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Subject: New services to help keep domestic violence victims safe

Media release



Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence
The Honourable Shannon Fentiman

New services to help keep domestic violence victims safe

Victims of domestic and family violence in Far North Queensland will soon have access to greater support with an extra \$3.7 million in funding over five years announced for local services.

Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence Shannon Fentiman said the funding boost included extra funds for Cairns and the Tablelands and a new service for the Cassowary Coast, where there is no dedicated domestic violence support service.

"Domestic violence is having a devastating impact on our Queensland community and the Far North has some of the highest rates in the state," Ms Fentiman said.

"More and more people are taking the brave step of speaking out and seeking help and we've got to have the services there to support them.

"This funding will help provide better access to specialist counselling, information and support which can make all the difference to people affected by domestic and family violence.

Member for Cairns Rob Pyne welcomed the increase in funding for the Cairns Regional Domestic Violence Service for its Cairns-based service and further support for the Tablelands.

"Domestic and family violence is something we need to be standing up against as a community and I believe the people of Cairns are committed to doing that," Mr Pyne said.

"I know what a fantastic job the dedicated team do to help victims of domestic violence here in Cairns and this boost will help cater for increasing demand for their much-needed services."

The Far North Queensland funding package includes:

- Cairns Regional Domestic Violence Service will receive an extra \$1.53 million over five years to provide new services for the Tablelands, beginning in March.
- Cairns Regional Domestic Violence Service will also receive an extra \$209,000 until mid-2018 for domestic and family violence counselling services, including more than \$28,000 to provide safety upgrades. This builds on a recent \$88,000 provided in one-off funds to help the service meet increased demand.

- Tully Support Centre will receive \$1.82 million over five years for new services including counselling for adults and children on the Cassowary Coast and court based support at the Innisfail and Tully Magistrates Courts.

Further funds targeting support for Cape York will be available in the next round of funding for services to start in August 2016.

The funding is part of an overall \$49 million commitment over five years to increase local services working to tackle domestic and family violence and delivers on a number of recommendations in the *Not Now, Not Ever* report

For more information on the Government's actions to tackle domestic and family violence in Queensland go to www.communities.qld.gov.au/gateway/end-domestic-and-family-violence/queensland-government-response

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Attachments: Nine Morning News - Monday 25 January 2016.pdf

Good afternoon

Please see attached and below for a summary of relevant Queensland Government stories that aired on *Nine Morning News – Queensland Edition* this morning.

The below news stories have been selected for their relevance to the Queensland Government. For clips of the stories, please contact mediareporters@premiers.qld.gov.au

Nine Morning News - Qld Edition – 11.30am (Nine Network)

- An Ambulance Officer was allegedly attacked while treating a female patient at the Regatta Hotel overnight. The woman has been charged with two counts of serious assault of a public officer, and was granted bail to face court on the ninth of February. There were two other attacks on Paramedics in Queensland last night.
- An air and land search has resumed to find a 19 year old who went missing in dangerous surf at Noosa. He hasn't been seen since yesterday afternoon.
- All but one of the State's Premiers and Territory leaders have signed a declaration calling for an Australian head of State.
- A blaze has ripped through a Gold Coast massage parlour overnight, causing extensive damage. No one was injured.
- Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull has put on a morning tea for the Australian of the Year finalists.
- Queensland Cabinet prepares for its first meeting of the year. On top of the list of priorities will be the new alcohol-fuelled violence legislation. 'Only one vote' keeps Anastacia Palaszczuk Premier and Lawrence Springborg Opposition Leader. Overnight Rob Pyne, Cairns MP, told The Australian he 'can't guarantee' the Government his vote past the first sittings of Parliament in February.

Cheers,
Morgan



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Sent: Tuesday, 8 March 2016 9:56 AM
To: @Premiers Office; Anastacia Palaszczuk
Subject: 612 ABC Mornings - Rob Pyne - 8 March
Attachments: Transcript - 612ABC - Mornings - Rob Pyne and Steve Austin - Tuesday 8 March 2016.pdf

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Peter Nibbs

From: Matt Collins
Sent: Wednesday, 16 March 2016 11:15 AM
To: Kate Adams; Peter Nibbs
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From: Susan McGrady
Sent: Wednesday, 16 March 2016 10:33 AM
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To: @Media Advisors
Cc: Angela MacDonagh; Jason Humphreys; Emma Freeman; Denise Spinks; Peter Clarke; Ian Hutcheon; Wendy Bourne
Subject: Russ Morgan, the North and the apology
Attachments: CairnsPost30012016.PNG

Russ Morgan

Thanks again for spending some time with Russ Morgan at our first Last Friday Forum yesterday.

