



## Clarifying the Land Sales process

South Gippsland Shire Council is in the midst of the Section 223 process regarding its 2016/17 Land Sales program.

By way of identifying potential lots for sale, Council uses an evaluation matrix that was developed with community input. The matrix is available to be viewed on Council's website at: [http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/info/20027/roads\\_and\\_infrastructure/243/proposed\\_council\\_land\\_sales](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/info/20027/roads_and_infrastructure/243/proposed_council_land_sales)

Mayor of South Gippsland Shire Council, Cr Bob Newton, concedes that there is some confusion around the process in the community. "When Council adopts the motion to put lots proposed for sale out to the public for comment, it is not committing to sell those lots. It is simply resolving to go out to the community to seek further information or to gauge the community's attitude to the proposal.

"As part of Council's 2015/16 Land Sales program 23 lots were identified for potential sale. After the Section 223 process four of those lots were withdrawn from the program. This is a clear demonstration of the process doing what it is designed to do," said Cr Newton.

"To those in the community who are concerned about the sale of particular parcels of land, I strongly encourage you to make a formal submission to Council. We Councillors can only make informed decisions if they have access to a breadth of information. Inevitably, a great deal of that information comes from the community that we have been elected to represent.

"I reiterate: the public notice of proposed land sales is the first step in a statutory process which provides an opportunity for the community to comment. Once Council has considered all the submissions it will make a decision on whether a property is to proceed to sale at its meeting on 24 August 2016."

Submissions for the 2016/17 Proposed Land Sales Program must be received in writing 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 Council's Property Coordinator, Andrea Wrigley, on 5662 9200.

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