

Parliamentary Enquiry into the Crime and Corruption Committee.
Re Logan City Council, and the investigation of the former Logan City Councillors and their
dismissal.

15 July 2021

The Chair PCCC. Jon Krause MP.

Dear Sir,

I had read that former CEO Sharon Kelsey alleged that the group of councillors were "politically aligned" and plotted to sack her for reporting alleged misconduct about the then Mayor Luke Smith to the Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC).

As a retired Company Director from Logan West, I have always taken a keen interest in Local politics and number many Councillors and ex Councillors among my friends.

I was appalled as the scenario unfolded at Logan City Council when the seven Councillors and an ex-mayor were dismissed for doing their job.

To see the law changed to suit some people so they could be charged with fraud, thus barring them from working as City Councillors and indeed running again at the next election.

Knowing some of these people very well and knowing also that they are not liars or dishonest in any way, I have no hesitation in believing their recollection of the facts as they occurred. I witnessed the shock, humiliation, and extreme hurt that they experienced as the lies became public records as they unfolded.

After two years of this inhuman treatment where they had to cope with sudden loss of income, social humiliation, etc, etc. they had found that the truth had won, and they were exonerated from the very unfair charges.

I believe that compensation is not available to them, and I cannot understand why this can be so in a society where "A fair go" has been our mantra for generations! There should be compensation and a public apology for this egregious misuse of loss.

It seems so wrong when the boss of the organization that tried to convict them without evidence at all, can still collect salary, and I believe before long- a very substantial pension.

Are there different rules for different people in Queensland?' I do not need to go over some of the facts I know about the dismissal of the Logan CEO as I am sure you will have these from many other sources.

I submit this in the hope that it sheds some light on one of the most unfair, unjust acts I have witnessed in my 76 years on the earth.

Yours Sincerely

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