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I forward the following submission on behalf of Mayor Steve Jones:

Lockyer Valley Regional Council Submission to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee regarding the Crime and Misconduct and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2014.

Public Notification of a Complaint

There needs to be provision in the act that when complaints are made there is public notification upfront so that the public understands the basis of the complaint so that these complaints can be shown to be of substance. The situation now is that once the complaint has been dealt with it is then made public which can often lead the public to believe the complaint had no substance when this is not the case, with a complaint being lodged in most cases being the last resort.

Prevention

The removal of the prevention assistance to public administration – Councils and Councillors receive sound independent advice from the commission in relation to managing misconduct effectively and in developing strategies to minimise and mitigate risks associated with preventing misconduct, corruption and fraud.

This includes developing codes of conduct, advice for lobbying, prevention strategies for fraud and assisting Councillors with donations, gifts and benefits.

Complaints to the Commission

Council supports the proposal in the draft Bill, to enhance and clarify how to make a complaint, and specifically the made by statutory declaration, acknowledging the few exceptions listed in the draft Bill. This will place greater emphasis on complaints being properly made and remove the provision for anonymous complaints to be made, which supports the improved accountability and transparency of the matters raised.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any thing further in relation to the above.

Regards

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