



**Cr Kerry Silver**  
**Councillor for Division 3**  
**Ipswich City Council**



24 July 2018

Mr Linus Power MP  
Chairperson  
Parliamentary Economics and Governance Committee  
Queensland Parliament  
Alice Street  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Mr Power

**RE: Local Government (Dissolution of Ipswich City Council) Bill 2018**

I refer to correspondence from Minister Hinchliffe dated 16 July 2018 to A/Mayor Wayne Wendt with attachment of proposed draft bill for consideration by your Committee prior to Parliament.

This act breaches my rights and liberties as an elected representative for the people of the City of Ipswich, as Minister Hinchliffe has not proven in his Show Cause Notices any matters which relate to my inability to function, govern and make decisions which are in the best interests of the people of Ipswich. Mr Hinchliffe and the State were given two opportunities to provide further and better particulars to both Show Cause Notices that relate specifically as to how Ipswich City Council under the current Councillors is not acting in accordance with legislation, when in fact the Council has enacted all of the governance processes recommended by Mr Gary Kellar, undertaken to close down companies established by former administrations. The Minister in his correspondence did not give specific remedial actions he was seeking from Ipswich City Council therefore Council has undertaken to continue to review policy, procedures, internal governance and continues with internal auditing. Prior to this action Council had commenced the Line of Sight Program which was about changing the culture of the organisation including reductions in siloing and creating a more open view of Council for all employees. Council has undertaken to comply with any recommendations given by QAO upon any reviews.

Section 7, subsection 2 paragraph (b) identifies that rights and liberties are again breached as I or any other Councillor is now unable to run in any other Local Government election until 2024.

Will this Parliament give assurances to the people of Ipswich that this Parliament will not allow the Government to change the boundaries of the City of Ipswich until post the 2020 election to ensure that Councillors who are affected by this legislation are assured of their rights and liberties to seek election in the City or locality that they live? Furthermore this Bill also breaches the rights and liberties of the Ipswich Councillors to move to any other locality and seek nomination to that Council until 2024, this breaches the rights of an individual to seek employment as an elected official in their

local community. I would think that this clause is in fact discriminatory against the individual and may be a breach of the Anti-discrimination Act.

The Minister has breached my rights and liberties by bringing this legislation before the Parliament when Council challenged the Minister's exercise of powers under the Show Cause Notice before the Supreme Court and he gave an undertaking to not take any action prior to July 31 2018.

This legislation is draconian and unprecedented in a democratic society as it does not allow for review or appeal process when under good legislative principles it should have sufficient regard to an individual's rights and liberties

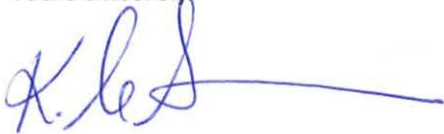
Many residents tell me that they are stonewalled by Ministerial staff when trying to phone to voice their concerns and opinions and they are told to put them in writing. It was the good governance of the Beattie Government that removed this type of restriction on the community voice by listening when they called and acting on the combined wishes of people who are not necessarily literate, have access to technology and who may not be computer literate.

My constituents every day are telling me that this is not a fair process and that they do not have confidence in the State Government when Bills like this are enacted to essentially gain an outcome that is perceived to not be winnable in a court of law. In bringing this legislation before the Parliament it is my opinion that this Government is in fact acting not in the best interests of the people of Ipswich.

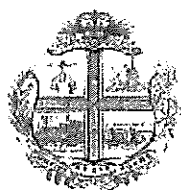
I have attached for your information copies of letters, emails and screen shots from residents about me continuing in the role as the local Councillor.

It would be appreciated if I could attend your public hearings to state my case further in relation to this legislation.

Yours sincerely

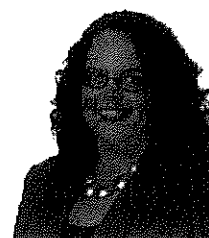
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**Cr Kerry V Silver JP Qual**  
Councillor for Division 3



City of  
Ipswich  
26 June 2018

**Cr Kerry Silver**  
Councillor for Division 3  
Ipswich City Council



The Honourable Stirling Hindliffe MP  
Minister for Local Government,  
Minister for Racing, and  
Minister for Multicultural Affairs  
1 William Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Minister

**Notice given under section 120 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld)  
dated 20 June 2018**

In response to your notice I refer to point 8 (ii), (iii) & 9 (iii) this Council has in fact undertaken a significant process of reform in the space of the last year to strengthen governance, transparency, integrity and accountability of Ipswich City Council. The review and implementation are now complete. Council will be continuing to implement and monitor these reforms in addition to being fully committed to the principles under the local government act.

Point 6 (a) through to (p), it is disturbing as a member of the Australian Labor Party that you propose to sack Councillors for having worked with people or who may or may not have had some association with another individual who may or may not be found guilty of charges. This being the case then I query why the State did not take this action against the Parliamentary Secretary to Gordon Nuttall, as this would have constituted the same situation, I find myself in.

As the local Councillor for Division 3 for two years, I have undertaken to do mobile offices across the Division on a regular basis to enable the very hardworking residents to have regular opportunities to discuss Council updates, as well as new or emerging concerns that they have with the community in a time that is more convenient to workers. Throughout the last 2 years I have strived to enhance the local community that I represent as well as the long term overall economic, social and environmental outcomes for the city.

Under enormous pressure I firmly believe that I have been able to maintain positive and healthy community relationships by continuing to attend local meetings, mobile offices, advocacy and representations to Council on matters of concern to residents and the ongoing sustainability of the city.

Recently I was talking with a senior officer in Council who advised that they was so impressed with the manner in which Councillors had conducted themselves throughout this show cause process by continuing to maintain positive leadership in conducting the normal business of Council. As said by the officer 'No one had gone to ground but instead was getting on with business of Council'. This cemented the officer's opinion that it was a good Council of people who genuinely cared for the community.

Many people in my local community have advised me that they have contacted you directly to offer their support to me as the local Councillor however I have for your assistance also included in this letter attachments of Facebook posts and letters from community organisations and individuals.

