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Committee Secretary
Economics and Governance Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Committee Secretary

I would like to make the following response concerning the Committee's *Inquiry Into The Report On The Strategic Review Of The Functions Of The Integrity Commissioner*.

I have previously made submissions and presented at public hearings of the Economic and Governance Committee as part of joint community representations from organisations such as OSCAR (Organisation of Sunshine Coast Associations of Residents), BRU (Brisbane Residents United), QLGRA (Queensland Local Government Reform Alliance) and SEQCA (South East Queensland Community Alliance). This submission, however, expresses my personal views on this Inquiry as these groups have not had the time to consider this Strategic Review of the Integrity Commissioner and prepare submissions; it does not represent the views of any of those organisations.

I only became aware of this inquiry and the deadline for submissions early this morning and as a result, my comments are very limited for which I apologise.

I believe the review recommendations summarised in Table 3 of the Strategic Review document are generally in line with my views. I particularly support recommendations 1, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, and 24.

The recommendations that relate to the regulation of lobbyists, the educative role of the Integrity Commissioner and the independence of the Integrity Commissioner are particularly welcome and I would urge the members of the Committee to endorse those aspects of the Strategic Review.

It is my belief, given recent events relating to the State Archivist, the resignations of the Integrity Commissioner and the Chairperson of the Crime and Corruption Commission, the State Development And Regional Industries Committee inquiry into the Independent Assessor and the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee investigation of the CCC, that the Queensland Government should be adopting a more holistic inquiry into the operation of, and inter-relationships between, the bodies charged with oversight of integrity, transparency and corruption. This is not a task that can be undertaken by any single Parliamentary Committee or a review of any particular organisation in isolation.

All the best Greg Smith

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