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

I wish to submit my disappointment with the decision to sack the Ipswich Council. I see no justification for doing this since no matter has been before the courts and as yet, no-one has been found guilty of anything. For the State Labor Government to place itself above the law and presume to sack a democratically elected council is tantamount to totalitarianism. It would be the same as the Federal Government stepping in and sacking the Queensland Government for their excesses. I note that the State Government ministers and Labor members have been freely spending public moneys excessively on travel and other perks like entertainment when we need a State Government paying down the debt incurred by successive Labor Governments. While the State Labor Government is pointing the finger at Ipswich City Council it must be noted that the citizens of Ipswich are pointing the finger back at this Labor Government's excessive spending. I ask, who is the Labor Government of Queensland accountable to? Who stands above them and is able to call them to account? They have resorted to trial by media for Ipswich yet show no accountability for their own spending and behaviours. They even resort to gaging Jo-ann Miller, one of their own, for raising questions over the budget estimates. This is a government out of control and with a hidden agenda that needs to be brought into the public light for all to see.

I submit that sacking the Ipswich City Council before any guilt has been established in a court of law is a most heinous act by the Labor Government. The officials charged have a right to the presumption of innocence until proven otherwise by a court of law and to sack the Ipswich City Council is the removal of justice and common law rights of the elected officials and the people of Ipswich to have the councillors they elected represent them.

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