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Every day I am asked by community members about what I will do if your decision is to dismiss Council. I have made a commitment to my community that should your decision be to dismiss Council that I will endeavour to find employment locally/regionally if I can under these circumstances. It is my intention that I will continue to work with local community groups to assist them where ever and whenever possible. They have told me that they value the information and assistance of knowledge that my years of experience in community brings. I see on their faces a sense of relief that they know that there will still be someone in the community whom they can trust to help them in times of need. In fact residents have wanted assurances that I would run again and some have asked that I run for Mayor.

Although there is negative publicity I am heartened that many people in the community seem to have become more concerned with the trial by media of those accused due to the ongoing lack of trials and the concern in the community that those not charged can be dismissed under the legislation.

The negative behaviour and manner of some of the group of aligned individuals with various 'community organisations' who are failed candidates or associates is of greater concern. They are creating a systemic culture of social media bullying, vilification and defamation in this city which no doubt will cause serious detriment to people's mental health and if allowed to continue could risk people's lives.

I attach for your information Facebook posts in relation to the activities of group/s, a copy of the letter previously sent to the Electoral Commission which resulted in an amended return. I have also attached a copy of a financial return of a group which it is my understanding where conducting sausage sizzles during this time which does not seem to be accounted for in the financial return, this document was supplied to me from a local business man who felt that the group where not acting appropriately. It is my understanding that this information has previously been given/raised with the CCC however there does not seem to be any desire to follow up on these matters.

This gives me great concern when the same people are advocating for integrity and transparency in Council as candidates seeking election to Council.

An administrator will undoubtedly be a person with no connections to the local communities of Ipswich and therefore will not have the ability to know the affect and effect of his/her decisions on the day to day lives of Ipswich people or have the knowledge to understand the nuances of local communities. The needs or desires for the community of Karalee are different to those in Collingwood Park as are the needs of a new emerging community of Ripley Valley or the desires for maintaining the country charm of communities like Rosewood.

Administration is only a stop gap, a bandaid measure the real test is making us all accountable to reform process in place so that the local community can democratically elect their representatives.

Yours sincerely



**Cr Kerry V Silver**  
Councillor for Division 3

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] You've dodged my question and told me what the real issue is. Sounds straight from the Labor handbook.

[REDACTED] I asked if JoAnn was supporting [REDACTED] - not if she supported the few issues that [REDACTED] supports. And, as for you suggesting I support [REDACTED] (WTF) I don't support him in any way. He couldn't lie straight in bed, 'his' [REDACTED] are a fence, and they fail dismally to represent all of Ipswich, instead only supporting (and scrutinising) politicians and issues when it suits him - despite what the local media say, he and 'his' [REDACTED] are not representative of the broader community.

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I was the founding [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] - I know how and why they were founded and am speaking from experience. I was unconstitutionally booted for calling [REDACTED] out on his self interest and failure to represent a range of issues. He threw out the rule book, kicked me out unconstitutionally, never responded to my correspondence, then, threatened to sue me. Again, sounds like it's straight out of the Labor handbook.

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Most of the founding committee have left the IRRA, the committee have taken nobody else on board, and they're left with a committee of two, a half finished webpage, a Facebook page with a few likes - after more than 2 years in 'operation' they fall well short of other similar ratepayers groups from neighbouring areas. It's a rort and anybody involved with him is in danger of being exposed due to their involvement.

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Funny thing, despite having a group of two and no upstanding community members putting their hands up to be on the committee, the [REDACTED] is enjoying some amount of coverage from the QT and Brisbane times as - the 'community representative'. You'd think that somebody in higher places is pulling strings for him, or that he's in cahoots with somebody.

That brings me back to my earlier question. Does Joann

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**CR VICTOR ATTWOOD**

Ipswich City Council

Deputy Mayor

Councillor for Division 3

Chair of City Management and Finance Committee



20 November 2012

Mr David Kerslake  
Commissioner  
Queensland Electoral Commission  
GPO BOX 1393  
Brisbane QLD 4001

Dear Mr Kerslake

Further to my earlier telephone conversation with your office, I wish to advise additional information and facts that have come to my attention and I firmly believe should be included in your investigation into election funding disclosure.

As you are aware, I became concerned during the 2012 Local Government election in Ipswich by the amount of funding being utilised by some candidates here in Ipswich. I have kept an eye on the situation since the election and am concerned by the lack of disclosure of donations received by one of the candidates for election as Councillor for Division 3.

The most concerning donations relate to the financial disclosure submitted by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] disclosure only lists a donation from [REDACTED] however I am aware that he received donations from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in addition to support received from political lobby group IRATE. However these particular donations were not disclosed by [REDACTED] in his own financial return. My understanding of the Queensland Electoral Act is that this non-disclosure constitutes a serious breach of laws and regulations and as such should be investigated.

These non-disclosures constitute serious breaches to the Act, I respectfully request that you commence your investigation of these matters as soon as possible and I am more than willing to assist wherever possible.

Yours sincerely

Cr Victor Attwood  
Deputy Mayor  
Councillor for Division 3

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## Associations Incorporation Form 12-1

Queensland  
Government

## Annual return of association

Associations Incorporation Act 1981

This form is effective from 1 November 2013

ABN: 13 845 673 994

IPSWICH RESIDENTS AGAINST TOXIC  
ENVIRONMENTS (IRATE) INC.  
THE SECRETARY  
3 TAMBO CT  
COLLINGWOOD PARK QLD 4301



Organisation Number: 1A40054

Financial Year End Date: 30 June 2015

IPSWICH RESIDENTS AGAINST TOXIC ENVIRONMENTS (IRATE) INC.

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received

Lodgement details

EU number: 0341437

## Instructions

Please use BLOCK letters when you fill out this form. Attach extra sheets if there is not enough space. All dates should be DD/MM/YYYY.

## Privacy statement - please read

The Office of Fair Trading is collecting information, including personal information, on this form for the purposes of the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981* and *Associations Incorporation Regulation 1999*, in accordance with this legislation a register of this information and any documents required by the department is available for inspection by the public upon payment of a prescribed fee. Where authorised or required by law, information on this form can be disclosed without your consent.

(Fee: \$49.95. No GST is payable on this fee.)

