

QLGRA Insights

The Queensland Local Government Reform Alliance (QLGRA) is a non-party political association of groups and individuals from throughout Queensland focused on the reform of local government.

The QLGRA's mission is to be a vigorous peak body promoting the views of local communities regarding improved representation and governance standards in all areas of local government.

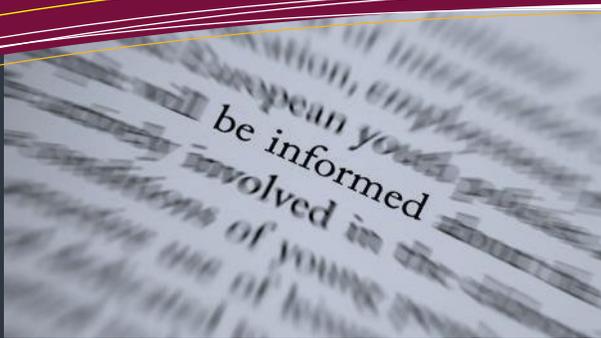
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To promote:

- the commonality of our cause;
- sharing of strategy and resources with all local communities;
- the benefits of efficient community based local councils to the general public;
- local government as an area of study in public educational institutions.
- a unified non-partisan democratic structure within our Organisation – 'United We Stand'

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The Road Ahead

I find it difficult to write a contribution designed to ease the reader into the gravity and the urgency of the reforms needed if Queensland Local Government, unreformed, is to be turned around from the collision course with the people which it is presently on.

All of us in the QLGRA are trying to promote awareness among the local populace generally of the urgent need for reform at the coalface of Local Government. What varies in our different approaches to the reforms needed is I believe our concepts of urgency. Our case for reform has been assisted no end by the exposed extraordinary corruption in Ipswich City Council, and the hot off the press charges levelled by the CCC against Logan Council councillors. If anti-corruption bodies like the CCC can demonstrate a capability of stamping out corruption, which by any assessment of very high complaint levels emanating from a large number of the seventy-seven councils across Queensland, then we can all look forward to successful reform.

Many of us in QLGRA would say best of luck with that. Serial complainants to the CCC would also say tell them they are dreaming.

Very few of us in the QLGRA reform movement would not know someone whose livelihoods have been crippled by corrupt council actions. Rate hikes [often caused by graft] are often beyond the capacity of many ratepayers to pay. The question I pose in this article is have reform agencies such as the QLGRA the luxury of time to let anti-corruption agencies, including the Independent Commission Against Corruption [which the formation of QLGRA rightly champions], have we the luxury of time to be the moderate and measured voice of reform which, culturally and racially speaking we are very good at voicing? Ipswich reform advocates are more aware than most of the damage and corruption carnage caused by their previous council, now in administration.

Ipswich reformers have more skin in the game than most... many of them know first-hand the human cost of Ipswich corruption, including loss of life.

I believe that ratepayer indifference and tolerance has allowed local government corruption to grow to a level which can only be undone by a reforming zeal which is equal to the determination of the corrupters to retain their

corrupt practices. Anything less will condemn our efforts to a burned-out dream.

Do those of us with the opportunity to promote the anti-corruption message have to be more forthright? I believe so. A good place to start would be attending a rally like Stanthorpe recently held on de-amalgamation.

Will our opponents call us conspiracy theorists if we put the bell on the Agenda 21 cat? Should we explain that centralising power at all levels of government is just that, about power? Yes, and yes. Am I comfortable about being labelled a far-right fascist Nazi? Not really; however, as I have argued above, we may not have the time luxury of being measured and mode



Repeal of the unchecked power that the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) enjoy under Section 234 of the LG Act is an urgent battle that must be won.

A maxim that dates back to an older battle for freedom is this....it is always a lot easier to cool down a fanatic than it is to warm up a corpse.

Ian Hannah – Treasurer

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LEGISLATION

Monthly Pick

An information paper, [Local Government Reforms – Key amendments](#) currently under consideration (PDF, 357KB) is available for download.

The Bill is currently being prepared and informed by feedback from key stakeholders. Once prepared, the Bill will be tabled in Parliament and then referred to a Parliamentary Committee. It is through this process that the Bill is made public for community consideration and comment.

