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Att: Committee Secretary

I am pleased to see an inquiry into the CCC and it's recent abuse of powers against the Logan City Council and it's councillors.

As a Logan City resident and small business owner, and with my divisional councillor involved in the corruption accusations, I was appalled things were able to be taken to such extremes and over such a lengthy period of time. The initial media frenzy around the charges brought our whole city of Logan into the spotlight for the wrong reasons. Not only that, but our local community was thrown into uncertainty without a councillor initially and then the whole council and not knowing when things would be back to normal.

I believe the CCC abused it's powers [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Also the whole ordeal was drawn out longer than is reasonable for the community at large, but also for the councillors involved and their families. Had this been resolved quickly, would those councillors have been able to continue career and their great work? Had the mud slinging been stopped would our current mayor and remaining councillors be in their position or charged too for their part in things?

Our Logan community is still getting back on track and likely will be for years. We are committed to the area, owning a home, children in local schools and running a local business, but I have talked with other business owners and families about the uncertainty to invest in the area due to the dramas around the lengthy court battle.

For 7 councillors to be charged and have their lives destroyed, jobs lost, careers ended, and the emotional distress only to have all charged dropped when the truth came out shows a huge injustice. How the Commission can have such powers without accountability is worrying. There should be better checks in place to ensure those who are doing the right things, and serving our community and it's people, and anyone in the future, can be assured that the CCC will work within it's powers and not abuse those for an outcome to suit a personal agenda and not the greater issue at large.

I can only hope that an inquiry into the CCC can offer the councillors some closure and compensation for the ordeal, that the CCC is publicly highlighted in the media for any wrongdoings to clear Logan and the councillors individually, and that no person in the future will have to deal with any issues raised by the inquiry where an abuse of powers is highlighted.

Regards
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