



# HUON VALLEY COUNCIL

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **HUON VALLEY COUNCIL LAND STRATEGY**

Huon Valley Council acknowledges the community concern regarding the sale of Council land identified in the Council's Land Strategy, particularly in the Dover area.

The Council's Land Strategy was publically released at the May 2018 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

The strategy was originally developed and endorsed in 2011. The implementation of the Strategy has recently been progressed with the listing for sale of a number of properties across the Huon Valley municipal area. Community engagement that has been undertaken so far involved the strategy being approved in an open Council meeting, discussion at the Community Information sessions held in each township, being available on Council's Website and was subject to an article in the Huon News on Wednesday 6 June 2018.

Land that has been sold so far includes:

- New Road, Franklin
- Rocky Creek Road, Crabtree
- Randalls Bay Road, Randalls Bay
- Huon Highway Dover, Corner of Macnaghten Road

All proceeds from the sale of land go into a reserve to fund other strategic land purchases to enable further economic development and community purposes in the Huon Valley.

The land sale at Dover that has recently raised community concern was the land where the original Dover Sports Center was located before its relocation to the school site. The sale of this land was originally approved in 2006, to pay for the balance cost of relocating the Sports Centre. This cost was \$107,041. Council's decision to sell this land was affirmed by the Resource Management Planning Appeals Tribunal after an appeal through the Sale of Public Land process which involved community consultation at that time. However, the sale was not progressed until the land was rezoned.

An initial application for rezoning was not approved due to concerns regarding the road junction with the Huon Highway which took into account a then recently approved subdivision along Macnaghten Road, which included a denser subdivision and development proposal. This subdivision did not proceed. The subject land was then zoned under the Interim Planning Scheme consistent with adjoining land. The draft scheme was displayed on several occasions before proceeding with a formal representation period which followed without submission on any zoning on Council land.

Huon Valley Council Mayor Enders says based on the concerns from the Community the elected Council would like to examine the strategy to obtain a full understanding of it and the basis of the decisions that have shaped it, as well as to provide an opportunity for further community engagement.

A copy of the Land Strategy can be found on the Council website at [www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au](http://www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au)

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