

Farm's future in focus

BRIGHTON Council will meet Education Minister Jeremy Rockliff soon to secure the future of the farm school and to discuss the community's education needs.

Brighton Mayor Tony Foster said the council wanted to provide better opportunities for the many students who travel to Glenorchy and Hobart for their studies.



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"Education Minister Jeremy Rockliff has agreed to work with us, not only to secure the future of the school farm but also to look at the

broader education needs, facilities and resources of the Brighton community," Cr Foster said.

Council representatives yesterday met the Tasmanian Planning Commission to make the Jordan River Learning Federation school farm site a "particular purpose" zone.

After a storm of protest, Brighton Council withdrew its

notification to the Education Department to remove animals from the 10.3ha farm school in the centre of the Brighton township.

Cr Foster said the rezoning recognised the uniqueness of the school farm, ensured better management of potential environmental health matters, land use conflicts and enabled it to operate unencumbered by

local government by-laws and regulations.

"It is a great outcome, securing the future of the farm on the current site with Government assuming full responsibility for all issues," he said.

"Brighton Council is a strong supporter of the school farm and the benefits it provides for school students and the community."

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(Newspaper report on the aftermath of the meeting between the Brighton Council and the Minister for Education and Training, Jeremy Rockliff, at which the future of the Jordan River School Farm was secured.)