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### **Council Committees: ALP consulted, Independent ignored**

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk has announced that Councillor Nicole Johnston will be dumped from the Parks Environment and Sustainability Committee of Brisbane City Council, without explanation or consultation.

In a letter from the Lord Mayor, Councillor Quirk unilaterally decided that Councillor Johnston would be appointed to Field Services and the Public and Active Transport Committees.

In contrast, Australian Labor Party Councillors have been asked to nominate which Committees they would like to serve on.

“The Lord Mayor’s approach raises an interesting question. Why is the Lord Mayor prepared to engage in consultation with the ALP but not with an independently elected Councillor?” Cr Johnston said.

“Does Brisbane City Council under this Lord Mayor’s leadership require membership of a political party as a pre-requisite for consultation?”

“If ALP Councillors have been invited to nominate which Committees they serve on, why has that same courtesy not been extended to an independently elected Councillor?”

Councillor Johnston said she had served on the Parks, Environment and Sustainability Committee and the Field Services Committees for the past four years and had written to the Lord Mayor seeking to continue to serve on these committees.

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