

Council:- Ipswich City Council
Date:- August 2017

Queensland Legislative Assembly	
Number: 55177 1239	
 08 AUG 2017	Tabled <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MP: Pyne	By Leave <input type="checkbox"/>
Clerk's Signature: _____	

"They Knew"

"I found giving evidence to the CCC to be really beneficial to my emotional state. If Council, Councillors and politicians will not tell the truth, and all of the truth, then more and more of us will tell it for them. I will not be controlled by their corporate secrets and I will not be silenced by their lies and veiled threats."

"Our community needs to know the truth of what we are made do in Council to keep our jobs. I don't fully understand the technical difference between crooked and corrupt but this council is well organised at doing very bad things and explaining them away as normal, as ok. Legally and ethically they are certainly not ok at all."

"Mayor [REDACTED] was on the phone to Councillor [REDACTED] (Deputy Mayor) all the time. I can only tell you what I heard and I can tell you that Councillor [REDACTED] knew".

NOTE:- The following documents have been OCR scanned and de-identified to protect whistle-blowers.

11 of 1 ✓

July 2017

Dear Mr Pyne,

Thank-you sincerely for the work you have been doing in relation to bringing about transparency in Qld and the call for a full ICAC. Many people in Local Government, like staff and contractors, are aware of systemic crime and corruption within councils but have truly been afraid to speak out, even to the CCC, because of the fear of retribution and reprisal as well as having their spirits broken from the constant bullying and intimidation.

I want to thank you personally for the actions you have taken to date which has given some of us the courage to speak out. I, like many others who have to avoid detection, support your call for a Qld ICAC to bring about justice for the staff and people of Qld.

Due to the failure of the CMC, CCC, the government, LGAQ and Council things have been able to spiral out of control. I have recently been supporting many victims and whistle-blowers, many of which are too afraid to come forward. The information I am giving you here in relation to the Ipswich City Council is very real and can be verified. Direct witnesses know the details and some even have detailed diaries of daily events that they had to be involved in, for example processing payments, or things they witnessed.

Thank-you again for championing the cause against government corruption at all levels in the State of Queensland. I am aware of the battering you received due to the last tabling in Parliament but I hope you will consider tabling this as i believe it is in the public interest to point out that this problem is not simply about the ex-mayor. The real problem is the systemic failures that have left these things undetected for so long.

Many victims and their families take hope and strength from your bold steps in starting to expose the real issues in local governments and how, despite being the most investigated mayor in Qld, people like ICC Mayor [REDACTED] and others are able to get away with it.

While I have provided my contact details with this letter and information, I would like this tabled anonymously simply to reduce the ability of direct retaliation against me and others.

Best wishes, [anonymous].

2 of 2

PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE

I am a relevant person making this anonymous Public Interest Disclosure to a MP.

1. It is known that ICC Mayor [REDACTED] had and used 3 mobile phones. A council staff person was used to set the phones up. Their name was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] handled all of the mayors communications. From what I heard, I do believe that the use of three mobile phones was to avoid information being detected through RTI/FOI requests or if investigated. The Mayor definitely had 3 phones on the go at work.
2. It is known that a number of mayors would attend monthly meetings at LGAQ at Newstead. There was quite a lot of people there. There were other meetings too including the Council of Mayors meetings at City Hall.
It is known that ICC has a contract, believed to be 10 years, with LGAQ's business called Propel. It is understood that there is a large balloon type payment due from ICC to Propel/LGAQ during 2017. This was a hot topic during the 2016 LG elections when some candidates made it clear that they did not support the continuation of the service provision through LGAQ's Propel business. It is known that the peak body LGAQ jump to the defence ex-Mayor Pisasale and other individual characters, yet ignore other mayors who face the same public scrutiny. It is noted that there are very large inconsistencies in LGAQ's interest-in and defence-of certain mayors and councils. It is known that this public display of LGAQ's inconsistent interest in certain individuals and councils is of noted concern to many including those from Council, State Dept and the CCC who have inside knowledge.
3. It is known that there was one incident when [REDACTED] had to phone the Council CFO [REDACTED] at 1am in the morning. The mayor was at the Karaoke Bar called the [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] Road, Sunny Bank. The council officer had to wait outside till all hours of the morning with the mayors vehicle.
4. It is known that on another occasion, Mayor [REDACTED] was at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] with a developer [REDACTED], who had previously escorted the mayor in the Council funded Mayoral vehicle, to [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] Road East Brisbane.
 - It is known that [REDACTED], a developer who had made a lot of money out of Ipswich, owned a white SUV, thought to be a Porsche SUV. He was good friends with the Mayor and they met frequently. Mr [REDACTED] had escorted Mayor [REDACTED] in the Council Mayoral Vehicle, to the [REDACTED] Massage Parlour which was raided in 2015. This white SUV vehicle had been seen parked outside [REDACTED] Restaurant when Mayor [REDACTED] had been there in attendance himself. The developer and the mayor met with each other often.

