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Inquiry into the  
Office of Independent Assessor

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Councillor Redland City Council

01/12/2021

Re: Submission in relation to the Queensland Office of the Independent Assessor

Dear Sir/Mam

I make this submission in good faith and support the OIA.

However, in my opinion the following would minimize the waste of government money being spent conducting enquiries and provide a much more inclusive robust approach to local government.

- The department of local government needs to conduct reforms that allow for a more professional standard to be applied when reviewing the suitability of a person to be considered for the position of councillor, it should not be a payment and then you qualify system.
- It should not be a mates for mates program.
- There should be a fixed term no more than two terms, which would remove long standing fanatics who feel local government is their own private domain to lord over and protect, with what can only be described as aggressive behavior.
- Simply having the qualifications of being over 18 and Australian, is in my opinion unrealistic given the high level of strategic understanding and maturity required to fore fill the role.
- The department of Local Government needs to bolster the education being provided to the public in order to educate the public on what the role of a councillor is, their legal limitations and convey a stronger message to the public that a councillor is not an MP and does not have the capability to simply say no.

In my opinion the OIA needs to have its powers broadened and financial resources increased, coupled with legislative changes that provide a wider scope of investigation targeting third parties.

The default position of its just politics.

- Threats, intimidation and coercion are not politics and in the Redlands this appears to be the accepted practice, orchestrated by third parties who go uncountable. Councillors use both Federal and State MPs, family members, electoral staff, police and spouses to run terror tactics, cultivating third parties to attack Councillors not desired by those MPs. Those MPs use their staff and or friends and acquaintances. The OIA needs to have the powers applied to investigate third parties. Councillors have the perfect alibi and use MPs, wives, electoral staff from MPs offices and community groups to enact social media attacks or cultivate other

candidates who then go on to feel it's their right to be abusive and aggressive and the OIA needs the powers to hold those individuals accountable by being able to accept information from an aggrieved person impacted by third parties.

I offer this feedback in good faith.

Respectfully

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