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Program: **PETER & ROSS BREAKFAST SHOW** Time: **07:11 AM**  
Compere: **PETER DICK & ROSS DAVIE** Summary ID: **B00020293243**

Item: **PETER DICK AND ROSS DAVIE TALK TO THEIR 'BROWN PAPER BAG REPORTER' CR DAWN CRICHLOW REGARDING THE CMC INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS THERE WAS A DEVELOPER BACKED ALLIANCE GOING INTO THE LAST GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL ELECTION.**

**INTERVIEWEES: CR DAWN CRICHLOW, GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL**

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**ROSS DAVIE:** Oh, look.

**PETER DICK:** Remember the ... I know, we've got ...

**DAVIE:** Brown Paper Bag reporter ... Dawn Crichlow.

**DICK:** CMC announced the investigation into the Gold Coast City Council back in September. Investigation went into whether there was a developer backed alliance going into the last council election and they're investigation whether Gold Coast voters were duped into believing the developer funded candidates were independents.

**DAVIE:** Now David Power was grilled yesterday. He's the deputy mayor ... he's the bloke we spoke to a few

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months ago who said the Gold Coast is underdeveloped.

DICK: Did you hear that ...

DAVIE: There's still room for more building and more development there. Did you know that, Dawn.

DAWN CRICHLOW: Yes.

DICK: You think it's underdeveloped too, do you, Councillor.

CRICHLOW: No.

DAVIE: No.

DICK: We asked ... we've Councillor Dawn Crichlow from the Gold Coast City Council who was one of the whistleblowers about this.

DAVIE: That's right.

DICK: You must be reasonably satisfied with progress, so far.

CRICHLOW: Oh look, I think they've gone from the health inquiry, I think the idol down here at the moment is Mr Needham and Mr Mulholland. You know, they're really going from strength to strength. It's like the onion, said it in *The Bulletin* today, the layers are being peeled off and there'll be many



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councillors with tears in their eyes at Christmas, one would suspect.

DAVIE: A good analogy. The layers are being peeled off and councillors with tears in their eyes. Lot of onion speak.

DICK: It was suggested by Robert Mulholland QC yesterday. He came out and said that Councillor David Power, he's the deputy mayor, deliberately chose to lie to *The Gold Coast Bulletin*. That's a huge call.

CRICHLLOW: Certainly is, isn't it? And that journalist, she won a Walkley.

DAVIE: Yeah.

DICK: Yeah.

CRICHLLOW: You don't win a Walkley if you don't report the truth.

DAVIE: Yeah, tell fibs. David Power says the suggestion that he has lied is very offensive and journalists simply did not ask the right questions.

CRICHLLOW: Oh yes, but he also said all that under privilege, didn't he?

DAVIE: I see.



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DICK: Yes.

DAVIE: All right ...

DICK: Where does it go from here, Dawn? How many more sittings do you have of the Crime and Misconduct Commission Inquiry?

CRICHLow: Oh no, this is it. I think today will finish it off. I think ...

DAVIE: Oh, do you?

CRICHLow: I think David Power will finish it off today. And then Mr Mulholland will write his report on it, give it to the people that are involved; maybe, if there's going to be charges laid, I don't know, and then ... and he'll give them chance to answer and then he'll come back in, I think, the first week in February. So we'll still be having a very hostile council til February, one would say.

DAVIE: Yes.

DICK: Yes. So thing's a pretty hostile in the council meetings at the moment?

CRICHLow: Oh, dreadful. Shocking. This is the worst council ... it's been the worst year of any council I've ever been on.

DICK: Yeah. We spoke to your mayor, yesterday ...



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DAVIE: Ron Clarke.

DICK: ... Ron Clarke. And we mentioned your name and he said, oh, I've never heard of her.

CRICHLow: [*Laughs*] He fell off the stage last week, too, and then was gonna sue Terry Jackman for pushing him, he said.

DAVIE: [*Laughs*]

DICK: What's this ... what's this all about?

CRICHLow: I don't know.

DAVIE: Is that right?

DICK: Curious character [INAUDIBLE].

CRICHLow: Yeah, it is a classic that.

DAVIE: You're ...

DICK: You're a classic.

DAVIE: Dawn, is there sort of name calling and snide remarks going back and forth between councillors? Is there an air of ... can you cut the air with a knife at these meetings?



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CRICHLOW: Oh, absolutely. We had our last meeting on Monday and it was just absolutely shocking. I heard one councillor say to the other one, I saw you in Southport, why would you be in that place where that ugly woman is.

DICK: Who's the ugly woman?

CRICHLOW: Me.

DICK: Ooh, are they that nasty to you, Dawn?

CRICHLOW: Yeah. They say it loud enough so as you can hear it, but ...

DICK: Oh, really.

DAVIE: That's awful.

CRICHLOW: ... but it's not very nice at all.

DAVIE: No.

DICK: What do you think is gonna happen, Dawn? Have you got a tip or not? You don't want to go there perhaps?

CRICHLOW: Well I think the only thing that can happen is an administrator put in. Because certainly ... certainly, the people have got no confidence in this council whatsoever and I've got no confidence in this council whatsoever. And it's not working for



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the goodness of the people. And as you say, we're a massive pro-development area, the fastest area in Australia, and so we want this area to be run properly.

DICK: All right. And Robert Mulholland will write that recommendation, is that what you're saying?

CRICHLLOW: No I'm not say ... I'm not pre-empting anything.

DAVIE: Right.

DICK: No, no ... but he is the man who's gonna write the recommendation about what should happen?

CRICHLLOW: Oh, absolutely.

DICK: And he's the one who said yesterday, the deputy mayor lied. So, it's not looking too good.

CRICHLLOW: Not too good.

DAVIE: It's got a touch of the Gordon Nuttall's about it, hasn't it?

DICK: Not looking too good at all. You haven't got any doctor jokes before you go, Dawn?

[IRRELEVANT INFORMATION]



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DICK:

Dawn Crichlow, councillor for the Gold Coast who blew the whistle for the Crime and Misconduct Commission Inquiry.

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