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From: Jackie Trad
Sent: Monday, 11 July 2016 11:18 AM
To: Matt Collins
Cc: Adriana Chilnicean
Subject: Fwd: Local Government - Waste and Recycling Monopoly Practices
Attachments: Minister Trad J7-16 Council Monopoly.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Matt,

This came through last week when I was on leave. Please ensure its processed & lets talk way forward.

JT

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rick Ralph <rick.ralph@wriq.com.au>
Date: 8 July 2016 at 4:27:27 PM AEST
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Cc: <steven.miles@ministerial.qld.gov.au>, <thepremier@premiers.qld.gov.au>, 'Evan Moorhead' <Evan.Moorhead@qld.alp.org.au>
Subject: Local Government - Waste and Recycling Monopoly Practices

Dear Jackie,

Further to the Associations previous correspondence and meetings, in respect Local Government monopolistic service practices targeted at business owners, WRIQ respectfully seeks direction and timing from the State Government of it eliminating this regulatory capability.

Our correspondence (attached) again provides evidence of the urgency of the problem that remains and that the issue must be resolved. Industry remains profoundly concerned that this sort of behaviour is still an acceptable practice imposed by a level of Government in Queensland in 2016 and without resolution the sectors future investment and jobs creation confidence is constantly being undermined.

Sincerely yours

Rick

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7 July 2016

Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure, Local Government, Planning and Trade and Investment.
GPO Box 15009,
City East QLD 4002

Attention: The Honourable Ms Jackie Trad MP

Dear Minister, *Jackie,*

Re: Local Government - Waste and Recycling Services Monopoly in Queensland

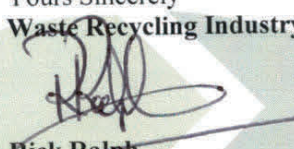
Further to WRIQ's correspondence to Government (2015 / 2016), responses to that, and follow up meetings with representatives of your office in April, the Association was advised you were waiting advice from the Department of the changes that would be considered by Government in resolving this anti-competitive practice by Local Government.

We wish to advise the urgency of the State Government resolving this situation for the industry has been elevated, result the recent decision of Noosa Shire Council issuing a new tender for Council's Waste Management Services. That document explicitly reinforces Council's monopolistic services provisions; setting out clear intent to impose Council only provided waste and recycling services upon business. The tender close date is August 29. Respectfully our industry is urgently now seeking from the State Government clear direction and timing that will eliminate Local Government in this state having this perverse anti-business regulatory power.

Could you please advise the Association of the State Governments timetable and process to resolving this regulatory practice? Our industry looks forward to receiving advice from you in resolution to this matter.

With Kind Regards

Yours Sincerely
Waste Recycling Industry Association (QLD) inc


Rick Ralph
Chief Executive Officer

CC:

Ms Anastacia Palaszczuk MP Queensland Premier and Minister for the Arts

Mr Steven Miles MP - Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection & Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef

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Lucas Clarke

From: Matt Collins
Sent: Tuesday, 10 May 2016 7:16 AM
To: Jackie Trad
Subject: Fwd: Response to the Oz article
Attachments: image003.png

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Clare Manton <Clare.Manton@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Date: 9 May 2016 at 5:46:30 PM AEST
To: Matt Collins <Matt.Collins@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Jamie English <Jamie.English@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Response to the Oz article

Hey Matt,

Is this ok? This is not including gov/staff meetings but includes everything else on the published diaries.

March	Total Meetings	Percentage
Business	17	68%
Unions	2	8%
Environment/activist	2	8%
Diplomats	2	8%
LNP	0	0%
Other	2	8%
	25	

Are you wanting one for every month going back to Feb last year?

Clare

From: Jamie English
Sent: Monday, 9 May 2016 4:52 PM
To: Clare Manton <Clare.Manton@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: Response to the Oz article

From: Matt Collins
Sent: Monday, 9 May 2016 4:51 PM
To: Jamie English <Jamie.English@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Response to the Oz article
Sorry... "other" category too – i.e. everyone else
Thanks
Matt

From: Jamie English
Sent: Monday, 9 May 2016 4:51 PM
To: Matt Collins <Matt.Collins@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Response to the Oz article

Sure, on to it

From: Matt Collins

Sent: Monday, 9 May 2016 4:49 PM

To: Jamie English <Jamie.English@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Response to the Oz article

Please have Clare review DP diary and do up a breakdown of March meetings ASAP (by 9am tomorrow) (business; unions; LNP; activist / environmental groups; numbers and %) and then look at full 15 months or so of diaries.

