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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to raise the problematic 'practice' within the Brisbane City Council of untimely and obstructionist access to information relating to public infrastructure projects that negatively affect the statutory rights of citizens having their homes compulsorily acquired. I would like the opportunity to substantiate the terrible impact on local community and especially elderly people like my parents when the BCC does not abide by its own published values of integrity accountability and transparency. My community has lodged a parliamentary petition (the second one) to get answers for why this was allowed to happen.

In terms of environment protection for the greater public interest some serious fundamental questions arise. If a Deed of Grant in Trust and matters of heritage are a matter of political and legal and administrative integrity and trust, how is it that politicians are able to turn a blind eye to the spirit of such instruments and laws and cling to the letter of laws that are never spelt out to the community.

This is NOT integrity. This is NOT accountability and it is nowhere near the level of transparency needed for the public to regain trust in their leaders. This behaviour does not behave those paid in public office to act on behalf of the community in good faith. In fact this behaviour when left unchecked deeply affect a community's well-being as processes no longer trusted nor function as supposed to and community groups are forced to take on the additional burden of putting out fires for issues that deeply concern and affect them..on top of trying to live their lives.

I recently presented at the elder abuse conference in Sydney on this topic ie the systemic harm to vulnerable people with respect to compulsory acquisition and the debilitating process it is when corporate and public interest values are flouted. Our law is out of touch and politicians are flouting the spirit of the laws they are meant to be upholding with honour.

I and members of my community who have been fighting to be heard are happy to be contacted. My mobile is [REDACTED]. My address is [REDACTED]

Thank you for this important work you are doing on our collective behalf.

Kind regards
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