As you could tell, Russ is a person of great integrity, experience and enthusiasm. Working with him is one of the highlights of my life.

For me, some of the key messages from our conversation with Russ were:

- our work is very important and carries great responsibility – our role is to help tell the people of Queensland what the Government of Queensland is doing on their behalf (most often with their money)
- localised stories (not matter how small) are the difference in the regions and the suburbs – so take the time to localise a centralised announcement
- there is no more important stakeholder than the local MPs and giving them material to get the message out locally
- we are professionals and we need to respect the professionalism of those in the media we work with (he said there were some exceptions to this during the Goss Government and he presumed there would be some exceptions today) but there should never be exceptions in how we work with the media. If we are courteous and responsive, the journalist is more likely to call us to guide them through a pile of information the Opposition and others might have given them – it is about forging a relationship beyond the next edition or radio/TV bulletin.

The other thing it reminded me of – and it's a good reminder for all of us – there's a lot of Queenslanders who want/need us to do well.

The North

Please see attached the front page of today's Cairns Post.

Thanks so much to Scott Forbes (Treasurer) for bringing this together, including the press conference with the Treasurer and our local MPs Rob Pyne and Craig Crawford to make the announcement at the site for the Cairns Special School.

Think about the Cairns Special School – the LNP promised it in 2012 only because Labor had already pledged to build it. The LNP didn't fund or build it. The Palaszczuk Labor Government is; and we are accelerating the build and the 70 FTE jobs that goes with it. Cairns will no longer will be a major provincial city without a dedicated Special School thanks to the Government we are all working in.

The story wasn't possible without Matt Jutsum (Education), Tim Shipstone (Energy and Roads) and Peter Clarke (Public Works) and their offices.

BTW I sent the front page to Russ (who is a northerner) this morning. His response: "rolled gold".

The apology

This week, I prepared a media statement for our hard-working Member for Mackay Julieanne Gilbert on the Accelerated Works Program in her region.

The announcement was correct, but I had not asked Minister Bailey's office to check it. One of the items in the release referred to works at Abbot Point, and while it was not related to the Adani Carmichael Coal project, the lack of detail in the release I prepared led some stakeholders to misinterpret the Government's action.

This created a lot of traffic and push back, particularly for Minister Bailey's office. The Minister had to take time out of his schedule to remedy the situation with a video message and clean up media reports based on stakeholder group's comments. It was my mistake not to liaise with Minister Bailey's office prior to the release and created a distraction for a lot of people.

It's was a lesson for me – the Minister's office is the domain expert and we need to consider the stakeholder/industry association reaction.

I let down the team. Please accept my apologies.

If you're in Gladstone tomorrow, I will see you there. If not, I hope you have a good weekend. As discussed, will schedule our weekly Ministerial Media Advisers Meeting for next Friday – keen to discuss preparations for Parliament.

Kirby



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Exempt Sch.3(2)(1)(b) reveal cabinet considerations

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From: Wendy Bourne
Sent: Tuesday, 2 February 2016 3:45 PM
To: Elly Begley
Subject: Cairns State High School Performance Sports Centre project
Attachments: SIGNED VERSION Ministerial response to Mr Rob Pyne MP regarding Cairns....pdf

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Elly would you mind keeping a table for Rob Pyne thanks. Can you call this one Cairns State High School Performance Sports Centre project

Hi Wendy,

As discussed –

In March Rob requested funding for a Cairns High Performance Sports Centre project at Cairns SHS entailing –

- Extending the multi-court play area and providing an all-weather roof
- Renewal of the swimming pool into a modern aquatic centre with new amenities, solar heating and a hydrotherapy pool
- Relocation and expansion of weights training centre

The Minister replied to Rob's request in March (letter attached) outlining that funding must be allocated to areas of greatest need.

At this point, funding for the construction of Cairns Special School has been considered a priority above this project at Cairns SHS.

I will seek further advice on this.

Thanks,

Emma



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To: Wendy Bourne <Wendy.Bourne@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: FW: SPENDING IN THE NORTH

Wendy,
Please note below.

I told Angela at the school the Premier will visit in due course. Can Premier's arrange this with the school?

Thanks.

Rob.

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Cc: s.73 Email Address WOOD, Rob (rwood234) <rwood234@eq.edu.au>
Subject: SPENDING IN THE NORTH

Rob

A good article on the weekend in the Cairns Post.