Will need as defensive for parli.

Thanks

Matt

From: Jamie English

Sent: Monday, 9 May 2016 4:18 PM

To: Matt Collins <Matt.Collins@ministerial.qld.gov.au>

Subject: RE: Response to the Oz article

Hi Matt,

Susan is holding but needs to send off soon.

Here's Geoff's actual enquiry:

I have counted roughly 88 meetings (including union events) between the Premier and Deputy Premier with unions, environment activist groups and former Labor staffers/former MPs/turned lobbyists.

Of the 88 I have the Deputy Premier hosting roughly 64.

The names of former staffers/MPs/polities who have met with DP/and Premier include Damian McGreevy, Stephen Beckett, Jim Elder, Terry Mackenroth, Paul Keating, Kirby Anderson (now with Premiers), Alison Smith, Tim Quinn, Jim Soorley, Karl Bitar etc.

Unions met included United Voice's Gary Bullock (several times, including during sitting weeks), CFMEU Michael Ravbar, multiple meetings with AWU's Ben Swan and Rohan Webb etc

Activist environmental groups included WWF (represented by McGreevy), Lock The Gate, Greenpeace.

QUESTIONS:

1. What does the government/Premier/Deputy Premier say to criticism that unions have too much influence on the QLD Labor Government, given the close links of many senior MPs with unions?
 2. Do former Labor staffers and MPs get special access to the government, to lobby for clients or projects/companies they are associated with?
 3. The diaries are obviously are transparent way of not hiding associations or meetings from the public, which is a good step forward.
 4. Should there be greater detail in regards to what is discussed at "meetings", providing more context to the contact between Cabinet Ministers and unions, lobbyists etc?
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From: Susan McGrady

Sent: Monday, 9 May 2016 4:08 PM

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Subject: Response to the Oz article

The Premier has approved this response to Geoff Chambers at the Oz on the meetings by the Premier and DP.

I will be sending it in the next 10 mins.

Susan

Response:

"The Premier is determined for her government to create jobs for Queenslanders. Tim Nicholls and the LNP left Queensland with high unemployment.

“The unemployment rate rose to 6.6% from the 5.5% they inherited in 2012. Since the Palaszczuk Government came to power last year, more 60,000 new jobs have been created and have driven unemployment down to 6%.

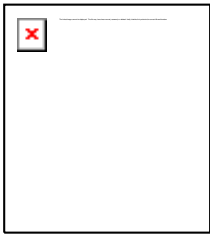
“In the March quarter there were 500 meetings overall – all of those with the exception of 50, were with business, industry and other stakeholders.

“It also should be noted that 30 of these 500 meetings were with LNP Members – including Tim Nicholls, Ian Rickuss, Andrew Cripps, Tracy Davies.

“Late last month, the Premier hosted the first Advanced Queensland Summit in Brisbane-where more than more than 1400 people attended.

“The Premier makes no apology that her government continues to meet with key employer and employee representatives to ensure that the government secures new jobs and new opportunities for Queensland.”

“If you have an initiative for new jobs in Queensland, the Palaszczuk Government has a consultative, open door policy-there has never been a better time to do business in Queensland.”



Susan McGrady

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From: Media Statements QLD <statements@qld.gov.au>
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To: Jackie Trad
Subject: Panel to conduct Electoral Commission review announced



Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for
Training and Skills



The Honourable Yvette D'Ath

Panel to conduct Electoral Commission review announced

Attorney-General and Minister for Justice Yvette D'Ath has announced the members of the panel that will review the performance of the Electoral Commission of Queensland in conducting the 2016 local government elections, the referendum on fixed four-year terms and the by-election for the seat of Toowoomba South.

Mrs D'Ath said the inquiry will be chaired by former Brisbane Lord Mayor Jim Soorley, whose will be joined by former South Burnett Mayor Wayne Kratzmann and former Logan Mayor Pam Parker.

