




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR IPSWICH

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ETHICS COMMITTEE

Report

 **Ms HOWARD** (Ipswich—ALP) (10.35 am): I table report No. 214 of the Ethics Committee titled *Matter of privilege referred by the State Development and Regional Industries Committee on 26 May 2022 relating to an alleged unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings*.

Tabled paper: Ethics Committee: Report No. 214, 57th Parliament—Matter of privilege referred by the State Development and Regional Industries Committee on 26 May 2022 relating to an alleged unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings [711](#).

The report deals with allegations of an unauthorised disclosure of proceedings of the State Development and Regional Industries Committee and consideration of a potential inconsistency between the Local Government Act 2009 and the Parliament of Queensland Act 2002 regarding the release of information by local government employees to councillors.

The committee has recommended that the House make a finding of contempt for an unauthorised disclosure of committee proceedings and, noting an apology received on 12 May 2023, take no further action in respect of this matter; and that the Minister for Local Government considers proposing an amendment to the Local Government Act 2009 to include parliamentary privilege as an exemption under section 170A, with any proposal to be considered by the House as soon as possible. I commend the report to the House.