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LITCHFIELD COUNCIL SHOULD NOT BE SELLING OFF ASSETS

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says an advertisement in the real estate section of Saturday’s NT News has a Litchfield Council drainage reserve up for sale.

Gerry says the block of land is in Bees Creek and part of an early subdivision developed by Henry and Walker in 1978.

He says there were 4 drainage reserves shown on the plan with specific lot numbers recognizing that fact. He also notes that if any of these parcels of land were meant to be residential lots they would have been sold by now, considering the subdivision is 34 years old!

Gerry says the local residents have maintained this reserve at no cost to the council and they can’t understand what the council is doing.

He says when he asked the Mayor why the Council wanted to sell off this drainage reserve, he was told that the council needed the money to pay for a new rubbish transfer station at Acacia.

Gerry believes the council should use money from the Council’s financial reserves to fund any new transfer station, that’s what the reserves are for. The Council should not be selling off community assets.

Gerry is concerned that council is embarking on a policy of selling community assets without asking the community and at the same time ignoring its own Municipal Plan which requires the Council to provide and maintain Council assets, it does not say sell them.

Gerry says the Litchfield Council is not broke, it should not be making decisions contrary to its Municipal Plan, it should not be selling off any assets without asking the community, and it definitely should not be selling 31 Mcauley Road, Bees Creek.

It should withdraw the drainage reserve from sale now!

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