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## Is St Andrews Private in trouble?

BREAKING NEWS: There is much speculation about the St Andrews Private construction.

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**The industry rumour mill has been running overtime this week, with much speculation as to the current status of the controversial St Andrews Private course construction.**

It is unclear where or why the rumours that construction has ceased completely began, but turfmate has uncovered the cold, hard facts of the case.

The official statement from St Andrews Private is that there is simply "an easing up of construction progress due to a lack of power supply on site."

"We are awaiting the local power company to install 3 Phase Transformer upgrade to allow full construction activity on further holes. They are due to upgrade the power supply in the second week of April. We expect full construction roll out to re-commence soon after."

Anthony Figuera from the St Andrews Private development team confirmed the official statement and adds,

"The project is very much full steam ahead; the power supply is just a brief hiccup, one which tends to pop up on projects this size. We are all very excited with how the early construction has been shaping up and we can't wait to get stuck back into it all."

Ross Perrett spoke to turfmate and says that they are extremely happy with the six holes that have been shaped already.

"We can't wait to get back out there with the shapers to finish the course, as it will be one of Australia's best."

"Our team is continuing work refining the layout on site in preparation for machinery being back up and running in April."

Ian Denny, the Director of GSM who manages at the neighbouring St Andrews Beach course said that he has still seen people working over at St Andrews Private this week.

"The main thing I want to continually stress is their project has nothing to do with us. However, in saying this, I think for people to say that it is all over is unfair."

"We sold the land to an independent developer and unfortunately because they somehow managed to get away with using the St Andrews Private name, we are guilty by association, because we are next



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door and the name is virtually the same.

"It is extremely frustrating from our end as you can understand."

Denny says that the St Andrews Beach Golf Course is trading exceptionally well at the moment and the two new holes that St Andrews Private have already built actually provide a nice view for their condominiums, which are about to go up for sale.

It has also been rumoured that the settlement on the St Andrews Private land has not yet gone through due to dire financial difficulties on the side of the new owner, but Denny says this is not correct.



"The settlement on the land was always due for March 31 of this year and there was an agreement in place with the owner- he was happy for them to go out and get the permit and they wanted to go ahead and start building the course.

"I suppose we will find out in two weeks whether there is any truth to whether they are having trouble paying for the land, but the reality is at the moment nothing is out of the ordinary.

"The reason the land couldn't be settled before this time is that the land has four titles down there and there had to be a boundary realignment to enable their golf course to be on a separate piece of land to us. We own three of the four titles.

"The council recently approved the realignment of the boundaries. But this was always a known part of the process."

The man selling the land, a Chinese investor by the name of Mr Song, was unavailable for comment at this time.

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