## Part 1 - Incorporated association details

## Definitions

Please tick appropriate box.

Note: where an association is required to have an audit under the *Collections Act 1966* or *Gaming Machine Act 1991*, please tick Level 1.

- ☐ Level 1 - an association is within Level 1 if its current assets are in excess of \$100,000 or its total revenue is in excess of \$100,000.
- ☐ Level 2 - an association is within Level 2 if its current assets are between \$20,000 and \$100,000 or its total revenue is between \$20,000 and \$100,000. But excludes those required to have an audit under *Collections Act 1966* or *Gaming Machine Act 1991*.
- ☒ Level 3 - an association is within Level 3 if its current assets are less than \$20,000 and its total revenue is less than \$20,000. But excludes those required to have an audit under *Collections Act 1966* or *Gaming Machine Act 1991*.

## New postal address

Complete only if address details have changed.

Current details THE SECRETARY 3 TAMBO CT, COLLINGWOOD PARK QLD 4301

Address

Suburb

State

Postcode

## Nominated address for service

Complete only if address details have changed.  
A post office box address is not acceptable.

Current details 3 TAMBO CT, COLLINGWOOD PARK QLD 4301

New address

Suburb

State

Postcode

## Date of annual general meeting

Please tick appropriate box.

The association's audited/verified financial statements were presented at the annual general meeting held on 04 / 07 / 2015 (date) and ☒ adopted / ☐ not adopted by members.

Part 1 - Incorporated association details continued	
<b>Office bearers</b> Complete new details only if current office bearer details have changed.  A post office box address is not acceptable.	<b>Current details</b> [REDACTED]
	<b>New details (if applicable)</b> President's name _____ Address _____ Suburb _____ State <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Postcode <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>Current details</b> [REDACTED] <b>New details (if applicable)</b> Secretary's name _____ Address _____ Suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____ Email _____ <b>Current details</b> [REDACTED] <b>New details (if applicable)</b> Treasurer's name _____ Address _____ Suburb _____ State <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Postcode <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Part 2 - Financial details	
<b>Association's financial details</b> Complete new details only if current details have changed. Note: BSB and Account no. will not be shown on the public register. Account must be in the registered name of the association.	<b>Current details</b> WBC, 034117 253547, IPSWICH RESIDENTS AGAINST TOXIC ENVIRONMENTS (IRATE) INC <b>New details (if applicable)</b> Name of financial institution [REDACTED] Branch [REDACTED] BSB & Account no. [REDACTED]
<b>Financial Statements</b> Level 1	Please enclose audited financial statements for the association for its last reportable financial year that is signed and dated by the president or treasurer (including a statement of income and expenditure, balance sheet and signed auditor's report). An incorporated association may also be subject to the reporting or auditing provisions of other legislation e.g. <i>Gaming Machine Act 1991</i> , <i>Collections Act 1966</i> .
Level 2	Please enclose a copy of the association's financial statement for the last reportable financial year that is signed and dated by the president or treasurer (including a statement of income and expenditure and balance sheet) and a statement signed by a person who is an auditor or an approved accountant that states: the person has sighted the association's financial records; and the association's financial records show that the association has book keeping processes in place to adequately record the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.  Note: where an association is required to have an audit under the <i>Collections Act 1966</i> or <i>Gaming Machine Act 1991</i> , Level 1 applies.

<b>Part 2 – Financial details continued</b>	
Level 3	<p>Please enclose a copy of the association's financial statement for the last reportable financial year that is signed and dated by the president or treasurer (including a statement of income and expenditure and balance sheet) and a statement signed by the president or treasurer that states the association keeps financial records in a way to properly record the association's income and expenditure and dealings with its assets and liabilities.</p> <p>Note: where an association is required to have an audit under the <i>Collections Act 1966</i> or <i>Gaming Machine Act 1991</i>, Level 1 applies.</p>
<b>Auditor or approved accountant details</b>  Must be completed for Levels 1 and 2. Must be completed for Level 3 where an audit is required.	<p>Full name _____</p> <p>Contact phone no. _____</p> <p>Email _____</p> <p>Auditor's qualifications (please tick one of the following):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A person registered as an auditor under the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Member of CPA Australia who is entitled to use the letters 'CPA' or 'FCPA'.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia who is entitled to use the letters 'CA' or 'FCA'.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Member of the Institute of Public Accountants who is entitled to use the letters 'MIPA' or 'FIPA'.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A person approved by the chief executive to audit this association.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other – Please complete Form 21 advising details of auditing experience and title of accounting qualifications (if any) including the name of the educational institution from which qualifications were obtained.</p>
<b>Part 3 – Checklist and declaration</b>	
<b>Checklist</b>	<p>Please tick appropriate box:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have you completed all relevant parts of the return (Parts 1 and 2)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Have you attached the relevant following financial statements (Part 2):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Income and expenditure?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Balance sheet?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Signed auditor's report (Level 1)?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Signed statement (Level 2 and 3 as outlined under Part 2)?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Has the secretary or acting secretary signed and dated the form (Part 3)?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have you included the fee?</p>

Form 21 – Application for approval of auditor can be downloaded from [www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au)

**Part 3 – Checklist and declaration continued****Declaration**

Note: It is an offence to supply incorrect or misleading information.

I have checked and completed the current information, made necessary alterations beside the relevant areas and state that the details are true and correct in every detail.

Name of secretary or acting secretary

Phone (H)

(M)

(M)

Email

Signature of secretary or acting secretary

Dated ☒ ☒ / ☒ ☒ / ☒ ☒ ☒ ☒

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**Part 4 – Lodgement****Lodgement details**

The association must hold an annual general meeting within 6 months after the end date of the association's financial year.

Please lodge the completed form, any supporting documentation and fees to the Office of Fair Trading at the address below, or at one of our regional offices, within 1 month after the audited/verified financial statements are presented to the association's annual general meeting.

**By mail:**

Registration Services  
Office of Fair Trading  
GPO Box 3111  
Brisbane QLD 4001

Visit [www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au) or call 13 QGOV (13 74 68) for information and your nearest Fair Trading Office.

