

Northern Advocate Duping ratepayers

With the recent discussion in your column about dirty tricks on the internet by faceless people, I had a look at a website of a mayoral candidate.

There I found a section, in which the candidate stated on video that he had been approached by an elected member (apparently, of the regional council) and asked to withdraw from the mayoral contest.

He states on the video, "Big business people in town have put up a candidate. There is a big pot of money for a big campaign. If I stood as a councillor only, I would be guaranteed a good job on the council" (presumably a chairman's salary). He finishes with a statement "some business operators want a mayoral puppet who will pull strings in their favour".

So much for openness and transparency. These business people will be some of those wanting to buy council land and promoting a puppet mayor to sell it to them at their price.

Poor old Whangarei ratepayers. Some of the most well off people in our community want to dupe us for their own personal gain and don't care how they go about it.

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