Any news for CSHS Sports Performance Centre.

Many thanks

Angela Toppin
Principal

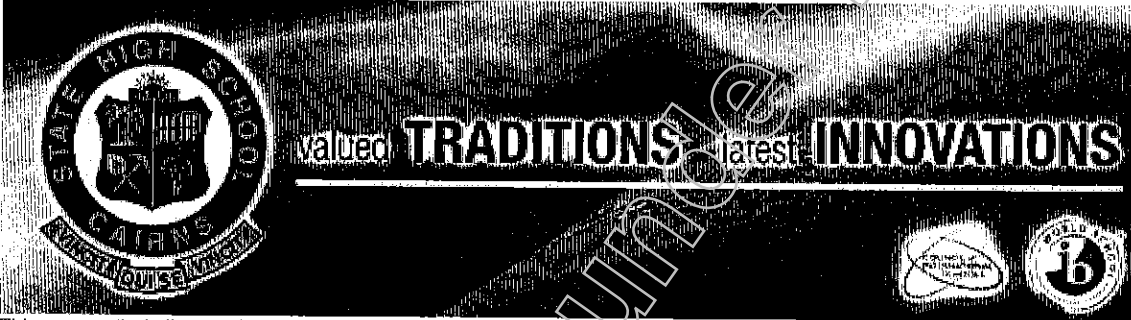
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Mary-Anne Munro

From: Wendy Bourne
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To: External - Rob Pyne
Subject: Confidential: Cairns State High School

Hi Rob

As you know, the Premier at Caucus yesterday announced the Working Queensland Cabinet Committee dates. The date for Cairns is 18 March 2016. The Premier indicated to you on the phone that she would like to use that opportunity to look around Cairns State High School.

At this point, this information is confidential as we are still working through the Premier's diary. So if you could keep it to yourself just at this time, we would be very grateful. I will be back in touch.

Regards.



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Cc: External - Cairns Electorate Office <cairns@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Subject: RE: Any news on when the Premier is intending to visit??
Importance: High

Wendy/Premier,
Pls note below.
Can you answer this please?
Thanks.
Rob.

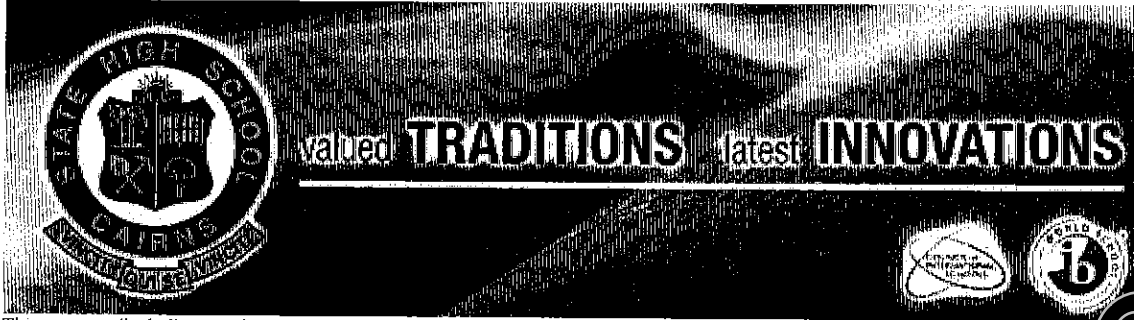
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Many thanks

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Cc: Mary-Anne Munro; David Lee; Elly Begley; Kirby Anderson
Subject: Rob Pyne MP
Attachments: Cairns State High School Performance Sports Centre project

Hi Emma

As previously discussed, the Premier, at this point, is going to Cairns on the 18 March to attend a Working Queensland Cabinet Committee meeting. The Premier hopefully will also be touring Cairns State High School to view the School Performance Centre project at the school.

In relation to the \$50k for this project, can I get your advice on the best way for the Premier to make this announcement whilst there.

Many thanks.



Wendy Bourne

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Attachments: Deputy Premier Brief - Noting Brief - meeting with QLGRA reps on 19 Nove....pdf; ATT00001.htm; Attachment 1 - COS letter for response to QLGRA Mr Bob JOHNSON.PDF; ATT00002.htm; NRN - Support the request from Rob Pyne ~anging inquiry into the conduct....pdf; ATT00003.htm; Deputy Premier Brief - Noting Brief - meeting with Local Government Refo....pdf; ATT00004.htm

Peter in our office and the department met with QLGRA last year.

