**REQUEST: To rename the open space land area between Sweets Road and Kraft Road, Pallara to “Fogolar Furlan Place”**

I am a member/friend of the Fogolar Furlan Brisbane Inc. which has owned 39 Sweets Road, Pallara since 1991, 30 plus years. The Fogolar, founded in Brisbane in 1956, is an association fostering the cultural and social aspects of the Friuli region located in North-east part of Italy. At Sweets Road, to acknowledge our heritage and to promote multicultural celebrations and awareness, we have established a bespoke entrance gate, BBQ area, undercover picnic area, storage areas, a memorabilia hall and a war memorial which have been self-sustaining.

The site was specifically chosen as multiple members and founders of the Fogolar Furlan Brisbane were original settlers in the Pallara area in the 1950s. Many were born and grew up in the area. Many members still continue to call the area home. The lush, green and rural nature of Pallara has given us a stunning outdoor setting for our BBQ functions providing our members and guests a peaceful and charming atmosphere in which to bring family and friends to enjoy significant events.

For more than 30 years the Fogolar held at east 5 to 7 events annually, catering for up to 450 people at our Sweets Road property. Members come to Sweets Road from all areas of Brisbane and the South-East. We have a strong sense of community having donated more than $100,000 to numerous community and charitable organisations including; the Heart Foundation, The Children’s Hospitable, and various flood and earthquake appeals. We have a rental property for locals. Also, we sourced most of our produce from local farmers in the area, as we were proud to support local business.

Our site currently is the home of the Alpini War Memorial and twice a year we hold memorial services for veterans who fought for peace. We make an annual donation to Legacy, recognizing the important link we have to the Australia’s Defense Forces, particularly as our late Past President, Acting President and a number of our members are Vietnam veterans.

**Given our demonstrated links to the original settlers of Pallara and current owners in Pallara, longstanding time at Sweets Road, our many charitable endeavours, and the fact that the land is being acquired by the Brisbane City Council, we respectfully request that the open space land area between Sweets and Kraft Roads, Pallara be renamed to reflect the historical connection in our honour to “Fogolar Furlan Place”**.

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