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# Plan drives wedge

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A CHUNK of the Green Wedge has been earmarked for a massive new cemetery.

The Kingston Memorial Park is planned to go on 130ha of land between Heatherton and Centre Dandenong roads, Heatherton.

Documents obtained by the *Leader* show the Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust has a "comprehensive" feasibility study and the park could be operating within three years.

Mayor Geoff Gledhill (pictured

## HUGE CEMETERY FLOATED FOR GREEN SPACE

right) said the new park would be an ideal use of the area.

"All those concepts we've wanted for so long - wetlands and proper water management - will be incorporated, there are so many positives," Cr Gledhill said.

"This is perpetual retention of green space, 25km from Melbourne, that won't be used as trucks or buses dump. It is a use that maintains an open parkland environment, maintained at no

cost to council or ratepayers, yet the ratepayer has full access to it."

The area concerned has many owners, including a few market gardeners.

A Kingston Council report on the Green Wedge last year said broadscale market gardens were "considered to be in decline" in the area because farmland parcels were too small to be viable.

But Green Wedge advocates said there were many sites better

suited for a cemetery.

"There's nothing wrong with cemeteries, they're necessary, but it's just in the completely wrong area," secretary of the Defenders of the South East Green Wedge Barry Ross said.

A spokesman for the Minister for Health said "no decision is expected any time soon".

The Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust declined to comment on the plans.



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