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To: [Economics and Governance Committee](#)
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Dear Committee,

I have lived in Ipswich since joining the airforce in 1990. I have always loved historical homes and machinery so I felt I had found the perfect spot to raise my family.

I have always had poor dealings with the Ipswich City Council. I have had them on my property looking into neighbours yards. On one occasion at 8PM one Saturday night I had animal management at my door because a dog that looked like my daughters dog was loose, my daughter lived 2 kilometers away and she was home with her dog.

I have renovated 6 colonial homes and plan to do 3 more but after the incident where my dog was ordered to be destroyed after being accused of biting a person in my back yard I vowed to never spend another cent here. It was the extremely disrespectful way my family was treated and spoken about that caused this issue to escalate.

I contacted Andrew Antonioli about this treatment and got an extremely frosty response from a person I had known for years. I escalated to [REDACTED] who advised me it was actually [REDACTED] who was driving the personal attack against us. I want Antonioli sacked and can not understand how I am still paying this narcissistic individuals salary.

The culture in this council is toxic. There is a superiority complex at the heart of the organisation. Recently a friend who runs one of the few successful businesses in town inquired about an application he had to council to be told they hadn't got around to it yet and may not approve it anyway. This shows they are not there to assist but there to enforce their power.

I have made application to bring in the first of my 3 renovations to Ipswich. So far my experience has been good this time. I went to the Lockyer council as part of this project and was taken back by how friendly, helpful and interested they were. This is how my council should be. At this time we get anxiety whenever we visit council or receive mail from them.

The report the minister Sterling delivered to Ipswich yesterday confirmed what I had suspected for a decade. No transparency and no accountability was at the heart of the council companies setup so the rate payers could not see what they were up to. Many councillors seem to have a financial situation beyond their pay. I would like to see a full investigation into where there money came from and where council companies spent my money.

I saw that the councillors and their media buddies enjoyed a day at the car racing at my expense. I think if there is a place for this kind of thing unsung local people who work unpaid should be invited not people from the media who are expected to return the favour.

This opportunity you have now can bring about a real change in the lives of the residents and council employees who have been lied to and treated as an underclass by the councillors and many senior council staff. Yesterday should have demonstrated the bullying tactics this council uses to intimidate those they don't like. Multiple councillors being paid by me to front a minister at a press conference was not right.

I last voted ALP when Keating was PM but by your recent actions I will support you all both at the ballot box and in conversation. Thank you for helping the Ipswich people get our city back, our next challenge will be to get an honest council elected.

Thank you for reading my submission.

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