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Mr Jarrod Bleijie MP Member for Kawana Shadow Minister for Education and Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations Manager of Opposition Business

By email:

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Dear Mr Bleijie MP

RE: CONCERNS ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF THE PREMIER ANASTASIA PALASZCZUK

Thank you for your letter to the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) dated 15 May 2018, in which you raised concerns about the actions of the Premier of Queensland, Ms Anastasia Palaszczuk MP.

We understand that on 2 May 2018 you overheard a conversation between Ms Jo-Ann Miller MP, and the Minister for Local Government, Mr Stirling Hinchliffe MP. You provide that the conversation concerned the ongoing investigation of the Ipswich City Council. Ms Miller was suggesting that she was owed an apology for complaints she had previously made about Mr Pisasale that had been disregarded by the Premier and the Government. She apparently referred to making complaints about Mr Pisasale's conduct to the Premier on multiple occasions.

This conversation caused you to become concerned that evidence relevant to the CCC's investigation of the Ipswich City Council, was being withheld by the Government. Further, that relevant evidence may be at risk of destruction.

The CCC notes that you could not identify an specific incidents and your complaint appears to be based on possibilities raised by the conversation your overheard.

As you are aware, under the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001* (the Act), the CCC's role is to ensure that complaints involving suspected 'corruption' on the part of Queensland's elected officials are dealt with appropriately.

Before the CCC may take action in relation to a complaint of corruption, we must be satisfied that the information available to us raises a suspicion that corruption has

occurred. Taking action in the absence of a suspicion would be an unjustifiable use of the CCC's limited resources.

The Act recognises that it is appropriate for us to take no further action on a complaint in those circumstances.

While the matters you have raised, as outlined above would, if proved, amount to corrupt conduct, the CCC considers you have not provided any evidence to raise a suspicion that the elements of section 15 of the Act are satisfied.

For those reasons the CCC is unable to take any further action in relation to your concerns.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Foulger

Acting Director, Integrity Services