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## LGAQ rehomes Sacked CEO's and others

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(At least the RSPCA de-sexes and checks for suitability before rehoming)

It is known that "THE SYSTEM" especially through LGAQ, rehomes sacked and dodgy CEO's and officers exactly the same as institutions like churches relocated offending priests and religious to different parishes.

It is known that nothing is done by the relevant authorities to remove the perpetrators from the Local Govt Systems.

It is known that the complaints systems from the front counter of council to the department of local government to the CCC fail to suitably investigate complaints, fail to suitably detect and deter systemic organised maladministration, misconduct, crime and corruption.

It is known that the LG complaints system is a failure that only serves to protect the 'brotherhood' under LGAQ. Those who are resistant to the induction into the LG brotherhood are unjustifiably pursued by corrupt CEO's and others in an attempt to silence them. This is currently evidenced in the way the LG complaints system is being allowed to be misused in the pursuit of Fraser Coast Mayor Chris Loft.

The LG complaints system as currently administered by the State Govt is a kangaroo court that is not working in the public interest. Members of tribunals and panels are sometimes not aware of what is hidden from them, often by dodgy CEO's and or mayors, to solicit the desired outcome for favoured or hunted alleged perpetrators.

It is known that at times the tribunal and panel members are fully aware of the truth yet they are unwilling or unable to do the right thing and prosecute perpetrators. It is known that tribunal or panel members have openly stated their knowledge of corrupt mayors and councillors. It is known that members of the tribunal have, in relation to Tablelands Regional Council and Ipswich City Council, said that they "have been aware of their dealings for years".

### **EXAMPLE**

Tablelands Regional Council (TRC) sacks CEO Ian Church in 2016 and within weeks the brotherhood of LGAQ rehomed this sacked CEO to the Lockyer Valley Regional Council.

It is known that Tablelands Regional Council Mayor Joe Paronella was "furious" that the Lockyer Valley Regional Council did not contact him or the council to check the sacked CEO's credentials. Mayor Paronella stated "*I Can't believe it*" (and to the effect of) "*They did not*

***even contact me to check his references". "Nobody contacted the council or me to check his credentials."***

It is known that TRC and Mr Church agreed that the departure from TRC would be publically window dressed as a mutual parting of ways and Council moving in a fresh direction. This window dressing allows the sacked CEO to retain perceived employability in addition to full separation entitlements.

It is known that prior to his sacking, Mr Church had stated "I should have been sacked 10 times, I know I can get away with it while I protect the mayor now matter how bad she is."

It is known that Mr Church, while CEO at TRC was involved in corrupt conduct. By his own admission in email where he directed a General Manager to deal with the fall out stating that he could not be involved because he was complicit. This was sent to the CCC who, despite the written self-incriminating admission In email from the corrupt CEO, refused to investigate.

It is known that the sacked TRC CEO Mr Church had directed changes to be made in power point presentations that were going to a chamber of commerce meeting that night. It is known that Mr Church stated (to the effect of) "I can't take that to a meeting showing a surplus when we are at the same time saying rates need to go up because we are running at a deficit." And to the effect of "How can I say we are imposing a de-amalgamation cash levy when the budget shows a surplus. Go and [REDACTED] change it to be a deficit." Therefore, the presentation given by the CEO publically was deliberately and intentionally materially misleading and deceptive.

It is known that many staff were sacked for making internal complaints.

It is known that during one such sacking, the acting CEO, Mr Matt Hyde, stated, "You have made two complaints and we can't have that again."

In relation to a breach of confidentiality by then Mayor Rosa Lee Long CEO Ian Church said - "Yes the mayor did it, everyone in the room knows she did it, but your wasting your time making complaints to the department or the CCC because they will do nothing about it."

It is known that the TRC Senior advisor of governance said, in relation to making complaints to the CCC, "They are useless and a complete waste of time. It is just like pissing in the wind and getting covered in piss."

It is known that certain staff were paid out in excess of their entitlements and with extreme gag clauses to ensure the truth remains hidden. Staff have been threatened that if the speak out even through a Public Interest Disclosure, to the Police or to the CCC, they will be targeted.

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