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Department of Local Government,  
Racing and Multicultural Affairs

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Mr Karl Holden  
Committee Secretary  
Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee  
Queensland Parliamentary Service  
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Dear Mr Holden

I refer to the letter dated 17 December 2019 from Mr Tim Nicholls MP, Chair of the Parliamentary Crime and Corruption Committee inviting submissions into the Committee's inquiry into the Crime and Corruption Commission's (CCC) performance of its functions to assess and report on complaints about corrupt conduct. I note the Chair requested all submissions be sent directly to you.

I provide the following by way of a submission:

- The establishment of the Office of the Independent Assessor has likely diverted a significant amount of matters involving Councillor conduct that involve or could involve corrupt conduct that would have otherwise been referred to the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs for consideration and referral to the CCC.
- The changes to the *Crime and Corruption Act 2001* (the Act) in November 2018 and March 2019 have been implemented by the Department. The expanded definition of corrupt conduct in section 15(2) of the Act that came into force in March 2019 has not at this stage had any significant impact on the number of matters referred to the CCC by the Department.
- On occasions when departmental officers have contacted the CCC for advice or to discuss matters, officers of the CCC have been polite, responsive and professional.

I have asked Mr Jim Meyers, Director Ethics, Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, which provides certain services under a service level agreement to this Department, to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Mr Meyers on [REDACTED] or by email at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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