

**QUEENSLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM ALLIANCE
(QLGRA) INC.**



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QLGRA is recognised as the peak representative state wide body for ratepayer groups and other organisations with interests in local council matters and has been representing these groups since 2013.

Today we are proud to stand with Hon Rob Pyne (MP Cairns) and support him in his efforts to have an ICAC style inquiry convened to fully investigate the allegations of corruption and misconduct that have become apparent throughout councils in Queensland.

It is our opinion that CCC Operation Belcarra has only scratched the surface of the hidden systemic abuse of power within councils to the detriment of the people these councils are supposed to represent.

Both major parties, while in government, have ignored the multitude of complaints, that go back as far as 1999, and it is well past time for this unacceptable situation to be resolved, so as to be able to return councils to their proper role without secrecy and the enablement to hide corruption and misconduct.

We call upon the current government to act and convene an Independent Inquiry immediately. Such an inquiry should not be inhibited, and have broad ranging terms of reference to allow it to follow any and all leads that it may uncover.

QLGRA has supported Rob Pyne's actions since he tabled his first documents in October 2015, and believe he has been extremely responsible in his use of Parliamentary Privilege to bring to the notice of the people of Qld, the government and authorities the anomalies, toxic cultures and corruption within councils.

Rob Pyne is the only parliamentarian who has persevered against formidable opposition to truly represent the people of Queensland and bring to light what now must become an open Independent Inquiry.

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