

Report concerning an  
application from  
Mr Leo Zussino for the  
publication of a response to a  
reference made in the House  
of Representatives

House of Representatives  
Committee of Privileges and Members' Interests



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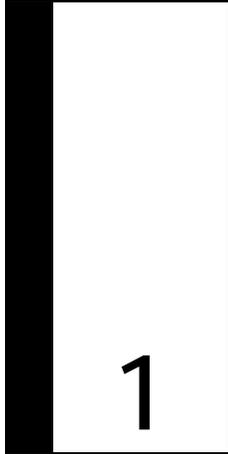
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- 1.1 Mr Leo Zussino has made an application, under the procedure adopted by the House on 27 August 1997, for the publication of a response to a reference made in relation to him by Mr Ken O'Dowd MP on 22 July 2019 in the House.
- 1.2 The committee considers Mr Zussino should be given a response and the terms of the response have been agreed by him and the committee. A copy of the response is at Appendix 1.
- 1.3 In agreeing to the response, the committee notes, as required by the resolution of the House for rights of reply, that it has not considered or judged the truth of any statement made by a Member in the House or by the person seeking a response.
- 1.4 The committee recommends that a response by Mr Zussino (at Appendix 1) to a reference made about him, on 22 July 2019 in the House, be incorporated in Hansard.

MR RUSSELL BROADBENT MP  
Chair  
September 2019



## Appendix 1

### Response by Mr Leo Zussino to remarks made by the Member for Flynn

In a statement to the House on 22 July 2019 with respect to the Gladstone Ports Corporation (GPC), Mr O’Dowd stated “Chairman Leo Zussino was stood down”.

This is incorrect. I voluntarily requested the Board of the GPC grant me leave of absence whilst administrative matters with respect to the GPC were assessed by the Queensland Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC). After 6 weeks the CCC resolved not to investigate the matters and handed the file back to Queensland Treasury to conduct an internal investigation.

This fact was reported in the Gladstone Observer of Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018.