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

Dear Committee Secretary

COUNCIL OF MAYORS' (SEQ) SUBMISSION ADDRESSING THE *DRAFT LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DISSOLUTION OF IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL) BILL 2018*

I am lodging this submission in opposition to the *draft Local Government (Dissolution of Ipswich City Council) Bill 2018* (the Bill) which seeks to dissolve the Ipswich City Council and appoint an interim administrator in the place of its duly elected officials.

I'm very disappointed in the integrity of Minister Stirling Hinchliffe because his representatives in the Supreme Court gave an undertaking that the Minister would not take any action until the 31st July when the Supreme Court case was to be heard. A week later he reneged on this promise and withdrew the Show Cause Notice which left the Councillors with no court case.

I'd also like to point out that if it's a case of "public perception", the State Government would also be in trouble for the Queensland Health Payroll disaster and the Rail fail.

It seems we are paying the ultimate price stemming from the original actions of Mayor Paul Pisasale and former CEO's. The people of Ipswich are entitled to the political representation and leadership of their Councillors, of which all were fairly elected and have not been found guilty of any wrongdoing. This Bill seeks to take that right away by a decision made by the Queensland Government and not the constituents of Ipswich City Council.

I really want to say that the State Government is playing with the lives of innocent community-minded human beings who are just doing their jobs as best they can. Whilst this directly affects me and my career as an Ipswich City Councillor, it has also taken its toll on my immediate family and also encompasses my friends and social networks.

I strongly express my opposition to the introduction of the *draft Local Government (Dissolution of Ipswich City Council) Bill 2018* and look forward to a more positive outcome for the Councillors and the people of Ipswich.

For more information on this submission, please contact me at any time on [REDACTED] or via email at sireland@ipswich.qld.gov.au. I thank you for the opportunity to put forward my comments.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheila Ireland". The script is cursive and fluid.

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