



June 2016

# **Making allegations of corrupt conduct public**

## Is it in the public interest?

Submission form

## **Lodging a submission**

Send your submission to us by **5pm Thursday 30 June 2016** by any of the following methods:

Online: <[www.ccc.qld.gov.au/publicisingallegations/](http://www.ccc.qld.gov.au/publicisingallegations/)>

Post: Publicising allegations  
Crime and Corruption Commission  
Policy and Research  
GPO Box 3123 Brisbane Qld 4001

Email: [publicisingallegations@ccc.qld.gov.au](mailto:publicisingallegations@ccc.qld.gov.au)

Fax: 07 3360 6333

We may not consider late submissions.

## Do you wish to maintain partial or complete confidentiality?

We will generally publish submissions on our website — including the name of the submitter but no contact details. If you would prefer to maintain partial or complete confidentiality, please indicate your preference by selecting one of the following:

- NAME WITHHELD — PARTIAL CONFIDENTIALITY**  
I consent to my submission being published on the CCC website, without my name being disclosed.
- CONFIDENTIAL — COMPLETE CONFIDENTIALITY**  
I do not consent to my submission being published on the CCC website.

If there is no clear selection of one of these alternatives, we will regard any submission (including an anonymous submission) as a public document, and will publish it on our website.

The CCC may quote from your submission or refer to it, either generally or individually, in publications.

### Privacy statement

No submission marked as confidential will be published on our website. However, any submission may be subject to disclosure under the *Right to Information Act 2009* and the *Information Privacy Act 2009*, and applications to access submissions will be determined in accordance with those Acts.

If you provide your details, we may contact you to ask whether you consent to further consultation for the purposes of this project.

## Your details

*Provide as much or as little information as you wish.*

Name(s):	<input type="text"/>		
Organisation:	<input type="text" value="COOK SHIRE RATEPAYERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC."/>		
Address:	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>		
Phone:	<input type="text"/>	Mobile:	<input type="text"/>
		Fax:	<input type="text"/>
Email:	<input type="text" value="REDACTED"/>		

## Your submission

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You may wish to address the following considerations in your submission.

### Open, transparent and accountable government

It is our association's belief that Queensland does not have open, transparent and accountable government. Such government not only needs to occur; but also needs "to be seen" to occur. How can the public be assured the CCC will correctly interpret what is in the public interest? We submit the complaints process is in need of urgent review, and that more importantly, public trust in the CCC needs to be restored before curtailing the rights of complainants and whistleblowers.

### Freedom of speech

We believe a complainant's basic right to freedom of expression should not be curtailed. Complainants should be able to disclose and/or publish that they have made a complaint to any body. Furthermore, if the investigating body is doing their job properly and without fear or favour, one could assume the complainant will be satisfied with their processes and outcomes. We also believe that more protection should be provided to the complainant. It is our understanding if a complaint is made today to CCC regarding a local government then the CCC will send the complaint back to the Council in question for preliminary assessment i.e. Caesar judging Caesar, and no protection afforded the complainant.

### Reputation of alleged subject officers

Our association can see no justification for providing public officials, including politicians with exemptions not afforded the ordinary person. Furthermore, sections 216 and 216A of the Crime and Corruption Act 2001 provides redress for frivolous or improper complaints and sections 217 and 218 provides for false or misleading statements and documents.

### Fair trial

We support fair trials for all parties. As the reporting of untested allegations occurs now in criminal proceedings, within currently established legal guidelines, we don't support those facing corruption allegations be given any extra and further protections not given to the ordinary person facing an alleged crime.

## Effectiveness of the CCC

As the taxpayer funds the CCC, the public is entitled to know how effective this body is in investigating public sector corruption. Reports indicate the CCC fails to assess more than 98% of received complaints. Given less than 2% are assessed and the rest largely go missing this requires explanation and redress.

We support the suggestion by Constance R Andrews In Submission 55 to publish publically “statistical and analytical information on allegations brought before the CCC to demonstrate and reassure the Queensland Public that the CCC is maintaining vigilance for systemic or culturally engrained Crime or Misconduct concerning Institutions within the CCC's jurisdiction”.

## Other

Our association has grave reservations regarding the current role of LGAQ in local government, their value for money and lack of regard to what is in the real public interest. They are a self-serving body assisting CEOs, mayors and councilors. Our shire currently lives with the effects of their ill informed and costly decisions, beginning with the selection of key Council personnel and then permeating into critical administrative decisions with little or no local knowledge.



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