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## Lot 107 questions

Jenny Coman, you may consider that Lot 107 is 'finally laid to rest' (Letters, March 14) but are the residents supposed to bury any hope of getting sportsfields? The only way to try to get a sportsground was to take Council to court! This bizarre situation has come about only because Council seems totally unable to get anything done.

What have the residents of the Ocean Shores area got? Nothing but their rates expended on seemingly end-

lessly consultants' reports and still no facilities.

You state that Lot 107 was not designated as sportsfields; on Council's website (ordinary meeting October 24, 2000) I read, 'Lot 107 is currently classified as a sportsground. This is also the classification in Council's land register.'

If you believe this is not the case then what was the site purchased for? Why did Council, not once but twice, pay for a consultant to prepare a plan of management (as a sporting facility) for this site? If you never intended this site to be a sportsfield when you were a Councillor, where did you plan to provide sporting facilities for the greater Ocean Shores area?

Maybe you considered the small sportsfield at New Brighton sufficient to meet the recreation needs of a population in excess of 5,000 but did you ever ask the resi-

dents what they wanted? I look forward to reading your answers.

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