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TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Membership of the Strategy and Policy Committee:

Claire Barlow (Chairperson/Mayor) Murray Cox Noel Jackson Evan Williams Russell Armstrong James Leslie Graham Smith

Notice is given of a hearing of the Strategy and Policy Committee to be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2014, to consider a submission to the Draft Significance and Engagement Policy.

VENUE: Council Chambers, Fairlie.

BUSINESS: To hear a submission from Mr Walter Speck, Lake Tekapo, on the draft Significance and Engagement Policy (attached).

WAYNE BARNETT CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mackenzie District Council Draft Significance & Engagement Policy SUBMISSION FORM

We welcome your submission. You can post, fax, email or hand deliver it by <u>3pm on Friday, 14 November 2014.</u>

Please use this form for your submission

X I wish to be heard in support of my submission

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Submissions to the draft Significance and Engagement Policy will be heard at the council chambers in Fairlie on **Tuesday 18th November 2014**. If you wish to be heard, you will need to keep your presentation to 10 minutes maximum. Councillors will have read your written submission prior to the meeting.

Please note that any submissions made will be available to the public and that any hearing and meetings on the draft Significance and Engagement Policy will be open to the public.

Please return to the Mackenzie District Council by:

- posting it to: Mackenzie District Council, PO Box 52, Fairlie 7949
- emailing it to: submissions@mackenzie.govt.nz
- faxing it to: (03) 685 8533, or
- delivering it to the Council Offices in Main Street, Fairlie or Market Place, Twizel.

Enquiries: (03) 685-9010 or 0800 685-8514

Every sale of land should be notified:

The Council is in charge of public assets. The assets belong to the residents/ratepayers of a district.

If ever there is a disposal, a sale, proposed sale etc. of a land asset, real estate etc. then the Council shall notify through their website, publications etc. that this particular asset is coming up for potential sale.

This gives every person a right to inquire about, register an interest or even make an offer. This is the very base of a democracy – an open policy.

The remark that a sale cannot be notified because it is commercially sensitive is an excuse: every sale is potentially commercially sensitive...!

Council does not need to say who is interested to purchase the land, nor the proposed use, - **but** it should notified that an asset is up for disposal.

Anything else has got the stigma on an "insider deal" – behind closed door dealings...!

There have been some monumental blunders in the past.... - proposed development in LTK back in the early 2000 - the sale to the YHA is not far off.....!