## IRATE Inc Balance Sheet 2014-2015

Balance Brought Forward	\$3
Income	\$0
Expenditure	
Balance	\$3.00

I declare that these records are true and accurate and that records are kept to properly record the income and expenditure and the assets and liabilities of the IRATE Inc.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## IRATE Inc. Income-Expenditure 2014-2015

Income		Expenditure	
	0		
		Incidentals	0
Total	\$0	Total	\$0

26<sup>th</sup> June 2018

The Hon Stirling Hinchliffe  
Minister for Local Government  
P O Box 15009  
City East Qld 4002

Dear Minister

I am writing to you in regards to the recent show cause notice given to the Ipswich City Council Councillors.

I am saddened to think that the person we elected to represent our division may be dismissed when they have not presented to do anything wrong and will pay the ultimate price for what is assumed others behaviour.

I believe that Cr Kerry Silver has represented her division and the City with high regard, a genuine passion for her community and works hard to address concerns raised in her division to make the city a great place to live.

I wish for the current councillors to remain representing our city and do not agree that they should be dismissed.

Yours sincerely

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**Kerry Silver**

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 4 June 2018 9:56 PM  
**To:** Sandgate@parliament.qld.gov.au; lgrma@ministerial.qld.gov.au; miala@parliament.qld.gov.au; South.Brisbane@parliament.qld.gov.au; Ipswich.West.Ipswich@parliament.qld.gov.au; scenicrim@parliament.qld.gov.au; Shayne. Neumann. Mp  
**Cc:** David Pahlke; Cheryl Bromage; Wayne Wendi; David Morrison; Paul Tully; Kerry Silver; Kylie Stoneman; David Martin; Sheila Ireland; Division 8 Officer [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** "Show cause" WAG community response re consideration of ICC dismissal  
**Attachments:** ICC dismissal consideration gh.pdf

Dear Mr Hinchcliff, Premier, and All

My name is [REDACTED] and I am a resident of Division 10 Ipswich City Council. I am a member of the [REDACTED] and I write in support of the attached letter penned by the [REDACTED] to our State MP Mr Jon Krause. I believe [REDACTED] comments clearly express the sentiments of most of Cr Pahlke's constituents.

I am fully aware the local Govt exists courtesy of an Act of State Parliament and therefore essentially serves at the pleasure of the State Govt. However, as a resident of Ipswich I am bewildered that the State Govt would consider sacking a duly elected Council, who serve the residents of this wonderful city at the closest point to its constituents, without any evidence that any of them have been involved in any wrongdoing.

Putting aside the alleged misbehaviour of two Mayors now facing the courts, it is clear from public reporting that the remaining people facing charges are unelected paid ICC employees. It would be enlightening for us the punters out here in voter land if one of you could explain to me and my fellow residents why, when a unelected Council official is accused of wrongdoing, you should have the prerogative to sack the elected officials not charged with any offence? If at some time in the future Councillors are convicted of illegal activity, I'll be the first to show down on my share of humble pie, but until then, could we please observe the fundamental principle of our legal system, innocent until proved otherwise?

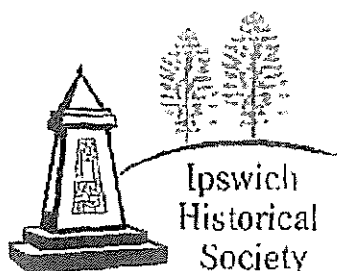
Further, my understanding of our rule of law is that we usually have a trial before the firing squad loads up, however, this seems not to be the case with Ipswich Councillors. Neither of the two charged Mayors have yet had a day in court, but one of your colleagues is running around Ipswich proclaiming she has been vindicated. Forgive me, but I would have thought she would have had the decency to wait until someone was actually convicted before such hubris.

Anyway, the point of my rant is to demand that no action be taken to dismiss any properly elected Councillor of ICC until such time as there has been some modicum of evidence that these hard working individuals have actually done something wrong. Mr Hinchcliff, you particularly should know of the provisions of the LGA that specifically preclude elected Council representatives from having personal interaction with unelected Council employees so how you could with, any sense of justice or fair play, contemplate sacking representatives without any charge, or evidence that they have been involved in malfeasance, defies any basic understanding of our democratic process.

By all means, let the judicial process proceed against those accused of wrongdoing, but please, if you have any sense of decency, leave our elected officials alone to get on with looking after the folks who put their trust in them during this trying time. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to hear more of what my fellow residents of Division 10 ICC are thinking about with regards to maintaining our and the other Councillors of ICC in their current roles.

Regards

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1041 Redbank Plains Road,  
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PO Box 295 Ipswich QLD 4305.  
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18 May 2018

Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe MP  
Minister for Local Government  
PO Box 15009  
City East  
QLD 4002

RE: - Councillor Kerry Silver  
Division 3, Ipswich City Council

Dear Minister Hinchliffe,

On behalf of the Ipswich Historical Society Inc. we wish to make it known that we have been extremely well supported and served by our Councillor for Division 3, Cr Kerry Silver.

In fact, we have been very well supported by all our Ipswich Councillors including our Mayor.

Cr Silver has always provided us with good, honest and reliable support over her time as our Councillor and at no time have we had any concern or reason to question or doubt her honesty and integrity.

Her approachable manner and reliability has been well received by all the Officers and Members of our Society.

We trust that this will continue for the remainder of her term in office - for the current term and any future terms.

Cr Kerry Silver is a hardworking, community-minded representative and one that well deserves her place as a Councillor and representative of our Community.

Please take this letter into consideration when determining the future of our Council and Councillors.

Yours truly,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted signature]

21 June 2018

Sir

I am writing this letter to show my support for my current Councillor, Kerry Silver. I first met Kerry approximately 15 years ago when she was working in the office of the previous Councillor, Victor Attwood. I can honestly say that Kerry has always been approachable and interested in the matters I required assistance with. I have always found her to be of good character, honest and straight forward with what assistance she could provide within council regulations.

I was extremely happy and relieved when Kerry decided to run for Councillor in the last election as I knew she would be a Councillor the community could trust and rely on. I am very disappointed that she has now been placed in the current situation due to some wrongdoings by other members of Council. I do not understand why she should be faced with the possibility of losing her position. I can only imagine the extreme stress and anxiety this situation must be causing her.

