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EXHIBIT No. 240
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> From: YOUNG Peter
> Sent: Wednesday, 20 July 2005 10:42
> To: SHEPHERD Ted
> Subject: your concern

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> Peter Young

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> Yours sincerely

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: SHEPHERD Ted

> Sent: Friday, 22 July 2005 10:07

> To: YOUNG Peter

> Subject: Submission to Desley Boyle, Minister Local Government.

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> As per your offer, could you please supply me with a copy of the submission.

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> Cr Ted Shepherd

> Chair - City Planning Committee

> Councillor for Division 9.

> Gold Coast City Council.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: YOUNG Peter

> Sent: Friday, 22 July 2005 15:59

> To: SHEPHERD Ted

> Subject: RE: Submission to Desley Boyle, Minister Local Government.

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> Ted

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> what I 'offered' at Council on Monday was a copy of the document I sent to members of the community to accompany the amended version of the submission. It included the paragraph I referred for your attention in my two previous emails. The entire content is provided below.

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> I reconfirm my intent was not and is not to defame you or any other person. I deliberately removed information to try to prevent that from arising. If you are able to provide details relevant to your concern I am, as I previously advised, prepared to immediately issue a statement to rectify that.

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> regards

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> Peter

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> Hello

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> Please find attached an amended version of a submission I have today despatched to the Minister for Local Government, the Honourable Desley Boyle MP. In this document I seek to establish that there are facts and circumstances that must arouse the concern of the Minister sufficiently to launch a public enquiry into the Gold Coast City Council.

> I have unfortunately had to delete lots of names and huge amounts of detail from this version of the document so as to make the best attempt to protect myself from any defamation charges. This diminishes the quality of the document somewhat, but adds weight to my claim that the Minister needs to call an enquiry and have these matters (and others) brought out into the open - without the fear of strategic defamation suits to shut people up.

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> The section most heavily edited is principally about Councillors voting on matters involving developers who contributed to the trust fund. The real facts in that section are particularly intriguing. I provided to the Minister details of development proposals, election fund contributions, voting behaviour, etc.

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> My feeling is that the Queensland Government will be disinterested in launching yet another enquiry, especially into a Local Government. With all due respect to the State Government and its Ministers, I believe they have a very considerable obligation to defend and act in the public interest, which can only be served by undertaking a public enquiry.

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> I encourage you to read this document with an open mind and to make your own decision. Can you, and will you, help?

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