

Old Boys — so was it the right decision?

So the "Old Boys" land will be sold despite a public consultation process clearly not being in favour of this. There were 30 submissions in support of the sale and 56 against. There were nine form submissions in support of the sale and none against.

Here is what the mayor said about form submissions: "If a group rounds up a bunch of people to all make the same pre-printed submission for more money for their particular interest, that is not giving Council a good guide . . ."

It seems form submissions are okay if they agree with the mayor, but not otherwise!

The mayor went on ".... they could lead weak Councils into poor decision-making at great cost to the ratepayer". It's not often I would agree with the mayor, but he summed up his council and this decision very nicely.

Maybe the correct decision has been made? We'll never know because, like everything else at this council, "deliberations" have all been held in secret, and public debate was superficial at best.

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