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To: State Development and Regional Industries Committee
Subject: FORMAL SUBMISSION: functions of the Independent Assessor and the Independent Assessor's performance in undertaking those functions.

I would like to make my formal submission and would like to request a receipt please?

Where the changes need to be made

- Anonymous complaints should be stopped and replaced with confidentiality because the system provides easy delivery of anonymous complaints which encourages vexatious complaints
- Complaints of Conflict of Interest need to be scaled to those of a genuine concern. Having coffee chats with residents who are in different groups that may have made a submission on a DA should not be reason to declare COI. An active networking councillor who may hold BBQ's at their house to support networking can be brought into a complaint for not declaring a COI.
- We need ICAC. It has to be independent, not an arm of government.
- The OIA is under a lot of pressure to go back to pre Balcarras day, and do nothing. The OIA needs to be protected by powerful business lobbyists who are very motivated by investments
- The OIA has to be protected from being hung out to dry when they badly need assistance to investigate corruption which is easy to see and very difficult to prove
- OIA needs more power, not less

What the OIA has got right:

- ✓ Before OIA rolled out, the CCC investigated less than 2% of emails and acted on none which was evidenced by MP Rob Pyne when he delivered a box of complaints to Parliament to investigate various Councils
- ✓ Balcarras Report identified corruption could easily operate under the radar
- ✓ Council behaviour is now on notice and we have measures in place.
- ✓ The OIA has brought behaviour and accountability into the legal framework of a Councillor role
- ✓ The OIA acted strongly and swiftly which was needed due to the absence or non-recognition of authority or other controlling systems.
- ✓ The OIA's strong actions gave citizens reason to respect Councils and a platform to be heard.
- ✓ The OIA is a strong voice for the people and it would be an injustice to take this away or weaken it

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From:

Sent: Thursday, 11 November 2021 2:04 PM

Subject: FW: Member Update: OIA inquiry, housing growth funding, extension for financial sustainability feedback

Madam Mayor and Councillors good afternoon how are you?

The State Government has announced a parliamentary enquiry into the functions of the Independent Assessor and the Independent Assessor's performance in undertaking those functions.

Councillors are invited if they wish to make a submission in one of two ways:-

1. Follow the link below provided by the LGAQ and provide your comments to the LGAQ. The LGAQ is preparing a coordinated submission on behalf of all Local Governments. The closing date for LGAQ submissions is 26 November 2021. Or
2. Send your submission directly to the Committee Secretary, State Development and Regional Industries Committee sdric@parliament.qld.gov.au The closing date for submission sent directly to the Committee Secretary is 5.00pm Wednesday 1 December 2021.

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