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To: [EGC](#)
Subject: Bill: A blueprint for integrity and addressing corruption risk in local government
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To Whom It May Concern,

I think that the bill before the Economics and Governance Committee should

- reinforce integrity and minimise corruption risk that political donations from property developers has potential to cause at both a state and local government level.
- improve transparency and accountability in state and local government.
- strengthen the legislative requirements that regulate how a councillor must deal with a real or perceived conflict of interest or a material personal interest.

We on the Gold Coast have seen our councillors declare a vested interest in a matter put up for a vote, but not excuse themselves and thereafter vote in their interests for the matter. This is not ethical and not democratic. This should not be allowed

We are denied access to documents under the Right to Information rulings and if the documents are supplied large sections are redacted. This is also not acceptable.

I would like to see the Government change the legislation to prevent these happenings from occurring in the future. I would like to think that my governments on all levels are corruption free, but alas that is not the case and it behooves the Queensland Government to fix this. It will then have more merit. People are very tired of politicians getting away with rorting and bucking the system.

I would like to see legislation that limits developer donations to \$1,000 and that a very clear system be implemented that shows citizens that the rules have not been bent and donations given by the back door through other personages.

The Gold Coast is ruled by developers lead by a developer as the [REDACTED] His and his mates' pecuniary interests are overriding the interests of the ratepayers and this is intolerable. The [REDACTED] turns off the microphone of councillors who disagree with him and he rudely turns his back on those that do not support him. We only have to view the Council meetings at Nerang to see this time and time again.

Yours faithfully,

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