Please see below.

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Subject: QLGRA Meeting - MBN15/2043

Hi Erin

The Department (Max Barrie) and Peter Clarke met with QLGRA on 19 November 2015. The attached MBN refers. The meeting came about from the attached correspondence addressed to the Premier. Also refer to the paragraph one of the MBN under the Background section.

Attached is Matt's response to the QLGRA following the meeting.

The Department met with them in August. The Department provided an information brief to the DPs office about the meeting. I have attached this also.

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16 DEC 2015

DILGP – BRIEF FOR DECISION

ESU

Date: 27 November 2015

SUBJECT: Meeting with representatives of the Queensland Local Government Reform Alliance Inc. (QLGRA) held on Thursday, 19 November 2015

NOTED or APPROVED/NOT APPROVED

Hon. Jackie Trad MP
Deputy Premier,
Minister for Infrastructure,
Local Government and Planning
and Minister for Trade and Investment

Date: 15/12/15.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That you:

- note the issues discussed at a recent meeting held with representatives of the QLGRA
- approve the proposed response prepared on your behalf, to Mr Bob Johnson, Chairman of the QLGRA, for signature by Mr Matt Collins, Chief of Staff (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND:

On 1 November 2015, Mr Bob Johnson, Chairman of the QLGRA, wrote to you and the Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for the Arts, indicating the QLGRA's support for Mr Rob Pyne MP, Member for Cairns, and his recent proposal that the Government implement a State-wide inquiry into the conduct of local governments in Queensland (Attachment 2). In addition, the QLGRA requested a meeting with you to discuss this matter, and the Government's policy position in relation to significant local government boundary reviews.

In response to this request, Mr Peter Clarke, Senior Advisor in your office, agreed to meet with QLGRA representatives on your behalf.

On 19 November 2015, Mr Clarke and Mr Max Barrie, Director Program Implementation and Review, Local Government and Regional Services in the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the Department), met with the following QLGRA representatives:

- Mr Bob Johnson, Chairman QLGRA and Chairman Save Our Shires Action Group Stanthorpe Inc
- Colonel Ken Park (retired), Strategies Officer QLGRA and Chairman Reclaim Caboolture Shire Inc
- Mr Joseph Monsour, Secretary QLGRA and Secretary Boonah Local Government Reform Group
- Mr Cliff Thomas, Vice Chair QLGRA (Maryborough)
- Mr Tony Richmond, Vice President, Capella Peak Downs Shire De-amalgamation Committee.

By way of further background, officers of the Department previously met with representatives of the QLGRA on 26 August 2015 to discuss the Government's policy in relation to local government de-amalgamation proposals and significant local government boundary changes.

KEY ISSUES:

Out the outset, it was confirmed with the QLGRA that the Government's current policy position in relation to proposals for de-amalgamations and significant local government boundary changes remains unchanged. This policy requires the following criteria to be met before a referral to the Local Government Change Commission (Change Commission) is considered:

- a request from the local communities affected by the proposed change
- a resolution supporting the proposed change from the affected local government(s)
- assessments demonstrating the future financial sustainability of the affected local government(s) including an agreement on the transfer of assets and liabilities and the impacts on existing local government employees that would be affected by the proposed change.

Author details: Position: Telephone:	Nicole Zavodski Senior Project Officer, PIR 3452 6752	Endorsed by: Position: Telephone: Date:	Max Barrie Director, PIR 3452 6704 As per Source approval	Endorsed by: DDG: Telephone: Date:	Stephen Johnston Local Government and Regional Services 3452 6769 As per Source approval	Endorsed by: Telephone: Date:	Frankie Carroll Director-General 3452 6787 29/11/2015
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In addition, the Government would only implement a recommendation of the Change Commission after a successful referendum of all residents affected by the proposed change. The QLGRA representatives were also advised that the Government has no plans to undertake a review of the effectiveness of local government amalgamations in 2008.

Notwithstanding this, the QLGRA were invited to put forward any additional suggestions for your consideration.

The QLGRA cited the recent representations by Mr Pyne on behalf of various groups and individuals who have called for a wide-ranging review of the local government system. While no specific instances in relation to the maladministration of a local government or individual councillor conduct were raised by the QLGRA, clarification was provided in relation to the role of various authorities involved in investigating and dealing with local government related complaints. Discussions included the role of the Minister for Local Government and the differing roles of the Department, the Crime and Corruption Commission and the Queensland Police Service in conducting investigations into councillor misconduct and corrupt conduct complaints.

