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To THE CHAIRMAN;

SELECT COMMITTEE into Certain  
Aspects of Queensland's Government Administration  
related to Commonwealth Government Affairs.

Dear Sir,  
I wish to supply a supplementary submission  
to 'Submission 4'.

Coordinator Generals approve projects  
of State Significance in Queensland. They seem  
to have a high turn over rate. When the former  
LNP Government gained office the new Coordinator  
General was hastily installed. When he approves  
a project his evaluation report outlines any  
conditions to be imposed and designates  
which department has jurisdiction over  
those conditions.

The policing of these conditions and  
these conditions of an Environmental Authority  
seem to be inadequate and Penalties seem to  
be rarely imposed if the conditions are broken.  
Policing by Complaint is stressful for the  
stakeholder. The proponent generally has a way  
of bullying their way through to provide an  
outcome that suits them.

When Department of Environment did  
noise testing @ my home the proponent  
rejected the results which exceeded permitted  
levels because the person doing the testing

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was not suitably qualified.  
- (What chance has a defendant got? by  
complaining to the company?)

It seems that developers are constantly  
communicating with governments & their  
departments, but not much checking  
is done by government departments and  
politicians with affected stakeholders.

Departments are not adequately staffed  
to police and scrutinize the behaviour of  
project proponents and the impact on  
stakeholders, let alone responsibilities of the  
Commonwealth. It seems that department  
staff of the former LNP government were  
instructed to facilitate project approvals.

Consultant companies that do work  
for an EIS or other studies for the proponent  
often have a close & long standing relationship  
with the proponent. Perhaps some  
investigation is warranted into the independence  
of those compiling and reporting information  
for an EIS. -- Are these companies paid  
'success fees' for establishing property sales  
or approvals? An offer to purchase my  
property by the proponent for Stage 3 arrived in  
an envelope with the EIS Consultants stamp  
on it. - what does this mean?

Does the proponent provide "success fees"  
as an incentive for the State Land Tenures  
Officer negotiating property sales? It might  
explain some of their behaviour.

The Commonwealth Government has  
the scrutiny of a SENATE. The Queensland

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Government does NOT. To leave matters  
of the Commonwealth Government to be  
managed by the Coordinator General  
and developers is not in the best interests  
of Australia's environment.

Thank you,

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