



Land sale revoke in Venus Bay

Council will withdraw the planning permit applications for, and revoke the decision to sell two properties in Venus Bay on receipt of a public petition.

The decision to sell the properties at Marine Parade and Canterbury Road will now be decided pending the completion of the Public Open Space Strategy for Venus Bay.

The petition, 'Preservation of Public Open Spaces in Venus Bay' contained approximately 891 signatures from the residents of Venus Bay and across the Shire, as well as some suburbs of Melbourne, objecting to land sales in Venus Bay.

The properties are included in Council's Strategic Land Review Project, which assesses Council's property portfolio against Council's existing strategies and plans with the view to identifying land surplus to Council's needs.

"The sale of Council land is usually contentious within the community but has been particularly so for the sale of land in Venus Bay," explained Manager Sustainable Communities, Chris Van Der Ark.

"Concerns were raised from the new Councillors of the Coastal Promontory Ward regarding the repeated submissions objecting to the sale of land within Venus Bay and on receipt of the petition, Council unanimously resolved to receive a report to address the concerns of submitters and petition signatories."

Council will consider a further report at the next appropriate Council Meeting to determine Council's land holding requirements for Public Open Space within Venus Bay.

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