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Dear Mr Davis,

I have just read the First Interim Report in relation to the Select Committee on Public Land Development. I had no knowledge of this committee or the document until last Friday January 11 and realise the closing date for a submission has passed. However, because I feel so strongly about what is happening to our Memorial Town Hall in Wangaratta I decided I had to write this letter.

You may or may not know the circumstances of what is happening, but briefly it is this. Our council decided that they wanted to build an Art Centre for which they have now received a grant from the state government. A petition was signed by approximately 6000 residents of the city objecting to the hall being demolished to make way for the Art Centre, this petition was given to council before the grant was given.

The residents are not against the building of the Art Centre per se, but do not want it built on the site of our memorial hall and here is the rub, **THE MEMORIAL HALL IS ON PUBLIC LAND**. This does not seem to be an issue for our council at all, but I, like many other residents of this city, cannot understand how the council can totally ignore this fact and continue blithely on with **THEIR** plans.

Mr Davis, I realize you are a busy man and I do know this after reading the report, but do you have an answer to what is happening in Wangaratta, or do you think the premier and the attorney general will ignore anyone who feels as we do about the fact of a council simply taking what belongs to the people?

I have written this letter for those who cannot speak for themselves and who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Our Memorial Hall was built to honour the memory of those who died and those who served and it was built on public land.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and I would greatly appreciate any advice you can give me in regard to this very emotive matter. I also want to wish you well in your endeavours and also to those who are serving on the Select Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bev Little.

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