FAQs have been answered to provide more details on the proposed Local Government rolling reforms.

Questions and answers have been categorised for easier reference:

- [Local Government reform FAQs](#)
- [Electoral reforms webinar questions](#)
- [Electoral Finance reforms webinar questions](#)
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"In Focus" President's Perspective

This is the president's opinion and does not necessarily reflect that of the QLGRA.

What a difference a month makes.

When I sat down to write my comments, I received advice The Queensland Integrity Commissioner, Dr Nicola Stepanov has accepted our invitation to speak at the upcoming QLGRA public forum in Townsville, 25th May. (see flyer below)

We are very excited to have Dr. Stepanov address the forum and look forward to the invaluable information she will be able to impart to the meeting and allow greater understanding of her role, difficulties and how we can participate correctly to keep politicians, mayors and councillors on the right track in a constructive manner.

Then the news the CCC appear to be taking proactive action regarding the Logan City Council, with charges against the mayor and seven councillors laid Friday 26 April.

IF this action does eventuate in the manner in which we expect, the Minister (Stirling Hinchliffe) could well be sacking yet again another council which was under the microscope of Operation Belcarra. As we understand the current situation, investigations into Gold Coast and Moreton councils are still underway.

The direct involvement of LGAQ in the sacking of Logan CEO Sharon Kelsey has been well documented and we wait to see what (if anything) the CCC will be

doing about this direct interference and control of a council by this private company LGAQ.

It is my opinion, personnel from the LGAQ should also face charges if proven they influenced or interfered with proper council functions.

QLGRA have questioned the legitimacy of the sacking of ex Fraser Coast Mayor (Chris Loft) for minor administrative charges while the mayor of Logan, who is already facing far more serious charges, was only suspended and being paid to sit at home drawing his weekly pay cheque but contributing nothing for the people of Logan region.



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Add to this the deplorable treatment of the Granite Belt Community's submission to separate from Southern Downs Regional Council and the entire month must have seen the Minister attending bushfire after bushfire.

In my opinion the alleged Independent reviews of the GBCA submission showed bias with GBCA being excluded from any involvement in the discussions, or input into clarifying their submission by the supposedly independent EX LGAQ reviewer and Qld Treasury.

The complete (across the board) inadequacy of the current Local Government Act is on display for all to see. We will report on the public rally held by GBCA 28 April soon on our new website www.qlgra.org.au and FB page.

Councillors are "legally" permitted to vote on issues we believe are a direct Conflict of interest.

a) Vote to increase their own remuneration – Under the Local Government Act 2009 it is an offence for a councillor to fail to properly disclose a conflict of interest or a material personal interest.

b) Councillors voting on de-amalgamation submissions and/or approval/dismissal of same. Again, this is a direct Col as per a).

Perhaps these are questions for the Integrity Commissioner at our upcoming public forum in Townsville.

The above is a small tip of a very large iceberg for councils and the LG Minister which can only be resolved by a Royal Commission into Councils, the involvement of LGAQ in exercising power over councils and the inadequate responses from government.

We hope to see you in Townsville 25/26 May 2019.

Colin Hewett – President

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QLGRA Insights is the monthly newsletter of the Queensland Local Government Reform Alliance.

Each issue features a selected topic, in addition to regular columns with updates of interest to the citizens across Queensland.

We welcome your contributions and invite you to send in your articles (no more than 500 words) or questions regarding local government.

Please send your submissions to:

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We aim to grow the public sector's understanding of how local government works.

Feedback on all issues are welcomed.

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Why does corruption reign supreme in Queensland?

Government in Australia is 'assumed' to conform to a number of principles, including adherence to a written constitution, recognition of international law as is required due to Australia's membership of the United Nations, and observance of separation of powers. The latter was discussed in detail by Baron de Montesquie in 'Spirit of the Laws'.

Montesquie is considered to be the brains behind creation of the French republic, the United States republic, and he also influenced creation of the Australian constitution. Montesquie's idea was that with three independent arms of government (legislature, bureaucracy and judiciary), a corrupt arm of government would be brought into line by the two other arms.

