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Subject: brumbies redevelopment and change of lease proposal

i submit the Brumbies proposal if adopted would constitute bad public policy.

The proposal raises a fundamental question of principle.

Where land has been granted to a community organisation for a community purpose and the community organisation no longer requires the land for that community purpose, what principles should be applied?

I submit that in these circumstances the land should revert to public ownership.

Proper planning principles should then be applied to future use of the land. The planning process should be conducted independently of the community organisation which previously held the lease. That must follow since the purposes for which the land was originally leased to the community organisation has lapsed.

If for example it is determined in accordance with ordinary planning purposes that the land is suitable for residential housing, or for retail, or whatever, the land should then be released in the normal way, eg by public auction.

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