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LES OGSTON: Brunswick Valley Sports Association president.

Battle over sporting fields is

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THE BATTLE between Ocean Shores residents and Byron Shire Council over sporting fields is to be played out in the NSW Land and Environment Court next month.

The Brunswick Valley Sports Association has lodged an action asking the Land and Environment Court to order the council not to sell off Lot 107 at Shara Boulevard, Ocean Shores, and to order the

council to spend funds developing sportsfields on the site 'within a reasonable time'.

The court will consider the action on November 3.

The sports fields supporters are also seeking a stay of execution for Lot 107 while court proceedings are under way.

The association wants an order that Lot 107 not be sold to any entity until these proceedings are determined.

Yesterday, Byron Shire mayor Jan Barham and

general manager Pamela Westing said they were unable to comment until they had received legal advice on the matter.

However, the president of the Brunswick Valley Sports Association, Les Ogston, was scathing in his assessment of the council's decision to sell off the site.

He said the council had used tactics of 'dominance and oppression' to overrule the community.

"The situation has become intolerable," Mr Og-

UNHAPPY: Reader Dennis Ensor, of Ocean Shores, says it is a disgrace that there is only one small, undersize sportsfield to service the growing area of Ocean Shores and has expressed his anger that Byron Council would consider selling land in Shara Boulevard that had been earmarked for playing fields.

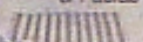
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MY WIFE and I together with our three children have resided in Ocean Shores for nearly 10 years.

I find it an absolute disgrace that there is only one small, undersize sportsfield to service the growing area of Ocean Shores.

My children have had to travel for training and competition due to the lack of fields at Ocean Shores. I understand that council specifically purchased the land at Lot 107 Shara Boulevard for sports fields and the Premier, Mr Iemma, has indicated that land is of no significant environmental value.

The fact that Byron Council now wants to sell-off this land due to its environmental value is a lie. The people of Ocean Shores have been neglected for many years and deserve sporting fields.

The land at Shara Boulevard is ideal and with cycleways and walk tracks will unite the community.

It is amazing, with all the publicity about childhood obesity, that Byron Council would sell-off sportsfields that would benefit so many. I have spoken to many Ocean Shores people who are fuming with council's decision to sell-off this land.

I look forward to your follow ups on behalf of the Ocean Shores Community.

DENNIS ENSOR,
Ocean Shores.

countries, for example China, that executes in one year — for next to nothing — more than the whole world collectively does yearly, as was shown on SBS on Monday, October 10.

Anyone that's been or goes to 'Bali' to have their holidays and good times, should be thoroughly ashamed of themselves.

It makes my skin crawl, to think of Schappelle Corby rotting there, second after second, year after year.

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