Australia is often said to have a 'Washminster' political system, effectively a hybrid of the UK Westminster and the US Washington systems. Unlike the UK, which observes parliamentary supremacy (no court can invalidate legislation) but does not have a written constitution and does not have independent legislature, bureaucracy and judiciary, Australia (supposedly) borrowed heavily from the US model with the written constitution, (supposedly at least) separation of powers, and no UK-style parliamentary supremacy (ie the High Court can invalidate any legislation).

An important feature of our constitution is that it guarantees the people the right to criticize their elected officials.

No politician believes in being accountable, ergo they will go to any lengths to render themselves immune to EVERYTHING. The rot started when the legislature decided to implement numerous to render politicians and entities under their control immune to genuine review, oversight, scrutiny and investigation.



We've seen for example any number of quangos like Queensland Motorways which are quite obviously controlled by politicians but which are configured to allow deniability. Another example is the creation of Bills (forerunner of an Act) by the departments rather than by Ministers. Most of us assume that the legislature (ie the politicians) actually prepares legislation, at least that is what most of us were taught during our formal education, but that has not been the case for many years, in fact a number of politicians have admitted 'we don't even read that crap'. Quite obviously, no department is going to include in the Bill it prepares, anything that amounts to accountability or recourse for malpractice. Check for example the Queensland *Public Service Act 2008* (which regulates public servants) which provides that all departments and quangos must have an internal complaints resolution division, but which fails to address situations where the

complaints review facility is either non-existent or shambolic.

Mind you the exact opposite situation is found in the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* (which regulates the hoi polloi) in that it goes to great lengths to specify recourse and penalties applicable to the peasants. This principle applies universally to legislation affecting 'them' and 'us'.

As a member nation of the United Nations, Australia is duty-bound to observe and implement into Australian law all international instruments.

The typical shenanigan employed by our elected ratbags in Canberra is to claim something has been 'ratified', but then totally ignore their responsibility.

Anyone who has read any international instrument would know international law is light-years ahead of the rubbish churned out in Canberra. Among other issues, international instruments are initially written in English but must be capable of translation into the other international languages with no loss of meaning. Compare that with the crap produced locally which can only be described as unintelligible gobbledygook in our language.

IMO that is intentional, but then a lot of people tell me that I'm cynical. Interestingly, a few folk claim that Australia is a puppet of the UN, but none has yet been able to explain why international law which is so much more intelligible than Australian law, and which 'should' be implemented here, is completely ignored by every court in the country.

Surely it would be completely acceptable if Australia really was a puppet of the UN. Before anyone gets on their soapbox about Agenda 21 / 30 or the NWO, I'll point out that the depopulation which is a favourite subject of Agenda 21 / 30 / NWO tragics is totally incompatible with the never-ending population / economic growth paradigm beloved of all politicians and corporates. They simply can't co-exist, and since \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ is what counts, I suggest that depopulation (and hence Agenda 21 / 30 / NWO) is a load of male bovine dropping.

Later the 'protection and immunity' machine got into high gear, with collusion between all three ostensibly independent arms of government in ignorance of the separation of powers doctrine. Clearly Montesquie failed to foresee the possibility of all three arms of government being corrupt at the same time, which is exactly the situation we have in Australia. The immediate consequence of this that it is effectively impossible for a citizen to sue a politician, a bureaucrat / department, or a member of the judiciary, as all three arms of government join forces to protect the arm under attack. Of course there is also the 'equal access to justice' con to consider, which further reduces the possibility of any individual having the financial resources to tackle a department with unlimited backing. Add to this protection racket the watchdogs configured as firewalls / blotters, the Crime Cover-up Commission being a perfect example, albeit only one of many tools conceived to protect guilty officials.

The most insidious innovation at state level has been implementation of 'fixated' conditions which can be applied to anyone who annoys one of the ruling classes, or indeed one of their cohorts, and at federal level, conditions which apply terrorism legislation to anyone who offends the sensibilities of someone in an official capacity.



