



Labor called to honour promise

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RANDWICK councillors have called for the Federal Environment Minister, Kingsford Smith MP Peter Garrett, to hand over Malabar headland to the public.

No Parking Meters Party councillor Charles Matthews said it was time for the Federal Labor Government to make good on promises to designate the area a national park.

"It has been 18 months since Labor gained control of the Federal Government and I think it is about time Peter Garrett started to do something for the headland," he said.

Liberal councillor Robert Belleli said residents did not care about party politics, they just wanted progress.

"There is scepticism that it is all too hard or it is going to cost too much money and there are only excuses to prolong it, but they were promised change and it is coming too slowly, so giddy up and give what you promised to the people."

Friends of Malabar Headland chair Peter Ryan said there had been no date set or time frame for what was a federal Labor Party pre-election promise.

Mr Garrett said the Government was working through a number of complex issues, including planning the remediation of the headland, and that it was still too early to set a time frame for the work.

"We've been in government for 18 months and we have moved on this issue straight-away," he said. "It won't be enough for anybody to expect this issue to be resolved overnight."

"The fact is the process is well and truly under way but because of complex issues and a number of other matters it will take some time."



Is the Federal Government dragging its heels on the pre-election promise to hand the Malabar Headland to the people? Tell us what you think at southerncourier.com.au.