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REGARDING your article on the Tweed council's \$1 million costs over our Chinderah land proposals:

It is too late now to get me to help organise or support an independent committee, or candidates, or participate in any other way in the next council election.

It will be up to others to try to get a decent lot of new councillors.

I hope the residents taken on the long, costly ride will wake up to those who cause their increased rates and deficient assets.

I, and others, tried to convince the council that the sewer land was far too valuable to expand the sewer plant there 10 times from its original size, and make the rest of the council-owned land an effluent and sludge depository from the whole shire.

I never had imagined we would finish up having to buy that land, after ultimately finding close enough suitable land, far away from all development, for relocation of the plant.

That was the only way of stopping those projects from proceeding.

Why had the council not found such land before for relocation? It would have saved enormous expense, and it would still belong to the ratepayers, and we would have been more than happy to have the restrictive buffer zone removed from our adjacent land.

It is now open to the council to effect rezoning properly, and allow the 85 per cent of people wanting a proper

centre there to submit their recommendations directly to the council.

It would be a very brave council to reject them again, now the public is aware of their past actions.

In the meantime, costly court actions are proceeding against the third rejection of our supermarket plans near Kingscliff beach since 1978.

We have owned since 1969 almost all the remaining developable land in West Kingscliff, including the only land near the beach zone capable of hosting a properly-designed expansive supermarket centre, with plenty of parking spaces, but the council has preferred a cramped, congested, uncompetitive present Woolworths, with seriously inadequate parking.

The council ignored our consultants' report on road and parking inadequacies near the beach, and now many coast people are forced to put up with the deficiencies, or waste time and cost travelling to Tweed South or Queensland.

Surely it is time that the council entered meaningful direct discussions with us concerning our own property, which it has always refused to do in the past 30 years and imposed many restrictions, in spite of our many earnest requests for consultation and meetings, and telling it repeatedly we will protect our legitimate interests no matter what is involved.

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