Hey doesn't the constitution say we must always have the ability to criticize our elected officials? Ah yes, but remember that is a constitutional issue which can only be addressed by the High Court, and how many of the hoi polloi have the resources to bring a matter to the High Court? Mind you there is no guarantee that the High Court is any more honorable than the average inherently corrupt party politician. There are a number of decisions on record where the 'independence' of the High Court has been suspect, including its refusal to rule what is clearly non-constitutional 'local government' invalid, its refusal to properly respect chapter 44 by permitting Penny Wong to retain her parliamentary position when she cannot relinquish her Malaysian citizenship (the constitution does not permit ANY second citizenship), and its acceptance of non-constitutional kangaroo tribunals which could never comply with chapter three. (which defines courts).

Doug Young – Committee Member

A few short years ago, when I first got into local government politics to assist my father in becoming Mayor. I was ready to go to war against the corrupt system of local government that I had been exposed to.

Like any young, ambitious and motivated person, I thought we needed a revolution to burn the dodgy system that those much older but apparently not wiser had established.

Over time and having some metaphorical scars and trauma from this war we waged. I still firmly believe that revolution is required to overhaul the corrupt system of local government in QLD but it does not necessarily need to be burnt to the ground and rebuilt.

Lately, I have seen people unfortunately make the same mistakes we did in going for change with reckless abandonment and it got me thinking. If only people could step back and look at things from a wider perspective. They might see that what we need is not a reckless revolution but a responsible one.

Sure, there are tons of things wrong with our system of governance that affect our lives in the most frequent and meaningful ways. But there are also many good things about our local government when compared to the alternative if we were to throw the baby out with the bath water.

Responsible revolution is about focusing our energy toward one problem that we see at a time and working relentlessly and tirelessly to fix that area before trying to overhaul the entire the system.

After seeing what happened in my local area in 2012 when every single councillor bar 1 was booted out of office and thinking, now we can finally reboot and have a better system. What we got was councillors being advised and led by the very bureaucrats who have been abusing their positions for years in charge.

Without councillors with experience dealing with bureaucracy and public overlords (AKA servants) there is no possible way for a new batch of councillors to be able to stage a revolution of any worth.

Whilst responsible revolution may not have the same exhilarating feeling that you get when you watch a good film about the underclass overthrowing their rulers. It does mean that you are taking the time to consider what actually needs fixing before just burning the whole thing to the ground.

This is the way we can overthrow the corrupt within local government. Not in one foul swoop, but in small incremental steps toward a more open, honest and transparent government. Just like what has occurred to local government in QLD in the past 25 years. The corruption didn't happen all at once, but slowly and surely it crept in without us taking notice until we had an entire level of government being run on bribes, secret handshakes and backdoor deals.

So too, can we change it back by slowly and surely fixing one problem at a time and forcing our local governments to change the rules/ systems they operate within to ensure greater transparency.

'Keep Fighting the Good Fight'

Jason M Loft





Focus On...

Feedback

Divisional Boundary Reviews – March Edition

The cons were deliberately left out to engage more people. Was great to hear a different view point.

You published the "pros" but not the "cons". For example, You can only vote in your own electorate in state and federal elections. Local councillors keep local government LOCAL, and much more accountable. It is parochial, it's meant to be so. The classic example is the "donut" amalgamation with a town council being amalgamated with the surrounding shire council. If there are no divisions it takes only two elections before all of the councillors are from the town, all of the expenditure goes into the town and all the rural roads are in an advanced state of disintegration.

Ken Park

I totally disagree with your article supporting abolishing council divisions, the South Burnett is a good example of how a Council without divisions would provide very poor representation to its small town and rural residents and ratepayers.

The South Burnett consists of one major town (Kingaroy,) five smaller towns (Murgon, Wondai, Nanango Blackbutt Proston) and many smaller villages, plus a large rural area.

Take away the divisions and all seven Councillors will be elected by the majority of voters living in Kingaroy. Councillors living, working and well known in Kingaroy will dominate council. Council activities will focus on the large voters base (Kingaroy) and the rest of the council area will be forgotten.

Terry Gordon

Beware of Capitalist Councils - March Edition

Entrepreneurial attitudes are not good bedfellows with a concept of service to ratepayers. On the other hand some of the services that a council should provide to ratepayers can be profitable. My old council for example provided a noxious weeds spraying service to help the smaller farmers; we ran a profitable regional cattle sale yards because our ratepayers needed that service and we did a lot of profitable private work with our plant because there was not a good private service in town that ratepayers could use. Because in that jurisdiction water and sewerage had to be separate funds with no cross-subsidisation; both these services had to be run as businesses, but with minimum profits.

