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Administrators
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Re: Ref X.IH/pdmw File: 13.04.04.001 Z09/56199

Dear Administrators,

The members of Wollongong Against Corruption (WAC) wrote on 22 November 2009 seeking to understand the progress on eliminating corruption in Wollongong City Council. Your reply dated 15 December was received. It is now nearly 3 months since we wrote and it is 2 months since your reply. Your reply, in part, states "...we look forward to discussing these issues at a meeting in the new year."

We still respectfully seek an answer to one major question--

Has systemic corruption within council been eliminated?

With reference to the following specific issues –

1. How many complaints have you received concerning corruption?
2. What are the steps you have used when dealing with such complaints?
3. Have any complaints been referred to other statutory authorities and if so how were they dealt with?
4. Are there any current investigations in regards to corruption?
5. What protocols have been put in place to deal with sexual harassment and misconduct problems in council?
6. How can staff make such a complaint without fearing consequences?
7. What were the reasons for so many highly qualified planning staff leaving their jobs in recent years?
8. What processes, measurements and monitoring have been put in place to ensure the elimination of corruption so that it cannot re-occur?

We also stated that we believe that the preferential voting system used in Wollongong for council elections, and donations made by developers, played a part in enabling corruption to flourish in Wollongong. Are these matters being addressed? Many other citizens are contacting us and contacting the media with these same questions.

We feel our questions are reasonable and are very important in this [claimed] democratic society and therefore request your written reply, within the next 14 days, advising when this "new year" meeting will take place. We expect it would be within the next month.

Yours sincerely,
WAC per

cc Mr David Farmer GM