



Speech by

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MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES, DOCUMENTS

 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (12.13 pm): I rise to bring to the attention of the House a matter of grave concern. This matter concerns the Minister for Energy and Water Utilities. I have here documents procured through right to information legislation and other documents, and I table them now.

Tabled paper: Copy of a Department of Environment and Resource Management ministerial briefing note, dated 10 June 2009, 'Resumption by Gold Coast City Council—LAB 12012' [\[4674\]](#).

Tabled paper: Copy of page 1 of a letter, dated 18 January 2010, from Mr Peter Lehmann to Hon. Stephen Robertson MP [\[4675\]](#).

Tabled paper: Copy of page 1 of a letter, dated 20 April 2010, from Hon. Stephen Robertson MP to Mr Peter Lehmann [\[4676\]](#).

Tabled paper: Copy of a letter, dated 28 April 2010, from Mr Peter Lehmann to Hon. Stephen Robertson MP [\[4677\]](#).

Tabled paper: Copy of a letter, dated 10 June 2010, from Hon. Stephen Robertson MP to Mr Peter Lehmann [\[4678\]](#).

This first document is a document that was signed off by the minister. It is a document referred to as a ministerial briefing note from the Department of Environment and Resource Management. The first page of this RTI document I tabled is page 7; the following pages are numbered in sequence to page 14. Page 14 is a statement required to be signed by the then Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967. The problem is that page 14 is not signed. It should have been signed on the same day that the briefing note was signed by the minister. Page 7 in the briefing note is signed but the minister neglected to sign the statement as required.

The second document is a letter from my constituent to the minister which, among other things, asks this specific question: 'Can you please advise, as the minister, if you have in fact sighted, signed and dated the statement authorising the taking of this easement.' The third document is a letter from the minister to my constituent which in paragraph 3 states that the minister 'signed the original statement on 30 June 2009'. The fourth document is a letter from my constituent asking for a copy of the statement. The fifth and final document is a letter from the minister to my constituent which encloses a statement that has been signed and dated 30 June 2009.

The implication from the document trail is that the relevant document was not signed on 30 June 2009, probably as an oversight, but was signed sometime after my constituent's request for a copy of it. As further evidence, I note that the documents are photocopies but look different. I intend referring the matter to the Crime and Misconduct Commission unless the minister can come forward with a credible, innocent explanation.