

Our ref: C/20/00439
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30 June 2020

Mr Don Brown MP
Shop 60, Capalaba Park
Mount Cotton Road
Capalaba QLD
4157

By Email: capalaba@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Brown

I refer to a complaint dated 23 June 2020 to the Office of the Independent Assessor (OIA), about the conduct of Councillor Williams of the Redland City Council.

You alleged that Councillor Williams had:

- failed to inform the Council meeting on 23 January 2019 of the full particulars of her material personal interest concerning the eastern escarpment conservation area plan; and
- failed to declare either a conflict of interest or perceived conflict of interest concerning consideration of a report to council on 19 June 2019 which detailed decisions made under delegated authority for category 1,2 and 3 development applications that included a decision affecting a trust operated by Mayor Williams and others.

This complaint has now been assessed.

ASSESSMENT OUTCOME

Having considered the information provided, I have formed the view that this complaint involves suspected misconduct. I advise that the OIA is currently undertaking investigations into a complaint against Mayor Williams of a similar nature. As such the information provided in this complaint will added to this investigation.

This investigation is being conducted by Principal Investigator Nicholas Finn who can be contacted on (07) 3334 2607 or by email at nick.finn@oia.qld.gov.au quoting reference number C/20/00439.

In the event that additional information is required from you the Investigator will contact you directly.

If you do not hear from this office earlier, you will receive an update on this investigation on or about 25 September 2020.

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MP: MR BROWN	
Clerk's Signature: 	

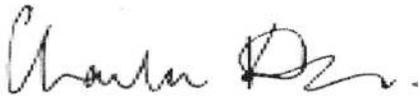
After investigating your complaint, a decision will be made about the conduct of the Councillor, pursuant to section 150W of the Act. You will be advised accordingly.

In the meantime, I ask that you maintain confidentiality about this matter, with the exception of seeking your own independent legal or other appropriate advice, if required.

If you would like to understand more about the investigative process you can access this information here-

<https://oia.qld.gov.au/office-of-the-independent-assessor/complaints-process.html>

Yours sincerely



Charles Kohn
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Office of the Independent Assessor
Delegate