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## Q How do you develop a new housing estate without destroying 12 hectares of sensitive bushland? A Put the bushland on a big truck and just move it somewhere else!



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THE Sunshine Coast's newest master-planned community took a step closer to becoming a reality yesterday with the relocation of its former "residents" - 12.2 hectares of native vegetation.

In one of the largest translocation projects undertaken in Australia, the vegetation was carefully moved from the development site at Bundilla to a new home on a 15ha site at the University of the Sunshine Coast.

The slow move will be far more expensive than any normal relocation deal - costing developer Stockland a whopping \$5 million, as well as a three-year maintenance and development commitment.

The 215ha Bundilla site will soon become home to up to 2600 houses and about 6500 people.

About 21% of the land will be retained for conservation purposes.

Stockland's Sunshine Coast project director, Mark van Wyk, said the company was committed to sustainability and corporate responsibility in all of its residential communities.

"As part of our overall planning for this new community, we engaged specialist environmental scientists, who conducted a 20-month flora and fauna study of the area and its locality," Mr van Wyk said.

"The study identified two conservation zones that should be retained in order to preserve endangered species of flora and fauna found on the Bundilla site.

"In addition to retaining these large tracts of native vegetation, we also decided to translocate a



INSTANT BUSHLAND: Workers move 12.2 hectares of vegetation.

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further 12.2ha of rare and threatened vegetation to the university site."

The master-planned community will be bounded by the Sunshine Coast Motorway, Kawana Way and the Mooloolah River.

The first conservation zone is a 25ha area fronting the Sunshine Motorway, and the other is a 21ha parcel on the eastern side of the site, fronting the Mooloolah River.

Mr van Wyk said the heath land that was relocated had been "re-growth" and would stand a much better chance to flourish in its new environment.

"It was fairly poor in nutrients," he said. "With the new site we could treat the soil and get

the nutrients in, which gives it a much better chance of establishing itself."

The translocation process had been simple, with minimal disturbance.

"The machine lifts it out like a biscuit and then it goes in a truck for the 10 to 15-minute drive to the new site, where it is deposited on ground that has already been prepared and treated," Mr van Wyk said.

USC acting vice-chancellor Professor Greg Hill said the translocation project was an exciting concept.

"The area will become a living laboratory for students and staff as well as a place to relax in natural surrounds," he said.



REEF AT RISK: Andrew McNamara.

## Report 'proof of climate change'

THE potentially devastating environmental, economic and social impacts of climate change on Queensland were reinforced in this week's United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Report.

Climate change minister Andrew McNamara said the report should finally discredit the few remaining climate-change sceptics, who refused to accept the consequences of doing nothing.

Mr McNamara said the Great Barrier Reef and the Queensland wet tropics would be at risk as soon as 2020 if global warming continued.

"If nothing is done, agriculture and forestry are likely to suffer from increased drought and fire by 2030," Mr McNamara said.

"Severe changes in rainfall patterns across southern and eastern Australia will cause water shortages and expanded arid areas."

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