



30 August 2017

Cr Donna Gates
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Councillors
City of Gold Coast Council

Dear Cr Gates,

Re: Documents tabled in Parliament concerning the Mayor and Kingaroy Forestry Bonds

My correspondence is addressed to you in particular and in the second instance city councillors as it deals with an official complaint against the Mayor, Cr Tom Tate.

I am informed that last Thursday, 24 August 2017, Hon Rob Pyne MP tabled documents in the Legislative Assembly that incriminated Cr Tate in the commercial use of bonds which are said to be fraudulent. The claimant is corporate lawyer and bonds expert Mr James Wilson. The link to the tabled online documents is now provided. They are reference number 1430.

<https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/typed-papers/online-typed-papers>

Last Thursday evening Mr Tate was interviewed in full Mayoral regalia on television over the bonds. Mr Tate was responding to personal issues but saw fit to be interviewed in his official capacity as an elected representative. This is considered to be a conflict of activities. It is proposed Cr Tate was using his elected position to provide respectability over a disreputable personal issue.

Cr Tate denied the charges contained in reference number 1430 claiming the issues had been resolved in the Supreme Court of NSW many times. That opinion is said to be deliberately false. I am informed Cr Tate threatened the Hon Rob Pyne MP to repeat the claims outside Parliament and then assured the television audience that the charges were false and had been dealt with.

Now included in this correspondence is a letter from Mr Wilson dated 25 August 2017 to Hon Rob Pyne MP. Mr Wilson confirms the material in reference number 1430 was initiated by him including the strategic affidavit. He confirms the integrity of his information and that it can be used outside privilege.

The letter from Mr Wilson accuses Cr Tate of providing deliberately false information to the television audience and takes full responsibility without privilege for the documents tabled in Parliament. You would be aware of the statutory provisions that require elected representatives to be truthful and transparent. Cr Tate is accused of serious misconduct that if correct brings Council into disrepute.

I now call for Council to insist Cr Tate take immediate action, as proposed, but against Mr Wilson or be held accountable for knowingly being involved in the exploitation of fraudulent bonds.

Separately, I refer you to the affidavit from Mr Greg Young, a former council executive, which was tabled in Parliament last Wednesday 23rd by the Hon Rob Pyne MP. The affidavit acknowledges widespread corruption within the period of the Dickson administration.

<http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/tableOffice/TabledPapers/2017/5517T1385.pdf>

Cr Gates, can you confirm what action Council has taken to address such serious and complex charges and does that include litigation against Mr Young?

I remind councillors of my charges over the illicit manipulation of the MCU development application for the Main Beach Bathing Pavilion at the 654th Council meeting held on the 26 February 2016 by Crs Tate and Caldwell, the CEO and the City Solicitor. Council was in the invidious position that the heritage listed building had been extensively redeveloped and reconfigured for unapproved landuses notwithstanding that construction was complete and the premises occupied and trading but there were no planning approvals in place. Council corruptly forced that illegitimate outcome through the approval process to appease the applicant **on the alleged dictate of the City Solicitor.**

Cr Gates and councillors, as public officials you are all aware of your responsibility under s.38 of the Crime and Corruption Act to notify the Crime and Corruption Commission if a matter involves, or may involve, official misconduct.

Under the circumstances please advise me by urgent return mail what remedy councillors consider applicable; including the proposed threat of litigation by Cr Tate over the claims in the tabled online document 1430?

Yours truly,

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Cc: CCC
Cc: Hon Rob Pyne MP
Cc: Minister for Local Government
Cc: Mr James Wilson

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25 August 2017

ORIGINAL BY POST

Mr Rob Pyne MLA
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Also by email [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Pyne

RE: MAYOR TOM TATE – WORTHLESS FORESTRY BONDS – DOCUMENTS TABLED IN PARLIAMENT . TOM TATE'S TV RESPONSE WEDNESDAY 25 AUGUST 2017

I, along with a Sydney QC and senior counsel, [REDACTED] on a pro bono basis in protracted actions brought by Tom Tate against our client, in the NSW Supreme Court some years ago. I was summoned to appear before the court in relation to my role. This was widely circulated on Facebook.

The matters that Tom Tate prosecuted before the NSW Supreme Court were in relation to allegations that [REDACTED] had defamed him and had breached a previous court order preventing publication of copies of the worthless and fraudulently-issued forestry bonds, an example of which you tabled yesterday.

The NSW Supreme Court ultimately ordered that our client could publish the forestry bonds, which [REDACTED] has done on [REDACTED] current website www.tomtatereprobate.com I understand from our client that [REDACTED] has not been challenged by Mr Tate in relation to any of the damning material and allegations on [REDACTED] website.

None of the NSW Supreme Court proceedings in any way went to the alleged conduct of Mr Tate in being involved with the issuance of, in holding, or in the attempted trading/actual trading in the worthless and fraudulent forestry bonds, with our client or Mr [REDACTED] (paintings) or any other party.

Mayor Tate was reported on the TV news last night as saying that the allegations in the material tabled by you, "were tested by the NSW Supreme Court many, many times and were found to be false."

[REDACTED]

In view of the foregoing, this assertion by Mr Tate is clearly false and self-serving and, I would suggest, that he and his advisers well know it.

Mr Tate also challenged you to repeat your allegations outside Parliament.

The material that you tabled yesterday was created by me and published widely over the last few years (see the dates on the material). It is a pity that our local newspaper did not give it coverage.

Tom Tate has not challenged me on any of the material.

[REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

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