



Outstanding correspondence

To

The Hon Minister for Police

Neil Roberts



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Government**

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**Minister for Police, Corrective Services
and Emergency Services**

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Mr Aart Brons
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Dear Mr Brons

Thank you for your letter of 10 July 2009 to the Honourable Neil Roberts MP, Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services, regarding your request for advice from the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC) on the issue of prostitution legislation. I have been requested to reply to you on Minister Roberts' behalf and apologise for the delay in responding.

I referred this matter to the Queensland Police Service which notes the purpose of your letter is to draw Minister Roberts' attention to your request to the Crime and Misconduct Commission concerning a development application made to the Cairns City Council.

The Police Service is responsible for the investigation of criminal offences and the enforcement of legislation. As the issues you raise are not of a criminal nature and concerns a public sector organisation, the CMC is the most appropriate body to deal with such a matter. You will no doubt receive advice from the CMC in due course.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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22-10-09

To the Hon Minister for police Neil Roberts.

Dear Neil,

I am accusing Cairns Council of deceitfully having held up all Cava Close Bungalow brothel building applications through wrongdoing and perjury!!!

Perjury is a "criminal act" would you not agree???

Then if so **I Aart Brons should be convicted** according to law, for defamation Of character if council **did not** commit perjury.

On the other hand I am serving you with further information as to establish grounds for an C.M.C inquiry and or like the opposition party (L.N.P) is calling for a **"Royal inquiry"** (as per further attachments)

I am still waiting for the Hon Minister for local government Desley Boyle's correspondence as per letter sent to her office **on the 13-08-09** (as per attach)

So waiting for a conviction ??? Until then.

Kind regards
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effect to endeavour to try to improve the image of politicians in the public eye. It was recognised that the image was a very bad one. Now when something like this happens it is a very shattering blow for the image of the politicians. It's a sad fact that although it might only be an individual, the team suffers.

JESSICA van VONDEREN: So is there a real problem with integrity in Government or just a perceived one?

GARY CROOKE: Well again, perception is reality. I think this is what's lost sight of in many circumstances and one of the major difficulties or issues in current public administration; it's the community that calls the tune in all of this and that's what's often overlooked by those in authority. It's not for an individual to pull him or herself up by ethical boot strings that they claim to have, to say well I didn't think there was anything wrong with that. The true test has got to be whether the reasonable member of the community properly informed thinks that that is acceptable conduct.

JESSICA van VONDEREN: The Nuttall case has sparked calls for a broader, more general inquiry into business links with Government. Would that be a good idea?

GARY CROOKE: I think it would be a good idea. Time passes and relationships grow and practices grow. And just because a practice has grown or is in existence, it doesn't mean that it's right. There is a need to resort to fundamental principles and has time has passed the relationship between politicians and business people has developed. It may have developed in a completely acceptable way in many instances. There may be instances where it does need close scrutiny and it would be a good idea, just calmly, not in the sense of crisis, but from the point of view of public administration, to look at what are the proper boundaries and areas of regulation that are needed.

JESSICA van VONDEREN: What about this issue of pay for access to politicians. For example, the Liberal National Party has their annual conference this weekend and business people are paying more than \$3,000 to attend as corporate observers. Labor has similar programs in place. Do you have a problem with those?

GARY CROOKE, FORMER INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER: I certainly do. I think it is just so fundamentally wrong that it is quite disappointing that those holding public office are prepared to proceed with it, notwithstanding what I perceive to be outrage by the community. You see, when one is elected to a public office you take a position of trusteeship. You have to husband the capital that is yours by reason of the office that you hold to be used for the good of the community and it's not yours to deal with for any sectional interest, for the benefit of any sectional interest, and a political party is a sectional interest. They're making a profit out of some implied promise or expectation that is there that somebody is paying money for something unspecified, that even as Mr Nuttall now famously has said, nothing is for nothing.

JESSICA van VONDEREN: Is there something you'd like to see being done to improve integrity in Government, that isn't being done now?

GARY CROOKE: I'd like to see the public take a much more active part in what is going on. To recognise that they are the ones that set the standards as to what's expected of their elected representatives and to make it quite clear that certain conduct is not acceptable and

that's what our democratic system is all about.

JESSICA van VONDEREN: How can they do that?

GARY CROOKE: They can do that by first of all hopefully being objectively informed by the media as to what is going on and I mean objectively because that's most important. It's only when the public is properly informed that they can make a proper decision and they can do it by expressing their outrage and by communication with the media, on talk back shows, just to make themselves heard that they don't expect this from the people whom they have elected to be trustees for them.

JESSICA van VONDEREN: Gary Crooke, thank you.

GARY CROOKE: OK.

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