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To: <u>Economics and Governance Committee</u>

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Committee Secretary Economics and Governance Committee,

"What constitutes a good leader?"

A society needs strong leaders and leadership. Is leadership having total and dictatorial control over the members of its society, as per China and Russia? Or is good and great leadership bring transparent and open, explaining the problems and putting fourth possible solutions to remedy and find answers to any problem that might exist.

Leadership with conversation and consultation will always get results with support of the people, but leadership where people are treated with total disrespect, as if they have no ability to discuss, analysis and make informed decisions is insulting and will not get results. Definitely not how a democracy is supposed to operate.

Using football teams as an example, the players will eventually get together and revolt against a dictatorial coach, just as they are treated with respect and encouraged to have ownership in decisions regarding the best way forward.

To me it is amazing that the Queensland Premier, Anastasia Palaszczuk and her cohorts, push through a new bill under the cover of budget week discussions, allowing them to have extraordinary powers of control over all the people who live and reside in this great state.

If you dare to question you are put down. You're vilified, called and branded names, like anti establishment, anti vaxer, misinformed and lacking in general knowledge.

It beggars belief that eminent scientists, doctors, economic and society leaders who dare to question are just trampled over and dismissed from any meaningful discussions.

I was not born until well after the fall of Germany through the victory by the allies, but as a person who has been involved in sport at a high level, as a player and a coach, I have read many books on leadership and how to get the best out of the people you are leading. To me many of the leaders throughout the world and especially Australia and Queensland have developed such a taste for power and control, that they have completely over stepped the mark.

I find it incomprehensible that our so called "free press" have allowed this bill to pass through parliament, without any questioning, discussion or reporting. Surely their job is to bring these things to societies notice, so we can have informed and open discussion. So those in charge can make balanced, compassionate decisions. Maybe the government are making the correct decisions, but if they are all truly good or great leaders, they will keep us all informed and up to date on how and why they are making decisions and actions relevant to their behaviour.

Yours sincerely

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