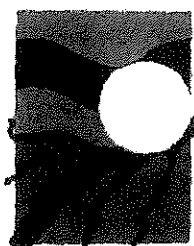
I must mention that I am also extremely disgusted in posts I have seen placed on social media by someone who was unsuccessful in gaining the position of Councillor for Division 3 in the last election. It concerns me that this is the type of person that could be considered to be a Councillor in the future if the current Council is dissolved. I would certainly have no faith in the Council if people like this were to gain positions.

I know that when Kerry decided to run for Councillor she had already gained the respect of the community she was so involved in. Since becoming our Councillor, she has been able to continue her great work within the community and it would be a shame for the community to lose someone who has so much to offer.

I would like to reiterate that I one hundred percent back Kerry Silver as my Councillor and believe she should keep her position and continue to be the great asset she is to the Ipswich City Council and our Community.

Regards

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BREMER CATCHMENT  
ASSOCIATION INC

Cr Kerry Silver

22-06-2018

Councillor for Division 3

Ipswich City Council

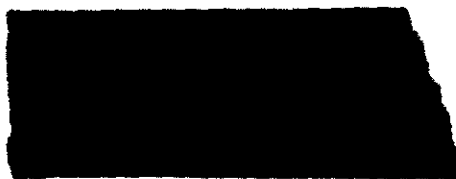
Dear Kerry,

On behalf of the Bremer Catchment Association Inc. (BCA) we support your position as Councillor (Div 3).

BCA wishes that you remain our ICC representative.

We are sure that you are serving your Division and all other responsibilities to the best of your ability.

Kind regards,



**Kerry Silver**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 June 2018 6:11 PM  
**To:** Kerry Silver  
**Subject:** Support

Kerry

I support you in your role as councillor in the Ipswich City Council.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

**Kerry Silver**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 June 2018 1:34 PM  
**To:** Kerry Silver  
**Cc:** David Pahlke; Sheila Ireland  
**Subject:** Ipswich C.C. Crisis

Hello again you three hard workers,  
We have sent support e-mails for you all to the Premier and the Deputy Premier as well as that Minister.  
as we feel strongly that this is so unjust, because if you are dismissed without any charges against you,  
you have no way of defending yourselves, so will always have the smear against you.... NO WAY..

Good luck with the appeal anyway,  
[REDACTED]

Kerry Silver

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From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, 19 May 2018 9:48 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: SHOWCAUSE NOTICE TO ICC [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, 19 May 2018 9:28 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: SHOWCAUSE NOTICE TO ICC - [REDACTED]

I agree 100% with everything you say. To throw the baby out with the Bathwater will be an act of hypocrisy, as well as a denial of all accepted principles of Justice in a democratic society. Two Mayors & a few other employees have had charges laid against them. To my knowledge, NONE of them have, at this stage, been found guilty. I was under the impression that you were presumed innocent until proven guilty. Even if all the charges are proven, why should the hard working Members of Council be summarily dismissed? It is not Justice. It is not common sense. It is not right.

All our major Political Parties, at both the State & Federal Level, have had, at times, Members who broke the rules. They were dealt with, but the innocent rest of the Party wasn't also thrown out. Why then is our Queensland State Government saying they will throw out the honest hard working Members of the Ipswich City Council, when they have had bad eggs in their own ranks, without throwing everyone else out.

Ipswich has everything to lose & absolutely nothing to gain. An Administrator won't do the work of one hard working Councillor. The average person in the suburbs, will have no one to talk to, when they have a legitimate complaint.

[REDACTED] pass my comments onto everyone you know. If the Council is dismissed, it will be antidemocratic and a black day for all the residents of Ipswich.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, 19 May 2018 7:03 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: SHOWCAUSE NOTICE TO ICC - [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Saturday, 19 May 2018 6:57 PM  
To: [REDACTED]  
Subject: FW: SHOWCAUSE NOTICE TO ICC - [REDACTED]

Dear Members & friends

I am using the [REDACTED] email address listings to send out a personal request and it is not involving the [REDACTED] in any way except to express the [REDACTED] gratitude for the support our local Councillor Paul Tully has given to our Association and to the Goodna Rugby League Football Club over his many years as a servant of his community.

I am also offering my support to Councillors David Pakke & Kylin Stoneman, whom I have had dealings with by my involvement in the Ipswich Poetry Feast committee. Knowing their commitment to bettering Ipswich's image to the rest of Australia by having entries from all over Australia and some international entries in the annual written poetry competition. This committee also supports live poetry performances by promoting poetry in schools in and around Ipswich.

I am in awe of the hours these people put in and their availability to their constituents. I am positive the other Councillors have the same commitment to their residents.

In my dealings with them I have no reason to question their honesty. If we dig enough I am sure we may find some muck and I am equally sure this would also include those making the accusations.

If the Council is sacked as some are hoping for, it will be interesting to see how they will deal with bureaucrats who will be faceless and only available in the designated working hours, unlike our present Councillors who are willing to be contacted "out of hours"

I am giving them my support via the email petition below

Thank you for your interest  
[REDACTED]

From: David Pahlke [mailto:DPahlke@ipswich.qld.gov.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 16 May 2018 3:56 PM

To: [REDACTED] David Pahlke <DPahlke@ipswich.qld.gov.au>

Subject: SHOWCAUSE NOTICE TO ICC [REDACTED]

Thanks for your support [REDACTED] it means a lot to me

Hon Stirling Hinchliffe

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/members/current/list/MemberDetails?ID=1236262867>

Jim Madden

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/members/current/list/MemberDetails?ID=405444814>

Send your concerns to the above

That might help me somewhat

Also there is an online Petition

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=2927>

Keep in touch

Cr David P

READ THE BELOW

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#### SHOW CAUSE ISSUED TO IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL

To my Division 10 Residents

Firstly I really appreciate all the words of support via txt-email-Facebook. It gives me strength at a time when all this chaos is happening. I have lived in Rosewood for 34 years and been the elected Councillor for various areas since 1991 – Moreton then Ipswich Council.