It is all about attitude and the correct attitude is to provide ratepayers with extra services which are not a burden on the other ratepayers. **Ken Park**



This Month's Q&A

Q: Who is the Queensland Ombudsman?

A: Phil Clarke is the current Queensland's Ombudsman. He was appointed in January 2011 after a lengthy career in the Queensland public service that included leadership roles in the departments of education and training (1994-2004), emergency services (2005-6), local government (2006-9) and justice and attorney-general (2009-10). Mr Clarke holds a Master of Regional Science from the University of Queensland, Diploma of Teaching from Griffith University and a Bachelor of Applied Science from the Queensland University of Technology.

He is a member of the International Ombudsman Institute, a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, and a member of the Planning Institute of Australia.

The Queensland Ombudsman's Office has three main roles:

- to give people a timely, effective and independent way to have administrative actions of agencies investigated
- to improve the quality of decision-making and administrative practice in government agencies
- oversight of the Public Interest Disclosure Act 2010.

They investigate complaints about the actions and decisions of state government departments and agencies (including state schools and TAFE), local councils and public universities. Our complaints assessment and investigation service is free and independent. To learn more about the complaints process got to:

<https://www.ombudsman.qld.gov.au>

Monthly Legal Brief

Fraser Coast Regional Councillors have been subpoenaed to appear in court for ex Mayor Chris Loft. New date set for 28th October.

Logan City Councillors Cherie Dally, Russell Lutton, Steve Swenson, Laurie Smith, Phil Pidgeon, Trevina Schwarz and Jennie Breen were charged for their alleged involvement in causing a dishonest detriment to the former CEO.

Suspended Logan City Council Mayor Luke Smith is also facing CCC charges of corruption and perjury, further charged for allegedly interfering in a recruitment process and commencing a dishonest probation process.

Suspended Councillor Stacey McIntosh was charged with one count of stealing as a servant.

Queensland's corruption watchdog has confirmed it is investigating allegations Gold Coast Mayor Tom Tate influenced council decision-making for personal benefit, failed to declare possible conflicts of interest, and did not disclose flights and accommodation received from a Chinese developer within the required timeframe.

The Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) also announced a new investigation into allegations of corrupt conduct relating to decision-making by some Gold Coast City Council councillors.

Investigation still underway with Moreton Bay Regional Council.

Fifteen people, including former mayor Paul Pisasale and suspended mayor Andrew Antonioli, are facing 86 charges as a result of its investigation into Ipswich City Council.



Why Mr Pickles turned my head – Diane Bruhn

Opinion

I describe myself as a part-time activist, and I am passionate about my rights as a citizen and land owner to expect a fair and honest deal from my local council. I have expectations that local councillors remain focused on the needs of residents, the local environment, local roads and services and alike, and operate responsibly and with integrity at all times. Seems reasonable, doesn't it.

Well, sometime ago I realised all was not well in my local council in the Lockyer Valley. I had a beef with them about the wholesale straightening and bulldozing of local waterways after the major flood of 2011. What shocked me back then was the arrogance and resistance I faced from local council employees, and councillors; when I wanted answers about their activity in the local creeks. I got nowhere, and it felt as though there was a large brick wall between the decision makers and me. It was easy to feel small, insignificant and powerless, and I did. I wondered, when did local government culture become so closed and club like, where was the arrogance coming from? I didn't like what I had discovered, I thought it was wrong, inappropriate, and in need of reform. This was not the kind of local council which I felt could be trusted or relied on. I sought to firstly understand where the arrogance was coming from, and secondly to become part of a change movement.

There is much more detail I could share about that period of time, but I want to talk about Mr Pickles, and the part this gentleman, from faraway UK has played in helping me understand some of the cultural shift which has happened in Queensland local government, and which has seen, in my opinion, Queenslanders' democratic rights eroded.

