

Our ref: OUT17/1001

27 FEB 2017

Mr Jim Pearce MP
Chair
Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee
ipnrc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Pearce

Thank you for the opportunity for the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the department) to brief the Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources Committee (the Committee) on 15 February 2017 regarding the Local Government Electoral (Transparency and Accountability in Local Government) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.

During the briefing, Mr Craig Crawford MP, Member for Barron River asked Ms Josie Hawthorne, Manager, Legislation, Legal and Legislation Services in the department '*Are there any amounts that the Electoral Commission of Queensland (ECQ) has not been able to recover from elections?*' Ms Hawthorne answered '*No*'.

While Ms Hawthorne's answer was truthful and to the best of her understanding at the time, the department has subsequently learned that there are two outstanding invoices the ECQ has not received payment for in relation to local government elections.

I appreciate this opportunity to clarify Ms Hawthorne's answer and provide the Committee with the most accurate and up-to-date information.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, I encourage you to contact Mrs Barbara Ryan, Director, Legal and Legislation Services in the department on 3452 7841 or by email at barbara.ryan@dilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Frankie Carroll
Director-General