It is known that on this evening, they had been at the [REDACTED] with two Asian women. One was the Mayors former mistresses, [REDACTED] who was also a

368

cultural ambassador for ICC (under ICC letterhead). The other woman is believed to be an agent or go-between for prospective Asian investors and/or developers and ICC.

It is known that earlier that evening they had dinner at a Chinese restaurant at Eight Mile Plains. The developer, [REDACTED], had not attended the dinner and had joined them later at the [REDACTED].

5. It is known that the ICC Mayor had been on many trips overseas including Paris, England, Numerous times to China, Borneo, New Zealand, Mongolia, Taiwan and USA a couple of times for the "Intelligent Communities" thing. These trips were funded by council and/or councils businesses. The mayor was dropped and collected from the Airport at all hours in the Council mayoral vehicle.
6. It is known that on one of these trips, [REDACTED] was also in China on business. Mayor [REDACTED] got PA to the mayor, [REDACTED] to organise and schedule a trip to Shanghai to coincide with [REDACTED] schedule. Mayor [REDACTED] had his PA legitimise the trip by then organising a meeting with that city's mayor.
7. It is known that in 2015 Mayor [REDACTED] went on a weekend trip to North Qld. He went on this trip with his former electorate officer (a council staff position) and Director of [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. The Mayor and Ms [REDACTED] stayed at Hamilton Island.
8. It is known that Mayor [REDACTED], Deputy Mayor [REDACTED] and Division [REDACTED] Councillor [REDACTED] had unfettered access to the Safe City Control Room. They would enter the room adhoc and without notice. They would just waltz in and put plate id on additional vehicles without having to give any reason at all. Access to the Safe City Control Room is very easy for some and ICC did nothing to correct this inappropriate access and influence.
9. It is known that Mayor [REDACTED] had a very close relationship with Deputy Mayor [REDACTED] even before he was deputy mayor. They were in almost daily phone contact with each other.
It is known that Mayor [REDACTED] extracurricular adventures were well and truly known to Deputy Mayor [REDACTED], CEO [REDACTED], Executive Officer to the Mayor [REDACTED], Personal Assistant to the Mayor [REDACTED], Div [REDACTED] Councillor [REDACTED], Div [REDACTED] Councillor [REDACTED] and well as Div [REDACTED] Councillor [REDACTED]. Setting aside the inappropriate use of council resources, the mayors visits to massage parlours and mistresses and other inappropriate secretive business meetings on some occasions the mayor made no attempt to hide or cover his inappropriate behaviour especially once alcohol had become involved.

10. (a) It is known that Mayor [REDACTED] had intermittent personal relationships with a number of women who had a direct relationship with Council, councils various business entities and the mayors business interests.

- [REDACTED] [REDACTED], previous mayors electorate officer.
- [REDACTED] Public Relations Manager, [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Industries
- [REDACTED] Ipswich Police Communications Centre
- [REDACTED] Ipswich Multi Cultural Ambassasor
- [REDACTED] Marketing Manager [REDACTED]

(b) It is known that ICC was fully aware of all the various women coming into the mayoral offices and the carryings on. Some even had nicknames that were known to ICC staff.

- [REDACTED] is 000 (pronounced 'triple O').
- [REDACTED] was 'yellow cabs'

(c) It is known that [REDACTED] had a very intimate relationship with Mayor [REDACTED]. She worked at the Police Communications Centre and was one of many mistresses. She sat beside the mayor at the table for an awards night at the Ipswich Civic Centre with the Police Commissioner and other VIP's. It is also known that the council vehicle and driver(s) were used to drop mayor [REDACTED] off at [REDACTED] residence in [REDACTED] Street Wulkuraka. It is known that the mayoral vehicle had a minor accident one night while turning around in the street and a council incident report was lodged. The Mayoral vehicle often dropped the Mayor off at this residence at night and would collect him there the following morning. It is also known that there were day-time visits to this premises as well all of which included council resources.

11. It is known that ICC Mayor [REDACTED] had a very close relationship with the [REDACTED] family. (The NSW ICAC, Australian Water Holdings [REDACTED]). The Mayor would call them often including on their birthdays and buy gifts for them on special occasions.

12. It is known that Mayor [REDACTED] had put a cap on some staff earnings and had staff working lengthy hours while negating traceable time sheets while staff attended to Mayor [REDACTED] business into all hours of the evening and early morning. Council officer [REDACTED] would construct and submit these time sheets ensuring certain staff were only paid minimum hours despite knowing the hours worked and demanded by the mayor and others commitments, both council, personal and private, far exceeded the hours on the timesheets being created internally.

