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Dear Editor,

The two articles in the Friday Sep 3rd issue titled "No referendum on Cove Lots" and "NV District approves library funding" amply demonstrate the hypocrisy in local governance. Both illustrate that compromising one's principles is both infectious and addictive.

A councilor, who championed for years the freedom to explain motions before requiring a seconder, refused to second a motion of a fellow councilor. A motion by the way, which proposed to table for discussion whether acquiring two waterfront lots for \$2million for the very busy Panorama Park should go to referendum - despite the fact that for the other issue - the \$34million Town/Library centre both councilors voted against it going to referendum. This, despite election promises from both, that major projects must be put to a vote by the District at large, and the low cost incurred by having it included in this November's by-election. No wonder the electorate has lost faith with local politicians and voter turnout continues to plummet.

Finally, what may be the ultimate irony - the same councilor who opposed cutting back Northland's golf course commercial component - ultimately leading to its financial difficulties and high user fees - now proposes to scale back the commercial component of the newly adopted Lynn Valley Library/Town Centre - resulting in further costs to the district taxpayers. This again without a referendum. Call me naïve and idealistic, but I believe in democracy. The will of the people. I can already hear the excuses...but as one of these councillors so aptly put it "All excuses are lies".

Your truly,

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