I have gone into bat for many issues, often sticking my neck out for my residents. I do not seek material personal gain from my actions in helping others. Sometimes Common Sense does win over the Rule of Thumb. I was interviewed by the Belcarra CCC probe, and did not proceed to the investigation stage. I can hold my head high and am proud of my achievements over three decades.

Where to now: This is the release issued in response to the State Government's Show Cause yesterday.

#### RELEASE ISSUED FROM THE MAYORS/ACTING MAYORS OFFICE YESTERDAY

"As you know, the State Government this morning announced its intention to initiate proceedings which may or may not lead to this council being moved into the hands of administrators. We intend to show – with the utmost of integrity – why that should not happen.

Over the past 12 months, this council has introduced more than 20 policies and procedures which have led to a platform of accountable and transparent governance. While we acknowledge that the CCC has laid multiple charges against people who have worked for this council, it must be stressed that nobody has yet been found guilty of anything.

It is our understanding that many of the charges relate to paperwork and record-keeping, and many of those allegations are in relation to money given to charity. We must be very careful – for the sake of democracy – that representation of the people is not taken away as a measure to justify the expense of a very long investigation. As I have said, this council intends to respond to the State Government with a submission that proves we are more than capable of representing the people of this great city – a city which we are proud to serve as councillors."

Yes Council will now lodge a submission and I am actually considering lodging my own personal response. The worst scenario now is that I may only be a Councillor for the next 3-6 Weeks. I love my Division 10 areas and thank everyone for working so strongly with me. It was always envisaged this may be my last term, and I had projects to finish. My future is in the hands of others at this present time.

If an Administrator is appointed until the next Election in 2020 I believe community representation will disappear and will suffer. If you feel strongly about the issue one way or the other, you always have the option of contacting your relevant State Member or Minister Hinchcliffe.

Hon Stirling Hinchliffe

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Jim Madden

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/members/current/list/MemberDetails?ID=405444814>

Jon Krause

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/members/current/list/MemberDetails?ID=1642712805>

Jennifer Howard

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/members/current/list/MemberDetails?ID=3895516698>

Cr David Pahlke Always Loyal to my residents of Division 10



David Pahlke | Councillor

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**Cr Kerry Silver, Councillor for Division 3**

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Published by Kerry Silver May 3

No doubt you have heard that the Minister for Local Government has announced that the Government will initiate a process to issue a notice to Ipswich City Council to show cause as to why the Minister should not exercise his powers to dissolve the Council and appoint Administrator(s) to govern our city

This process is not immediate and Council will have the opportunity to respond to the notice with reasons why the action should not be taken

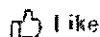
Until such time as the notice is received, responded to and the Minister considers the Council's submission no changes to normal operations will occur

Should an Administrator be appointed the Mayor and Councillors will go out of office and all decisions usually made by the Council will be made by the Administrator or an Administration Panel. That is, the administrator or Panel replaces the Mayor and Councillors

As your local representative I will continue to advocate for you throughout this process as need be. I will continue to work with and for the people of this community now and into the future whatever that shall bring

Thank you to the many that have reached out with your support during this difficult time, your kind words, messages and acknowledgment of all the good in our city is very much appreciated

2 / 76 people reached

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Thank you for keeping us informed as always Kerry. It is appreciated almost as much as your dedication to a better Ipswich for us! ❤️

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[REDACTED] had state of affairs when aparrent bad eggs  
bring everyone down with them

I thank you (& your conscientious staff) for your support. Difficult  
times ahead but I have no doubt many hope to see you as Div 3  
councillor after the dust has settled

Like Reply Message 7w



[REDACTED] Strength and honour Kerry! 1

Like Reply Message 7w

Cr Kerry Silver, Councillor for Division 3 thank you

Like Reply Commented on by Kerry Silver 7w 1

[REDACTED] You have my support Kerry Silver

Like Reply Message 7w

Cr Kerry Silver, Councillor for Division 3 thank you

Like Reply Commented on by Kerry Silver 7w

[REDACTED] Thank you for your strength and honour and your  
support Kerry

Don't worry once the dust settles you have our vote

Like Reply Message 7w



Cr Kerry Silver, Councillor for Division 3 Thank you

Like Reply Commented on by Kerry Silver 7w

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[REDACTED] Thank you Kerey we have always appreciated your  
support for our growing community.

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Thank you for the update. You are a good, honest and decent councillor and we will support you 100% of the way. Good luck and Keep up the good work.

Like Reply Message 7w

1 Reply

Thank u Kerry for keeping us informed

Like Reply Message 7w

I have known You for a long time Kerry. You are always honest, very helpful and interested in the community in which you represent. You and your office employees have always been wonderfully helpful to myself and my family. You should run for Mayor.

Like Reply Message 7w

1 Reply

Thankyou Kerry for filling us in, it is greatly appreciated. It has answered my questions and no doubt many others. My thoughts are with you, as I'm sure this is a worrying time for you. You're doing a great job, Kerry.

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[REDACTED] You are still one of the few councillors willing to  
stand up for our local libraries, and I admire that in you greatly.  
Should you run for your position again, I will gladly vote for you  
again.

Like Reply Message 7w



↳ 1 Reply

[REDACTED] You have my support Kerry

Like Reply Message 7w



↳ 1 Reply

[REDACTED] I'm sure you will be voted back in if that is the case. I  
hope so, because you are the only councillor that has done things for  
the suburb of Collingwood Park in 18 yrs. Very pro active.

Like Reply Message 7w



[REDACTED] Kerry, we have known you as a human, a woman, a friend and a Councillor for many years and in each of those roles you have always acted with honour and with others in mind. Whatever happens, know that you are loved and supported through everything.

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↳ 1 Reply

[REDACTED] With you all the way Kerry Silver



Like Reply Message 7w

↳ 1 Reply

[REDACTED] would have liked to have seen a comprehensive enquiry when the last Mayor was charged, before we faced an election to replace him. Now we are facing a process that could take some time to see any result unless you guys can convince the minister disso. See More

Like Reply Message 7w



↳ 1 Reply

[REDACTED] Thank you for the update Kerry and taking my call this morning. We need YOU as our strong voice in the area, not an outsider who does not understand our specific needs. You are doing a fantastic job representing us and we look forward to that continuing.

