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Council Chairman Gags Debate on Tennyson Parklands

Councillor Krista Adams today gagged any questions about the financial arrangements surrounding the Tennyson parklands and any Council acquisitions during Brisbane City Council's Question time.

Councillor for Tennyson said that Cr Adams' ruling that the "fairness" of any CMC investigation or decision would be affected by questions in Council's Question time was extraordinary and stifling democratic debate.

"Cr Adams decision today was that the fairness of the CMC's decision could be affected by Questions in Council," Councillor Johnston said.

"Question time is one of the hallmarks of Australia's Westminster traditions. It is a fundamental safeguard that promotes an open and transparent democracy. Cr Adams simply shut down any debate to avoid her LNP colleagues answering any difficult questions."

"What does this LNP Administration have to hide, that it will not allow any questions at all about the parklands deal or any other Council acquisition?"

The advice was provided by Brisbane City Legal Practice, the same legal advisers that approved acquisitions of the Tennyson parkland land without an independent tender and in contravention of the Sole, Select Tendering Procurement Manual pursuant to the *City of Brisbane Act 2010*.

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