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Investigation by Queensland Auditor General into Tennyson Land Deal Needed

The Queensland Auditor General should be called in to conduct an independent audit of the \$15 million deal between Mirvac and Brisbane City Council for the purchase of land at Tennyson.

Councillor for Tennyson Ward, Nicole Johnston, today called on the Lord Mayor to ensure that Council referred the decision to the Queensland Auditor General for investigation.

"I am calling on the Lord Mayor to immediately refer this deal to the Queensland Auditor General as a matter of urgency," Councillor Johnston said.

"The issue of whether there has been any financial impropriety by any Councillor or Council should be forensically examined by the Queensland Auditor General who is empowered to undertake an independent assessment of Council's financial arrangements," Councillor Johnston said.

"Ratepayers deserve to know why due diligence was not undertaken before the deal was agreed and announced, why no independent valuations were undertaken, whether Council's procurement and tendering processes were properly followed and whether the deal represents value for money."

Councillor Johnston said she had expressed serious reservations about the timing and cost of the deal in Council on 7 June 2011 and was attacked by LNP Councillors, including Parks Chairman, Councillor Peter Matic and Planning Chairman, Councillor Amanda Cooper.

While the CMC is empowered to investigate any criminal misconduct, the Auditor General's powers relate to investigating financial management in the public sector.

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