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Lord Mayor mute on Council involvement in dam management

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk today failed to answer crucial questions about who and what dealings Council officers and elected officials had with dam operators between 7 January and 12 January 2011.

Councillor Johnston today asked, during Council Question Time, what, if any, involvement Brisbane City Council representatives had during the critical period being examined by the Flood Royal Commission.

“The Lord Mayor Graham Quirk failed to answer the question and said he did not know what dealings Council representatives had with dam management operators between the 7th and 12th of January 2011.”

“Given the critical nature of period under question, it is shocking that the Lord Mayor does not know who and what type of involvement Council representatives had regarding dam management strategies and water releases,” Councillor Johnston said.

“I am calling on the Lord Mayor Graham Quirk to provide details of Council’s involvement so all Brisbane residents can be assured of the facts surrounding dam management strategies and releases during the period from 7 January to 12 January 2011.”

Councillor Johnston said publication of Premier Anna Bligh’s statement to the Flood Royal Commission today made it clear that dam management operators were liaising with Local Government authorities (para 14) during the critical period currently being re-examined by the Royal Commission.

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