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↳ 1 Reply

[REDACTED] Thank you Kerry. We appreciate your hard work for the community. Very sad time for Ipswich.

Like Reply Message 7w



↳ 1 Reply

[REDACTED] Thinking of you at this challenging time. While not in the Ipswich area, I have only ever known you as an honest person doing the best job you can in whatever role you are in. Good luck.

[REDACTED]

↳ 1 Reply

[REDACTED] You are a wonderful asset to this city Kerry thank you for all you have done and are doing thinking of you at this time



Like Reply Message 7w



↳ 1 Reply

[REDACTED] You were the first person that come to mind when the news broke Just know that you are an amazing person and no one will ever take away that you are our first ever Councillor of Aboriginal descent!! That's why you have my respect Cr Kerry Silver you are of the people and always for the people!! Best of luck going forward

Like Reply Message 7w



↳ 3 Replies

[REDACTED] Run for Mayor Kerry you can't do any worse than the circus that has been representing us Even tho your not in my division I would happily vote u in for Mayor

Like Reply Message 7w

[REDACTED] Thank you Kerry ① 1


Like Reply Message 7w


↳ 1 Reply

[REDACTED] You are a gem that Ipswich needs in this time of need your well respected and loved hold your head up high Kerry Silver because you have done nothing wrong and its ashame that the state government have tarnished all the councillors with the same brush love to you and your family


Like Reply Message 7w




 You are definitely in our thoughts Kerry I have known you And Victor before you for many years and can say you have tirelessly supported our schools, children and community and helped build and sustain great sporting clubs around it Without your support our kids and families would have struggled to get where we are now Such a shame that all are to be put through this now you have our support all the way ❤️


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 You are a true professional Facts ahead of your own emotions It must be tough for you and it's good to see the community behind you You have integrity and honour Stay strong sister

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 Kerry you supported us all before you became councillor so there is no question about you losing your position as councillor, you will be voted in for sure

Like Reply Message 7w   1

 Kerry Silver Thank you

Like Reply Message 7w

 Write a reply...

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[REDACTED] This is one hell of a mess as is Logan too we the voters did not vote to have all the crapp happening all the time we want security with all our Councillors After all we voted them in the last election Next Election is going to be a real bonanza with all this going down You got my Vote Kerry Silver keep doing what you are doing a the people will always vote for you before others

Like Reply Message 7w

↳ 1 Reply

[REDACTED] You do wonderful work in your area you be fine love xxx

Like Reply Message 6w

↳ 1 Reply

[REDACTED] Thinking of you Your commitment and passion are to be commended

Like Reply Message 6w

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[REDACTED] Stay strong Kerry x

Like Reply Message 6w

↳ 1 Reply




[REDACTED] You have my ongoing support. Cr Kerry Silver, Councillor for Division 3


Like Reply Message 6w

↳ 1 Reply

[REDACTED] We are with you Kerry you are always there for us when we need you thank you ( and because of her we can)

Like Reply Message 6w

  You will always get our vote  1  
Like Reply Message 5w

 Cllr Kerry Silver, Councillor for Division 3 Thank you  
Like Reply Commented on by Kerry Silver 6w

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PO Box 6038 Riverview Qld 4303  
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26 June 2018

Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP  
Minister for the Department of Local Government, Racing & Multicultural Affairs  
1 William Street  
Brisbane Q 4000

Dear Minister,

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Ipswich City Councillor for Division 3, Councillor Kerry Silver.

We understand that the Ipswich City Council has had its fair share of issues of the past year or so. We find this regrettable, we love Ipswich and the communities that make this city a vibrant, diverse and resilient place to live. We have historically overcome, as a city and as individuals, many hurdles and will continue to flourish and thrive regardless of the circumstances that we find ourselves in.

Our city, and more importantly, our community members deserve strong, ethical and empathetic leaders who understand how important good governance is for the bright future of Ipswich. It is individuals like Councillor Kerry Silver that ensure the fabric of our communities are taken care of and treated with the respect they deserve.

Long before Kerry Silver was an Ipswich City Councillor, she was an integral member of our community. Councillor Silver understands the importance and uniqueness of strong, united communities and has tirelessly contributed for many years.

Councillor Kerry Silver:

- Has been an important member of Riverview Neighbourhood Watch for many years
- Has been involved with and served on the Management Committee at the Riverview Neighbourhood House Inc.
- Was an integral part of the 2011 flood recovery effort. Working in partnership with the Ipswich City Council and the Queensland Government, Kerry Silver was a part of the organisational team that managed Riverview Community Centre as an Emergency Evacuation Centre.
  - The Riverview Community Centre was used as an evacuation centre for 6 to 8 weeks
  - Over 200 community members were fed during this time
  - 26 community members whose homes were directly affected by the floods were provided shelter and lodgings at the Riverview Community Centre
  - Provided outreach support for approximately 6 months post the 2011 floods
  - Kerry Silver used her personal resources to collect food and items for community members over the 6 to 8 weeks the Centre was used as an emergency evacuation centre

Since becoming an Ipswich City Councillor, Councillor Kerry Silver has not rested on her laurels and has personally championed many small community groups, sporting groups such as the reformation of the 100 year old soccer club, The Dinmore Bushrats (of which Kerry advocated for),

ABN: 67 090 422 375

community based social services, community safety, local children and child literacy, advocating for community resources and championing community environment initiatives.

Without Community members like Councillor Kerry Silver, who care on both a personal and professional level, our community would be worse off. Councillor Kerry Silver understands the importance of community inclusion, cohesion and safety at a grass roots level.

We are proud to support Councillor Kerry Silver and offer our recommendation for her continued representation for Division 3. We are also proud to be represented by the first Indigenous woman Councillor in Ipswich's long history.

We believe Councillor Kerry Silver has an important part to play in Ipswich's future and therefore ask that you view this recommendation favourably during your considerations regarding the future of governance in Ipswich.

I would be more than happy to discuss the contents of this letter further, or to answer any and all other questions you may have.