Of primary concern to the QLGRA, however, is the Government's policy in relation to significant local government boundary changes. In addition to issues raised previously by the QLGRA at its meeting with Departmental representatives on 26 August 2015 (**Attachment 3**), the QLGRA reiterated its concerns that the current policy is too rigid. It also re-stated that the requirement for local governments to agree to significant boundary changes is difficult to achieve and that councils often have a conflict of interest in considering such proposals.

In support of this argument, the QLGRA raised the decision made by the Central Highlands Regional Council in response to a petition seeking support for the de-amalgamation of the former Peak Downs Shire. On 9 September 2015, the Central Highlands Regional Council resolved not to support this proposal. As the vote was split, the Mayor used his casting vote to oppose the proposal, effectively stifling the petitioners' wishes for a proper review to be conducted on this issue.

Ultimately, the QLGRA would like to see the Government reconsider its policy position, suggesting that an independent review is the only fair and equitable option. In addition, the QLGRA voiced its views that any costs associated with a potential de-amalgamation or realignment scenario should be borne by the State Government, and not the affected local governments or their communities.

The QLGRA argues that rates and charges in some local government areas have doubled since the 2008 local government amalgamations, and that the realignment or reduction in the size of some local government areas would provide for more sustainable communities into the future.

In lieu of its initial request for a State-wide review of local government boundaries across Queensland, the QLGRA suggested that the State implement a pilot review of two amalgamated local government areas in a bid to progress this issue further.

Having regard to the Government's policy, the Department does not recommend the State consider the QLGRA's proposal for the State to conduct a pilot review unless it is consistent with the policy. At this time, the QLGRA has not demonstrated that the three requirements of the policy have been met.

As a follow-up to this meeting, it is proposed the attached letter be signed by the Chief of Staff, on your behalf, thanking the QLGRA for bringing these issues to your attention.

ELECTION COMMITMENT:

This matter does not relate to an election commitment.

RESULTS OF CONSULTATION:

No consultation was undertaken.

RIGHT TO INFORMATION: Contents/attachments suitable for publication?

Yes No

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY: Is there a media opportunity for the DP's Office?

Yes No

06 NOV 2015

QUEENSLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM ALLIANCE INC



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01 November 2015

The Premier,
The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk MP
PO Box 15185
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cc Deputy Premier, Jackie Trad MP; Rob Pyne MP

Dear Premier,

Copy to the Hon. J. Trad MP.

As Chair of the Queensland Local Government Reform Alliance I write to support the request from Rob Pyne MP for your government to initiate a broad ranging inquiry into the conduct of local government in Queensland. We note the tabling of comprehensive documents in State Parliament by the Member for Cairns Rob Pyne MP on 14 October 2015 regarding this matter.

We understand that the documents relate to Exempt Sch.3(12)(1) Prohibited by Act

Mr Pyne's papers raise a large number of issues such as bullying, undemocratic behaviour, political contributions from favoured suppliers and so on. As we understand it, the nature of local council governance is seriously affected by the 'legal relationship' between developers and suppliers and local councils. As we understand it, there is no legal impediment to a Mayor and Councillors making a decision favourable to a developer/supplier and then those same Mayor and Councillors receiving financial contributions towards their political campaigns and re-election. Then it is the ratepayers, (your electors) already under the strain of the increasing cost of living including rocketing rate rises, who will pay for these unscrutinised 'deals'.

One has to ask how it is that these serious matters, which strike at the heart of democracy and confidence in fair process and procedure within local governments in Queensland, have not been immediately taken up by your Government?

We note the Minister for Local Government Jackie Trad MP has commented that these matters raised by Mr Pyne MP have already been investigated by her department and the complaints not substantiated.

Her reaction to Mr Pyne's call for an inquiry to ensure that good governance at local government level prevails is disappointing to say the least.

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People may be tempted to ask that if all such allegations are treated as frivolous by the Department, is there something that your government would not like exposed? It would be folly to believe these practices are only isolated to those two particular councils. We know that some of our QLGRA member groups in other regions have raised serious issues of corruption in their councils and after investigation by the Department they have been advised that there is no evidence of said corruption. It is becoming a common story and communities are likely to become seriously disenchanted with the process.

The code of conduct provisions and the unfettered power of Mayors and their CEOs embedded within the Local Government Act are very concerning, and make it very possible that similar practices exist within other Queensland councils.

We support Mr Pyne's call for a state judicial inquiry into not just these two councils, but a state-wide inquiry seeking to flush out similar and other questionable practices in councils throughout Queensland.

