

## **Suspended over Neighbourhood Plan Letter**

Councillor Nicole Johnston was today expelled from Council, on the vote of Liberal National Party Councillors, for eight days for asking questions about the Sherwood Graceville Neighbourhood Plan.

"Despite multiple requests in writing over the past three months to the CEO of Council, Ms Jude Munro, seeking a copy of a letter to residents on the Sherwood Graceville Neighbourhood Plan it has not been provided to me," Councillor Johnston said.

"Today after asking the Lord Mayor why I had not been provided with a copy of the letter, I was suspended from Council, including next week's meeting."

"Why is this letter being deliberately withheld from me, despite Brisbane City Council policy (CEO Letter dated 2 March 2010) that *'as a matter of courtesy to the local Councillor, a copy of any bulk mail out is generally provided to the local ward office'*."

"It is astonishing that the Lord Mayor, Campbell Newman, can publicly call Councillors "vile" and "pigs", but a legitimate question to him about why information about the Sherwood Graceville Neighbourhood Plan is being withheld from me, results in my suspension."

"Despite this politically motivated attack, I will continue to fight for Tennyson Ward residents when it comes to local issues like the Bus Depot or Neighbourhood Plan. That's what I was elected to do."

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