Kind regards,



Riverview Community Centre



Springfield Lakes Nature Care Inc  
10 Wanderer Crescent,  
Springfield Lakes Q 4300

ABN34486402235

June 30, 2018

Dear Premier

I am writing to you today as former citizen of the year for Ipswich 2017 and also as the president of Springfield Lakes Nature Care Inc. a land and water care group. In relation to the governments plan to dismiss all the elected members of Ipswich City Council and invoking new laws to pursue this agenda is detrimental to community groups like ours.

Whether or not Local Government Minister Stirling Hinchliffe has the power to sack councils when it is in the public interest is yet to be debated. This has not been determined eg apart from a petition which I heard had 1000 "no's and 660 yes. A petition doesn't reflect that the entire population. It is very easy for one person who has a one side opinion to harness and encourage people and those people can sway a petition to their point of view. Point in question the Helium balloon petition scored so low yet if Keep Qld Beautiful were to run the same petition now after all the Governments advertising of the dangers of helium balloons to our wildlife the results could be very different. The average rate payer like me probably doesn't fill in petition's eg cause they are too busy. I believe in the process of elected by the people and the residents should have a say at the next election on who to keep and who should go. Just as Queenslanders did with last election and the Newman Government was ousted.

Please note that some councillors were elected with a clear majority and have worked hard for their constituents and their city for several years. This clearly shows

that the people do have faith in them as was shown after the current sitting mayor resigned. There was no landslide ousting as sitting members held their divisions. Some for example Cr Kerry Silver whom I have found to be very active in learning about environmental issues and supporting land care projects were only just elected. With out Council Silver's support for our groups Cane Toad Catching and trialling of the University of Qld Cane Toad tadpole traps our group would not have received council funding for this project and would not be a finalist in the Healthy Land & Water awards.

Other's like Cr Ireland as an independently elected councillor has supported community groups and has always encouraged that we state our objectives clearly and acquit any grants in a proper and timely manner. Councillor Ireland has always provided letters of support after carefully listening to the aims and objectives of each project. Without the support of Councillor Ireland both as my time as the Innaugural President of the Springfield Lakes Tennis Club and President of the Springfield Lakes Nature Care Inc many projects would never have gotten off the ground. Shiela in particular was there as a mentor, as voice in council to help support grass roots sporting clubs and environmental groups make a difference in our community. To loose her would definitely set back our community. She was the one who would listen to my ideas about Clean up Australia Day and how the litter in our waterways would impact further downstream. She was always there to lend a hand. She smoothed the way for many community projects, eg Trees for Mum Day, Revegetation of Regatta Lake, Low speed vehicle run overs and the Butterfly Wings Parent Child Program to assist young parents and children all came about through Cr Ireland's support.

Previously I was secretary of a P & C for Woodcrest C & K kindergarten and Cr David Morrison was our councillor (also elected as an independent) He understood the needs of his community and education aims to ensure that our children had access to resources assisting us obtain grants. Another Cr Paul Tulley a neighboring councillor, our previous deputy mayor who I only have occasionally dealt with in respect to environmental issues has always been diligent and quick to respond to any urgent health safety or other significant council issues that I have raised.

If the councillors were all sacked, it would mean community groups like ourselves would have to re-establish our connections and relationships with councillors who chair different portfolios. I believe that this would set the community and the city back, because there would be no experienced mentors if all the existing councillors were prevented from running as councillors to contest their division. And since we would need a hole new suite of people to stand I believe there would unlikely be many proactive people who would have the skills or qualifications to run for public office making a new election of councillors be like the blind leading the blind. Evry business even public office needs to retain some core personnel that can manage

direct and lead and who knows what has gone before. Even liquidators keep on core staff to help retain knowledge.

The people who complain the loudest always get the attention, but the quiet achievers like community groups just go about our work haven't been asked our opinion. So I hope that you can reflect on this decision as to me it seems a knee jerk reaction and to be more of a trial by media. It would be far better to work with council and point out the items of concern and let them fix them as they have elected a new CEO and have Wayne Wendt a former Labour Mp steer the ship until the next election.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Monday, 2 July 2018 1:29 PM  
To: Kerry Silver <Kerry.Silver@ipswich.qld.gov.au>  
Subject: Fwd: Recommendation Ipswich City Council

Hi Kerry,  
Just wanted to send you this to show you have my support!  
I really hope they make the correct decision.

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]  
To: <lgrma@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
Subject: Recommendation Ipswich City Council  
Date: Mon, Jul 2, 2018 1:21 PM

The Hon. Stirling Hinchcliffe,  
I am writing to bring your attention to my opinion regarding the impending decision regarding the Ipswich City Council.  
My name is [REDACTED] and I have lived in Ipswich all of my life.  
I voted Councillor Kerry Silver to her position and I continue to support my decision. The vote I made was based on my own personal research and knowledge of the running candidates. Councillor Kerry Silver regularly attends community meetings and holds mobile offices where residents have an opportunity to approach her with concerns and receive valuable information regarding their electorate. I believe my community benefits from having such an open and active councillor. As the Secretary of Riverview Neighbourhood Watch I have had the pleasure of witnessing many issues that Councillor Kerry Silver has been instrumental in resolving on behalf of residents in Riverview and beyond. Councillor Kerry Silver has been supportive of our group as well as the many other community groups in Division 3. I know when I have a local council concern I can approach Councillor Kerry Silver and I will receive true and concise information.  
If the Government chooses to remove the council, they are taking away our fundamental right to choose our leaders and undermining the democratic system our nation was built on. Administration would result in a significant step backwards for our community. It would stop strategic planning and halt redevelopments. Nobody would gather to advocate for our needs. There would be no presence of council dignitaries at functions. Riverview Neighbourhood Watch would not have a representative attend monthly meetings to convey information and hear concerns. Many other community groups would suffer in the same way. We would be left without representation and guidance from councillors who over the past twelve months have demonstrated their capacity by introducing new policies and procedures that are based on accountability and transparency. I acknowledge and welcome investigations into allegations of wrongdoing, however there is no need to remove our council while these investigations are on foot. To do this would be to set a new standard for all workplaces - that people are presumed guilty before proven otherwise, and that individuals are not assessed on their own merit, but labelled and punished with others.

I, therefore, request the House to ensure that the Ipswich City Council is not put into the hands of administrators.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]