SEP

13. It is known that Mayor [REDACTED] was seeing an Asian woman in [REDACTED] Street in Goodna just down from the IGA shopping centre. Mayor [REDACTED] visited on a number of occasions using council resources of mayoral vehicle and respective driver(s).

It is known that on one occasion Mayor [REDACTED] visited this same woman in the evening using his council vehicle and ordered the driver to wait parked up the street on the opposite side of the road while the mayor walked to the premises. It is known that after one visit to this woman's premises, Mayor [REDACTED] ordered a Council staff person to drive him to a furniture store. It is believed that this was [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] St Ipswich. The Mayor picked out a bed and returned to Council offices and organised council officer [REDACTED] to purchase the bed and have it delivered to the premises of the Asian woman.

It is known that this purchase was done using one of the Mayoral Community Funds.

14. It is known that there were plenty of other visits like this in other locations including Chermiside Road, 3 locations on the Gold Coast, as well as to other identified mistresses of Mayor [REDACTED] (see point 10 above). It is known that these visits were undertaken at all hours of the day and night using council resources including but not limited to Mayoral Car and driver(s).

15. It is known that [REDACTED] (ex LNP Premier) came to Ipswich to discuss security, a security company and cameras. It is believed that this was to do with the ICC Safe City Program. It is known that now ex-Mayor, [REDACTED] has had one on one meetings at [REDACTED] with [REDACTED], the former LNP Premier of Qld.

16. It is known that ex-mayor, [REDACTED] has had meetings with former treasurer [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] and the Mayor has also been there on occasions when [REDACTED] has been there as well. ([REDACTED] is the Federal Member for Dickson and the Minister for Immigration)

It is known that ex-mayor [REDACTED] would often telephone the Immigration Ministers office or department to make representations seeking assistance with immigration processing for young Asian women.

17. It is known that there have been numerous meetings between former Qld Premier [REDACTED] and former treasurer [REDACTED].

It is known that that on one occasion ICC ex-mayor [REDACTED] had a meeting with then Premier [REDACTED] at a private backroom table and not in the main restaurant.

18. It is known that [REDACTED], the former Editor of the [REDACTED], went to Thailand with then Mayor [REDACTED] to cover the story of the multi-million dollar resort that was supposed to happen at the Brookwater Golf Course that has not yet eventuated.

bef

It is understood that [REDACTED] was editor at the [REDACTED] when then Mayor [REDACTED] organised a job for him with Springfield shopping venture developer [REDACTED], who also has strong ties to then Mayor [REDACTED]. It is understood that this job was as media manager or similar.

19. It is known that ICC mayor [REDACTED] would sell people a dream but it was all lies. For example, before the 2016 election there was the wave pool that was supposed to be going into Ipswich. The new Developments and resorts, and [REDACTED] company that was, according to the mayor, going to have a distribution centre at Redbank. None of that happened and the claims of the mayor [REDACTED] were actually denied by those involved including the [REDACTED] company putting out a press release after [REDACTED] claims in which they denied the plan ever existed and he would continually go back on his word.
20. It is known that ICC Mayor [REDACTED] had another mistress from the business known as [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. A Ms [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. It is known that the then Mayor had two Rolex watches which he had a council staff person take to a Brisbane Street Jewellers in Ipswich to have some links taken out of the mens watch. These two Rolex watches were in a his & hers boxed set. The jeweller confirmed that they were 'very expensive watches'. The then Mayor kept the mens watch and gave the ladies watch to then mistress [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] [REDACTED], a firm that does conduct works for ICC and other associated entities.
21. It is known that ICC Executive Officer to the Mayor, Mr [REDACTED] wife had inside knowledge and was used to set up an opponent (candidate) during the 2016 election. It is known that during the mayoral candidate debate on the Spencer Howson program, [REDACTED] wife was used to deliver questions designed to set up mayoral candidate [REDACTED] in a negative way. This set-up was no secret. It is known that this was totally unethical and is suspected of involving a disclosure of confidential Council information to persons for political gain. It is known that Mrs [REDACTED] was given inside knowledge and loaded questions designed to ambush mayoral candidate [REDACTED].
22. It is known that then Mayor [REDACTED], Deputy Mayor [REDACTED], Councillor [REDACTED], PA to the mayor [REDACTED], PA to the mayor's husband [REDACTED] all went to Japan together to attend functions with a sister-city that ICC is signed up with. It is believed that this was a junket and a complete waste of time and council resources. On another occasion, it is known that then Mayor [REDACTED] went to Japan to visit the owner of [REDACTED] House.

ENDS

7 of 7