

## Crs call on Govt to halt sale of Lot 107

Three State Government ministers have been asked to intervene to halt the proposed sale by Byron Council of Lot 107 Shara Boulevard, Ocean Shores to the Roads and Traffic Authority.

The request has come from a group of Byron Shire councillors who oppose the sale in the wake of a decision last week by the Brunswick Valley Sports Association to end its court challenge against the sale.

The councillors have sent letters to Roads Minister Eric Roozendaal, Planning Minister Frank Sartor and Local Government Minister Kerry Hickey.

One of the group, Cr Ross Tucker, said they had called

on Mr Hickey and Mr Sartor to investigate the process followed by the council in deciding to sell Lot 107 including secret meetings between green groups and the RTA.

Cr Tucker said they had called on Mr Roozendaal not to sign off on the sale of Lot 107 to the RTA until an investigation of the process by the government had been completed.

He described the decision by the Greens-dominated council to sell the site as "ideologically driven".

It was an agenda, he said, that "doesn't care a damn about people".

Said Cr Tucker: "They don't care about families, sports or Ocean Shores.

"They wouldn't pull the same stunt at Byron Bay."

Acting president of the Ocean Shores Community Association, Tina Petroff, said the community was "devastated" about losing Lot 107.

"The community is absolutely disgusted in the way they (council) have handled this," she said.

"There is no alternative. There is no other land for sportsfields."

The council last week voted not to chase the sports association for costs involved in the legal challenge.

The council's general manager, Pamela Westing, said the most recent court action resulted in costs of about \$40,000.