It didn't take me long in my quest to understand the culture running in Queensland local councils to look to their leaders, and the institutions which influence, lead and mentor them. What were their core beliefs, where were they headed, how did their leadership impact on local councils, State Government and of course ordinary Queenslanders? Where was local representation showing up, how were councillors staying in touch with the people they represented? These were just some of the questions in my mind.

So clearly, I wasn't able to interview people high up in these institutions, so my only option was to review published articles, websites, policy submissions, mentions in parliament and listen to podcasts etc. It didn't take me long to feel concern and apprehension, over what I was reading. Where was the interest in protecting Queenslanders' democratic rights, and focus on maintaining justice and equality? But overwhelming I felt there was a sense of entitlement, autocracy, and indifference to the democratic rights of Queenslanders coming through the material I was reviewing.

Four referendums have been held in Australia seeking permission to include local government in the constitution, and four times Australians have overwhelmingly said no to this. Yet, here in Queensland, via the 'Partners in Government Agreement', autonomy has been conferred to Queensland Local Councils, all under the guise of empowering local communities.

In 2012, after the Mayor of Brisbane City Council (BCC) became the Premier, changes to the Local Government Act saw Mayors across Queensland confirmed with powers similar to the Mayor of

BCC, making them some of the most powerful Mayors in Australia, (keeping in mind BCC has a formal opposition leader to balance such extensive executive power, regional councils do not!)

What else changed, incorporation of councils, new freedoms to set up arm length companies, which could operate under the Corporations Act (but apparently sit in a grey area of law, because they are still government entities, but are outside of the Local Government Act, freedom of information laws etc), significantly reduced state government oversight, 'autonomous' local government legally enshrined, and a weakening of state government watchdogs, and local councils routinely left to investigate themselves when complaints were referred back to council CEO's. Councils represented by their peak body appeared to fully support these changes in legislation, increase in power and lessening of state oversight. LGAQ presented a paper to State Government on reducing LG red tape etc, prior to legislation changes in 2012. The partner's in government agreement, openly uses the language of autonomous local government, and has been signed off by firstly the Liberal National Party (LNP), and later the heads of the Labor (ALP) Government, and the heads of Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ).

Extract Partners in Government Agreement' "Principles 3.1 Autonomy 3.1.1 Local government should enjoy maximum autonomy and be subject to minimum State intervention.. "

2012 "... I've met with all of Queensland's 73 Councils, and they wanted change," Mr Crisafulli said.

"...Voters are back in the driver's seat with their councils, rather than bureaucrats and the State Government."

"Big or small, country or city, the message was the same: stop the stupid rules and regulations," Mr Crisafulli said.

"The previous Act made councils less responsive to their communities and we're restoring their power to act."...

[Read the Statement here](#)

So, all of this has translated to a cultural shift in Queensland local government, but in my opinion a cultural shift which has seen a centralised corporate style takeover of local councils, leaving the voice of local people mainly unheard. This culture is not one which produces responsiveness to local people and their needs, nor does it encourage responsive and efficient local councils where participation in decision making is the norm, and freedom and equality between people is encouraged. I found this definition of democracy.

"The [belief](#) in [freedom](#) and [equality](#) between [people](#), or a [system](#) of [government based](#) on this [belief](#), in which [power](#) is either [held](#) by [elected representatives](#) or [directly](#) by the [people](#) themselves."

[Democracy](#)

So, getting back to Mr Pickles, a former Minister for local government in the UK. It was in his words I found hope and inspiration for something very different to emerge in Queensland. Sounds strange perhaps, but his clear sightedness about growing autocracy in UK local government and his willingness to call it out, had me cheering from the sidelines and wanting to know more about his insights, and particularly why he challenged the local government association in the UK..





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SATURDAY 25 MAY 2019

Public Forum 9am – 4pm

CWA Hall on Denham Street, Townsville

Dr Cameron Richards - Professor of interdisciplinary studies with extensive experience in the Asia-Pacific region

Dr Nikola Stepanov – Queensland Integrity Commissioner

Jason Ward - Renowned anti-corruption crusader

Forum Dinner 6pm

A 335 Flinders Mall, Townsville

ALL participants and friends are welcome to join us on Saturday night for dinner at Cowboys Leagues Club Ltd. Costs at own expense.

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