Only then can we be satisfied that local government in Queensland is being administered fairly and in the public interest by elected and employed local government officials.

Yours faithfully,



Chairman -

Jackie,
P.S. We would like to meet with you sometime soon to discuss this and other issues which deserve a proper inquiry, as discussed with Max Beattie in August. Many of our member organisations are looking at next year's council elections to register their dissatisfaction and we feel that an inquiry into the aspects Rob Pyne has raised, and more generally into the large amalgamated councils should be discussed as soon as possible.

Rob,



Deputy Premier
Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
and Minister for Trade and Investment

Our ref: MBN15/2043

16 DEC 2015

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Mr Bob Johnson
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Dear Mr Johnson

Thank you for your letter of 1 November 2015 to the Honourable Jackie Trad MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment, requesting a meeting to discuss the State Government's policy position in relation to significant local government boundary reviews and your organisation's support for an inquiry into the conduct of local governments in Queensland. The Deputy Premier has asked that I respond on her behalf.

I am informed that representatives of the Queensland Local Government Reform Alliance Inc. met with officers of the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning on 26 August 2015 and again with the Deputy Premier's Senior Advisor, Mr Peter Clarke on 19 November 2015 to discuss these issues.

On behalf of the Deputy Premier, thank you for raising your concerns. I can confirm the Deputy Premier has been briefed on the content of both of those discussions.

Notwithstanding this, the Government's policy position in relation to de-amalgamations and significant boundary change proposals remains unchanged.

Exempt Sch.3(12)(1) Prohibited by Act

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Mr Max Barrie, Director Program Implementation and Review, Local Government and Regional Services in the Department on 3452 6704 or by email at max.barrie@dilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

MATT COLLINS
CHIEF OF STAFF

Kate Adams

From: Angela MacDonagh
Sent: Monday, 29 February 2016 8:21 AM
To: Peter Nibbs; Kate Adams; Mark Biddulph
Subject: Fwd: PID BRIEF
Attachments: Deputy Premier Noting Briefing - Tabled report by Rob Pyne - Exempt Sch.3(12)(1) Prohibited by Act
ATT00001.htm; Attachment 1 - [redacted]
[redacted] PDF; ATT00002.htm

FYA for briefing of premier

Regards

Angela MacDonagh
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Matt Collins <Matt.Collins@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Date: 28 February 2016 at 10:35:46 AM AEST
To: Angela MacDonagh <[redacted]>
Subject: FW: PID BRIEF

FYI – DP asked me to forward this to you for your / Premier's information

Thanks
Matt

Begin forwarded message:

From: Frankie Carroll <Frankie.Carroll@dilgp.qld.gov.au>
Date: 26 February 2016 at 11:44:04 PM AEST
To: Hon Jackie Trad <[redacted]>
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DP

PiD brief as discussed today - paper copy sent home in bag

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Kate Adams

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Regards

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Also, for the sake of completeness, here's the 2 letters we sent to Rob regarding the 2 previous tranches of tabled material.

Thanks
Matt

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3 DEC 2015

Mr Robert Pyne MP
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Dear Mr Pyne *Rob,*

Thank you for your emails about issues raised with you by members of the public in respect to their concerns with their local governments.

The Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the Department) has reviewed the emails you provided as the basis for your call for an inquiry into the local government system in Queensland. The Department is of the opinion the issues amount to localised matters specific to each of the local governments in question and do not provide cogent evidence of systemic problems with the local government system that would justify an inquiry into local government.

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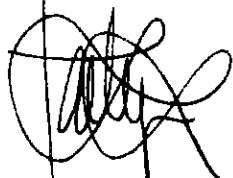
As you are aware, local governments in Queensland are autonomous, with a range of responsibilities and mechanisms to appropriately deal with matters including planning, compliance and complaint management and resolution.

The appropriate method by which affected parties should seek remedies to their individual circumstances is to first address their particular matter with the relevant local government. In some of the cases raised, I understand affected parties have also availed themselves of appeal and complaints process rights with relevant agencies which is entirely appropriate.

In the circumstances, I do not intend to take any further action in relation to these matters. I would recommend you encourage people with issues with their local governments to raise them formally through the appropriate complaints or appeals process.

If you require further information, I encourage you to contact Mr Max Barrie, Director Program Implementation and Review, Local Government and Regional Services in the Department on 3452 6704 or by email at max.barrie@dilgp.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



**JACKIE TRAD MP
DEPUTY PREMIER
Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure,
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