

Submission 7 – Greg and Joan Darlington

[REDACTED]

We saw your organization's article in our local edition of the Gold Coast Bulletin dated 4 June 16.

We believe our story is an example of what can happen when you ask the question "Making allegations of corrupt conduct public: Is it in the public interest?" and don't answer in the affirmative.

We have been dealing with [REDACTED] corruption and disclosure issues since 9.4.10, and we are so excited that we may have an "ear" that will listen to our concerns and allow us to assist your organization to "make changes". Our submission, of what happened to us, is an example of what can happen to citizens when [REDACTED] personnel are not made accountable for their actions and are not open to public scrutiny and hide behind Legislative Exemptions to Laws i.e. The RTI Act.

Our submission will be in two parts:

1. A brief resume of who we are and how we got to this point in our lives, and
2. Our attempt to get "some" Right to Information from the [REDACTED] over the period from 9.4.10 up to the present time - and its still ongoing. This part will be in the form of the evidence we provided to a QCAT Hearing [REDACTED]

Part 1.

We are two Pensioners (Joan Darlington [REDACTED] and Greg Darlington [REDACTED]). Up until the evening of 9.4.10 we were "clean skins" within the [REDACTED]. On that night we saved a man from further serious injuries by intervening in a 6 person on 1 assault (a vicious cowardly bashing). For our actions we were awarded, by the Australian Governor General, a Bravery Award, (the first married couple to receive a Bravery Award for the same action in the history of Australian Awards). Details of our involvement are contained in an Interview with ABC Radio [REDACTED] on Sunday 1.9.13 (on ABC Website - Internet) and a 2 page article in the Gold Coast Bulletin of 21.9.13, by Senior Reporter [REDACTED].

Now the problem, 4 of the 6 persons involved in the assault are closely related to a [REDACTED]. We were the main witnesses to the bashing and our treatment by the Local and then the State HQ [REDACTED] -of the [REDACTED] - beggars belief (details are contained in the attached submission, see link below) - hence our efforts to get some form of RTI. Of the 6 persons involved 1 was not charged, 1 was charged but later acquitted (wrong charge) and of the other 4 - 3 pleaded guilty before trail - and got a fine and the final person (the leader) got a 12

month suspended jail sentence (the relationship, to the [REDACTED] - [REDACTED]).

We have attempted to get RTI details as to our treatment and false allegations by [REDACTED] but "EXEMPTION LAWS" are preventing us getting any answers or justice. Attached is our latest (condensed) Court Appearance evidence before [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. His summing up, available from Court Recordings [REDACTED] [REDACTED], will show how [REDACTED] sympathised with us but stated he was required to rule purely on law - which he appeared to question. Our Appeal for a copy of our Personal Records and the Investigating Officers Report into [REDACTED] involvement was refused (using the Exemption Rule to the Right to Information Laws), to protect [REDACTED].

We have made an application on 17.12.15 to the Registry of the Supreme Court of Appeal Brisbane to take our RTI to the next level - but feel we are only highlighting a problem that will only be resolved with some amendments to the RTI Exemption Laws, which favour [REDACTED], but appear to give no "justice" to the ordinary citizen. They can make false allegations and statements on citizens and never have to provide any evidence to support them.

Part 2.

We have attached (see below) a condensed copy of the evidence we provided to our QCAT Hearing [REDACTED] on 25.8.15, which will highlight our concerns re "[REDACTED] Disclosure Issues and Accountability". IN PARTICULAR THE EVIDENCE RE THE FALSE ALLEGATIONS MADE AGAINST US [REDACTED].

Summary.

This has been an ongoing saga for over 6 years for us and a big burden on our "retired" life but we feel our reputation, integrity and social standing is in question and thus we will continue our fight against, what we class as [REDACTED] corruption and non-disclosure issues, and hopefully get some justice, and help to make changes for future citizens. We are available at any time to discuss these issues and have some input into how "things should change". [REDACTED]-has a hearing problem and finds it difficult to converse over the phone but we are available for a face to face interview re these matters. We strongly believe that, whilst the [REDACTED] have Laws to "hide behind", they will use them as they have in our case, and the public deserve better. We have had a number of FALSE Allegations made against us but the [REDACTED] don't have to provide one piece of evidence to validate any of them.

Kind Regards

Greg and Joan Darlington
12/6/16

ATTACHMENT TO SUBMISSION BY GREG AND JOAN DARLINGTON :-















































































