

Strategic Land Review Project:

Information available on the 2016/17 List of Proposed Land Sales

The community consultation process for the 2016/17 Proposed Land Sales Program was adopted at last week's Council meeting. Three previously confidential documents will be made available on Council's website. These documents are the Proposed 2016/17 Land Sales Program, Evaluation Matrix and Evaluation Matrix Scores.

"Due to the feedback in some of the submissions to the public notice for the 2015/16 Proposed Land Sales program, there is merit in reviewing the community consultation process this time around to provide the public with the information it needs to ensure informed, constructive comment," Council's Manager of Sustainable Communities, Chris Van Der Ark, explained.

"The community feedback to the 2015/16 Land Sales program demonstrated a perception that a public notice of a land sale was a final decision of Council rather than it being the first step in the statutory process which provides the community with an opportunity to comment."

Information about the properties for proposed sale in 2015/16 was received from community members regarding the history of the use of land that might not otherwise have been known from Council records.

"By reflecting on this, Council has an opportunity to improve its communication methods prior to advertising its public notice for the proposed 2016/17 program," Mrs Van Der Ark said. "The aim and benefit would be to fully inform the community, and reduce the number of submissions and time involved to process the statutory procedures."

Submissions for the 2016/17 Proposed Land Sales Program must be in writing and received no later than 5:00pm Wednesday 6 July 2016. Please indicate in your submission if you wish to speak in support of your submission. Submissions must be addressed to the CEO, Private Bag 4, Leongatha Vic 3953. Enquiries should be directed to Property Coordinator, Andrea Wrigley, on 03 5662 9200. Go to Council's website at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au for more information.

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