



## Media Release

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### **Lord Mayor resorts to grubby campaign tactics**

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk has resorted to a grubby smear tactics in a personal letter to Tennyson Ward residents breaching his own pledge for a clean election campaign.

Councillor for Tennyson Ward, Nicole Johnston, said Graham Quirk's statement that she "will not even speak to him" were bizarre and untrue.

"I am saddened that the Lord Mayor would publish a demonstrably false letter in an attempt to score a few cheap political points. It shows just how far the LNP are prepared to go to disparage me," Councillor Johnston said.

"Week after week I ask the Lord Mayor questions in Council, the most recent just a few weeks ago on 6 March. These questions to him are a matter of public record in the Council Minutes."

At the final Council meeting before the election on 6 March Councillor Johnston asked (extract Council Minutes available online):

**"Councillor JOHNSTON:** My question is to the LORD MAYOR. Fifteen months after the devastating January 2011 floods, this Council has not undertaken any remediation plans for a substantial proportion of Oxley Creek running between Sherwood Road and the Archerfield wetlands, bordered by the Ipswich Motorway. Why does this Council, 15 months after the floods, have no plans to remediate the section of creek between Sherwood Road and the Ipswich Motorway which contains significant environmental, industrial and other installations?

**LORD MAYOR:** Thanks very much for the question, Councillor. I mean, you of all people would know that there has been a significant amount of work undertaken by this Council in terms of flood recovery effort. Everybody in this city, I think, seems to recognise it bar you. Madam Chairman, can I just say that—"

The letter, signed by the Lord Mayor, was sent today to approximately 15,000 Tennyson Ward households stating:

"Because you current local councilor (sic) will not even speak to the Lord Mayor of our City, the issues within your community cannot always be adequately dealt with."

A copy of the Lord Mayor's letter is attached.

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