"These three former mayors have extensive experience of local government elections in particular, and are all well regarded," said Mrs D'Ath.

"Their insight and knowledge will invaluable to the conduct of this inquiry."

Jim Soorley served four terms as Lord Mayor of Brisbane, from 1991 to 2003. He is currently the Chairman of Unity Water and CS Energy.

Pam Parker spent 19 years in local government, the last eight of them as Mayor of Logan. She is currently the Chair of the Local Government Grants Commission and the Ambassador for the Brisbane and Logan Women in Business Awards.

Wayne Kratzmann has over 35 years' experience in local government, starting with Wondai Shire Council in 1979 and culminating in four years as the Mayor of South Burnett Regional Council. He is one of three mentors for Queensland mayors in a program run by the Local Government Association of Queensland.

The Terms of Reference for the Inquiry cover matters including:

- the adequacy of advertising of arrangements including boundary changes and booth locations;
- the advantages and disadvantages of attendance voting compared to full postal voting;
- the adequacy of pre-polling arrangements;
- poll conduct including queuing times, ballot paper availability, booth closures and the conduct of candidates, their volunteers, and ECQ officials
- counting issues including count speed, missing ballots scrutineer conduct and recount refusals;
- the use of technology; and

- communication with electors, including arguments for and against the referendum question.

Mrs D'Ath said the inquiry provided a useful opportunity to review the conduct of elections in Queensland.

"Under the Electoral Act state elections are automatically reviewed, but there is no requirement to do that for local government elections," said Mrs D'Ath.

"It is very important that we take an opportunity whenever elections are held, to step back and do a review."

The panel will start work in early November and have three months to conduct its review and report back to the government.

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From: Media Statements QLD <statements@qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 7 November 2016 2:27 PM
To: Jackie Trad
Subject: World class urban design at the core of approved West Village development



Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government
and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment



The Honourable Jackie Trad

World class urban design at the core of approved West Village development

The Palaszczuk Government today announced the approval of the \$800 million West Village development on the Absoe site in West End.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning Jackie Trad said the key inner city site will be home to a new world class development.

"This is a significant urban renewal project that will create thousands of jobs and it was vitally important that we got the planning right," Ms Trad said.

"I received more than 700 submissions from the community and stakeholders during the proposed call in period, with the majority supporting a call in and desiring a better urban design outcome.

"It was obvious there were significant state interests involved with the development including its economic significance, environmental factors, housing supply, liveable communities and ensuring that there is an effective and accountable planning and development assessment system.

"It was for these reasons I made the decision to call the West Village development in.

"My reassessment of the application was based on planning merit alone, which has been demonstrated through my decisions on previous call ins.

"As is standard practice, government officers entered discussions with the developer for the West Village call in on a range of issues including public space and built form.

"We understood that we had the opportunity to create a world class urban renewal project for this 2.6ha inner city site and I am confident that based on the expert planning advice I've received and by applying conditions to the development we have been able to achieve this outcome.

"West Village will help set the new benchmark for urban renewal developments in Brisbane and ensure they are set to the standards of a world class city."

The key conditions of approval for the site include:

- a doubling in publicly accessible green space, including two major areas of open space, one fronting Boundary Street and one fronting Mollison Street
- reduction in overall site cover from the 95% approved by BCC to 80%
- fewer overall apartments, with a maximum of 1250 apartments
- 30% of the site to be designated as 24 hour publicly accessible open space, laneways and arcades
- ensuring that the public space fronting Boundary Street will be delivered within 6 months of occupation of any apartments on site – including those already approved
- the retention and re-use of two local heritage buildings and prohibiting construction of additional residential on top of heritage buildings
- seven buildings above the podium, ranging from 8 to 22 storeys in height - with an improved design outcome achieved through the transition of building heights across the site
- safe and accessible pedestrian and cyclist linkages through the site
- an internal private street providing access to the development and providing pedestrian and cyclist access between Mollison Street and Little Jane Street
- the provision of community uses including a childcare centre and public art space
- the requirement for development to achieve a 5 star green rating
- fewer car parking spaces and the provision of a car share scheme and electric parking stations.

For more information visit www.dilgp.qld.gov.au/planning/development-assessment/west-village.html

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