

Kicked out of Council now kicked off Committees

The cheap political tactics of Liberal National Party Councillors are continuing despite the Lord Mayor's public comments saying Councillor Nicole Johnston's resignation from the Liberal National Party "cleared the air".

The Liberal Independent Councillor for Tennyson Ward, Nicole Johnston, said the Deputy Mayor, Graham Quirk, had written to her at 3pm on Friday with the Administrations plans to dump her from the Brisbane City Council Committees of which she is a member.

"The Lord Mayor's Can-do team currently have a majority on all Committees regardless of my membership," Councillor Johnston said.

"I am flattered and somewhat bemused by the 'can't-do' attitude of LNP Councillors. There is simply no need to change Committee memberships."

"These are simply more cheap and petty political tactics to isolate and exclude me, and the residents I represent, from Council business."

The Chairman of each Council Committee has a casting vote in the event of a tied vote. In addition, the Lord Mayor is also an ex-officio member of all Committees and has voting rights.

Councillor Johnston currently sits as a Member of the Parks, Environment and Sustainability Committee and the City Businesses and Local Assets Committee.

In November 2009 Councillor Johnston was dumped on the vote of her colleagues as the Deputy Chairman of Brisbane City Council, Deputy Chairman of the City Business and Local Assets Committee and as Councillor Assisting the Lord Mayor.

Membership of Council Committees is not remunerated.

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