

Too hot in the kitchen, mayor?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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No wink then, Mr Mayor, not even an involuntary one (*Northern Advocate*, November 16).

But plenty of whingeing, so unnatural for someone so accustomed to the "rough and tumble". Rules are for all, aren't they? You complain Mr and Mrs Slater are "slating" you, when you are not so innocent yourself.

Is that not to be expected from political opponents, who think they can do better? The heat in the kitchen getting perhaps a little uncomfortable by now?

Of course, no law was broken by council in the "old boys rugby club" land deal. That would have been stupid in this "relaxed" responsibility climate we have in local politics. Secrecy is, unfortunately, not an indictable offence.

Why not tell us poor suckers just the plain facts in all their detail, so that we may at least know what we are in for.

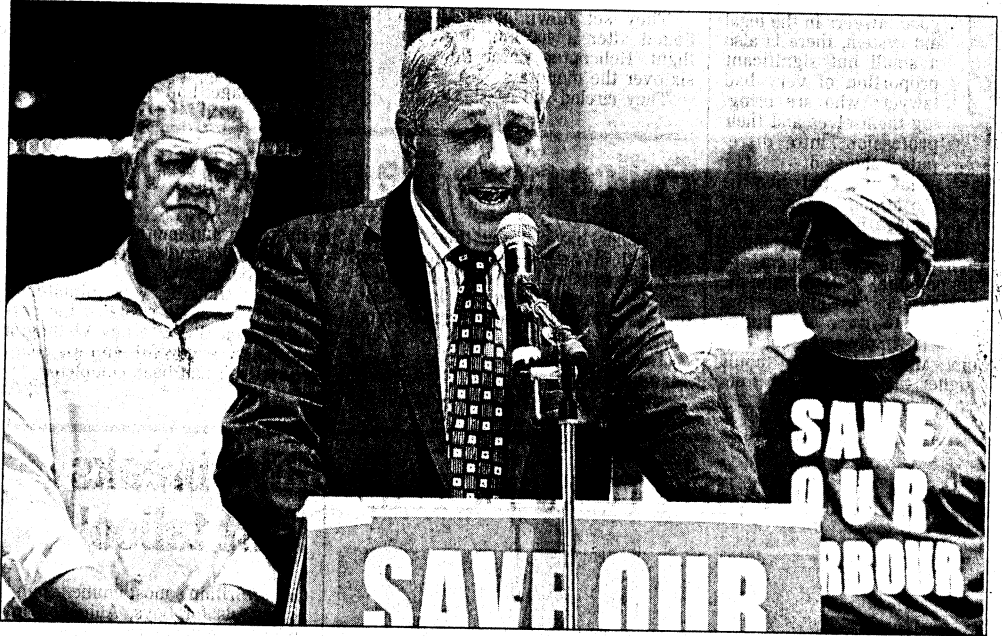
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Parua Bay
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Show us the papers

Yes, Stan Semenoff, regular letters in the *Advocate* from regular correspondents do require comment but not the reaction you gave to the Slaters.

Warren and Patricia Slater are just two of the many ratepayers in Whangarei who would like you to reflect the integrity, maturity and transparency that the holding of mayoral office demands. This is the essence of the social contract you, as mayor, have taken on.

Rather than reacting so pointlessly it would be more positive and appreciated by us, the ratepayers, if you presented all papers and correspondence associated with the land sale at Okara for public viewing. This would be something constructive



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you could do with your time.

It's time you took on the stature, maturity and integrity of your office and responded accordingly.

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Northern Advocate and find no letters from the Slaters has been a pleasure for a number of months but now "all hell" has broken loose again with a wink. Furthermore, I don't see where "the insult" arose from the mayor's reply.

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What childish tripe

I have never read anything so childish in all my life. I would term it as unadulterated tripe, to make headlines in Saturday's (November 21) paper, reported by Mike Dinsdale. Just nitpicking is what it's about. To accuse someone of something you must have evidence. Did the Slaters have their camera with them at that time? To read the