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Mr Trevor Seymour  
Editor Manly Daily  
Via Email

Cr Julie Sutton's letter of 29.11.08 "No Decision yet on St Kevin's" car park is misleading.

Cr Sutton maintains no decision has been made on this land. The Minutes of the Council meeting of 22 July 2008 and the *Manly Daily* article of 8.11.08 clearly document the decision of then Administrator, Dick Persson to seek expressions of interest to sell the car park known as Site A Community Land.

I sought to stop this on 11.11.08 by moving "that Council's General Manager prepare a report for consideration on the feasibility of using all or some of Council's land commonly referred to as Site "A" Community Land in Dee Why to construct a Cultural Centre for multi purpose use to host cultural and other community events".

Cr V Laugesen, of the Wake Up Warringah Party moved to delete my motion and replace it with "send a copy of Council's Cultural Plan to all Councillors" and hold briefing on the plan. Her amendment was carried with the support of Councillors Regan, Harris, Laugesen, Sutton, Giltinan and Ray thus defeating my motion to have the land maintained for community use and not sold off to developers.

The *Daily* revealed 8.11.08 that during the elections "Local residents and Mayoral candidates opposed the seeking of expressions of interest" to sell the land. Councillors Regan, Sutton, and Harris were all Mayoral candidates and yet have done nothing to stop seeking of expressions of interest to sell this land. One can only assume their commitments at election time were disingenuous and just election spin?

I will continue to fight on behalf of the community to save this ratepayer owned land from sale.

**Cr Vincent De Luca OAM**  
**Warringah Councillor**