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Dear Mr Nicholls

Re: Five-year review of the Crime and Corruption Commission's activities

I write with reference to the above and in response to the invitation for Council to make a submission to the review of the Crime and Corruption Commission's ('CCC') overall performance over the last five years.

Council acknowledges the importance of the CCC to deliver services to combat major crime and reduce corruption for the benefit of all Queenslanders.

On behalf of Council, I provide the following response for consideration:

- The guide to dealing with corrupt conduct in the Queensland public sector "Corruption in Focus" outlines the process for Council to follow when managing a referral from the CCC. Whilst the section entitled 'Limited resources' provides possible ways to handle the need for investigations in an agency environment, the extent of the requirements to be met by a small Unit of Public Administration could be considered excessive. Council has encountered significant resource problems in undertaking investigations, particularly the financial impact on Council to engage external investigators.
- The timeframes as determined by the CCC for Council to provide response at various stages of the process have been at times rapid whereby Council has had to redirect resources to meet the requirements. However, the timeframe for a response from the CCC in the process is not set and has at times been considered lengthy resulting in Council waiting months for a response.
- The training offered to and active engagement with local government has seemed to diminish over time. Council would welcome the reinvigoration of the preventive focus by the CCC through online and face-to-face training / engagement programs.

Should you require further information, please contact ☎ 4189 9100 or email: info@southburnett.qld.gov.au

Yours faithfully

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