



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND CLASSIFICATION

PORTION SECTION 100 HUNDRED OF RAMSAY



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Purpose of report

To provide information in regard to the proposed revocation of the Community Land classification for a portion of Section 100, Hundred of Ramsay being a portion of land at the Ramsay Transfer Station property for the purpose of selling the property.

Background

The Ramsay Transfer Station occupies approximately 14 hectares of Section 100, Dump Road HD Ramsay.

The remaining 115 hectares of Section 100 largely consists of deep sand hills and areas of loam over clay with limestone ridges and is at the lower end of the scale in quality within the area.

Of the 115 hectares, 65 hectares is arable for cropping with the remainder suitable for running stock in a controlled manner. Due to the instability of the sandy areas/hills they need to be managed to avoid degradation and erosion and this limits the economic potential of the land.

Up until February 2017 the land had been leased for the purpose of grazing and agriculture.

Reason for proposal

There has been interest expressed by agriculturalists in the possibility of rehabilitating the land for cropping and stock grazing.

The purpose of selling the land is to improve the quality of the land which has been neglected in the past. With modern farming practices the land can be rehabilitated to improve the quality of the soil, eliminate noxious weeds and reduce soil erosion and salt scald.

As there is no strategic or operational need to retain ownership of the subject land, it has been identified as being surplus to Council's needs.

Disposal, with the view to sell the property, is considered to be appropriate in this instance.

To enable Council to sell the subject lands and in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, it is necessary for Council to revoke the Community Land classification on the said land.

Proceeds of proposed sale

It is proposed that the proceeds of the sale of the reserve will go into general revenue to be allocated into Council's Long Term Financial Plan for future identified projects.

Property details

Portion of Section 100 Hundred of Ramsay

- Certificate of Title: Volume 5451 Folio 338.
- Listed on Council's Community Land register as Category 4, Business & Commercial.