

Daniel Smith

From: Tom Tate [tom@tom4mayor.com.au]
Sent: Monday, 2 April 2012 1:15 PM
To: Contrary to Public Interest The Premier
Cc: info@lnp.org.au; surfers.paradise@parliament.qld.gov.au;
mermaid.beach@parliament.qld.gov.au
Subject: RE: Appalling comment by liberal Tom Tate

Dear Contrary to Public Interest

You have every right to voice your opinion. However you need to be corrected on a few matters. Firstly, while I did run for the Liberals in 2008 I am running as an independent in this Mayoral election. I am a conservative at heart and will never hide away from such a position or affiliation. I am not running as part of any team.

Secondly, if holding a sitting councillor to his or her voting record is akin to being "character assassination" as you put it then so be it. I, on the other hand, think that Councillor voting records are the best indication of their future potential performance and originally voting for AllConnex, Council HQ and Tippiers are all things that the leading contender, former Cr Eddy Sarroff, did vote for in the past. He is since trying to distance himself in the mean time. This is two faced to say the least and indicates to me that Ron Clarke was right when he said Eddy Sarroff will do anything or say anything for a vote.

I have done two mailers, clearly marked as coming from me, holding former Cr Sarroff to account on AllConnex and Council HQ. I have also done six citywide mailers on positive policy commitments. I have 25 different policy related ads running on radio stations in the city and I have three television ads with real voters saying 'why' they support me.

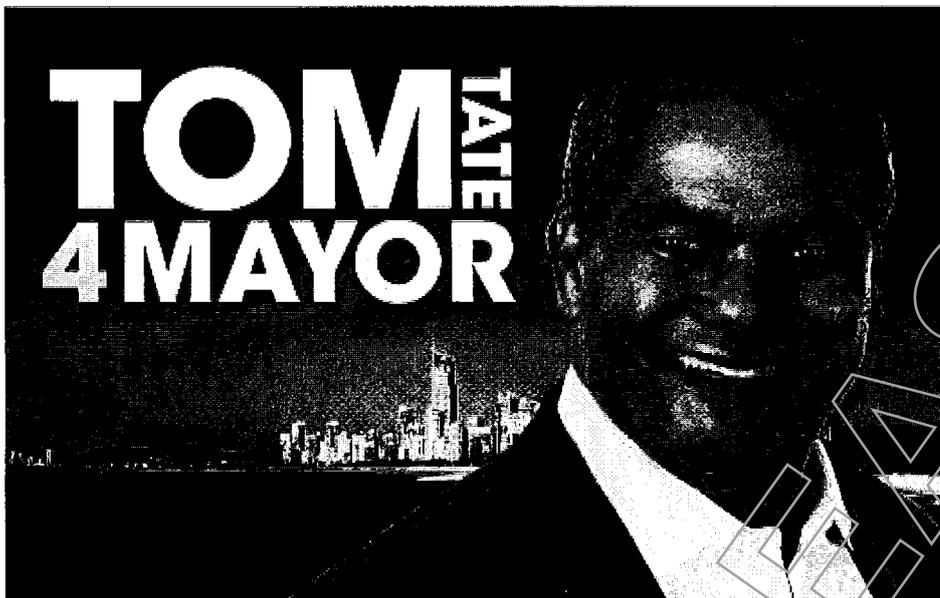
You have chosen to ignore all that, which is ok but you therefore should not be categorizing my campaign as negative. No other candidate has prepared and released as much policy related material as I. All I have seen from them is un-costed dot points on their respective websites.

I respectfully encourage you to visit www.tom4mayor.com.au and especially the policy page to see what I am talking about for yourself. I don't think I will ever win you over Contrary to Public Interest However, you are taking such an interest in politics and the running of your city that I thought you deserved an answer from me personally.

Kind regards,

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Dear Premier and LNP representatives

Congratulations on such an historic victory. Well done Premier on your inspirational and confidence building acceptance speech.

I am sure Queenslanders took great heart and confidence from it. Now as a Queenslanders we have a more positive future to look forward to.

Which bring me to the reason I am writing today and that is in my opinion the Mayoral candidate for Gold Coast and liberal spruker Tom Tate is at the other end of the spectrum of which you are placing the liberal party.

Sadly the negative campaigning, character assassination, financial preference allegations and now Mr Tate has turned on individual ratepayers / residents who seek nothing more than the right to sleep in peace in their own homes.

In my opinion Mr Tates comments are offensive, out of touch and damaging to the Liberal Brand.

We will not be giving any support to a candidate, liberal or otherwise who demonstrates such public disregard.

I believe it will be an extremely sad day for the Gold Coast should Mr Tate become Mayor.

We expected better of such a candidate.

With Thanks

Contrary to Public Interest

GENDLE Kerrie

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From: MAYOR
Sent: Thursday, 3 May 2012 1:06 PM
To: 'ben.myers@ministerial.qld.gov.au'
Subject: Email from Mayor-Elect Tom Tate

Dear Premier

I write as Mayor-elect and plan to formally write to you again once I have been sworn in to support your government's action in calling in the Jewel project as proposed by "RDG".

Similarly, I have reviewed the Meriton's Brighton on Broadwater project and will be writing to your government to call in these projects.

I am happy to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

Tom Tate
MAYOR-ELECT

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From: Premier [premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
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To: The Premier
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From: MAYOR [mailto:mayor@goldcoast.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 15 May 2012 9:15 AM
To: Premier
Cc: Deputy Premier; Mansfield
Subject: CORRESPONDENCE FROM MAYOR TOM TATE RE JEWEL PROJECT

Attention : Premier Campbell Newman MP
CC : Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, Jeff Seeney MP
: Assistant Minister for Planning Reform, Ian Walker MP

15 May 2012

Dear Premier

Please find attached a scanned copy of correspondence from Mayor Tom Tate.

The original will be mailed to you for your records.

Kind regards
Kerrie

Kerrie Gendle
Secretary to Mayor Tom Tate

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The Honourable Campbell Newman MP
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Dear Premier

SUPPORT FOR CALLING IN OF THE RIDONG GROUP'S JEWEL PROJECT

As per my email of 3 May 2012 (copy enclosed), this is to confirm my support for your government's potential calling in of the Ridong Group's proposed Jewel project in Broadbeach.

Please let me know if there's anything I can do to help progress this wonderful opportunity to reinvigorate the Gold Coast's economy now and into the future.

Yours sincerely

**TOM TATE
MAYOR**

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Dear Premier

Campbell,

Thank you for your letter of 28 May 2012 congratulating me on being elected as Mayor of the Gold Coast. Like you, I'm looking forward to our working closely together to get Queensland moving again. As such, your commitment to empowering local councils to deliver positive change in their own regions is most encouraging.

I look forward to continued co-operation between our tiers of government to achieve a Queensland we can once again be proud of.

Thanks again for your congratulations, which are most appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Tom Tate

TOM TATE
MAYOR



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30 MAY 2012

Councillor Tom Tate
Mayor
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Dear Councillor Tate

Tom

Thank you for your email of 3 May and subsequent letter of 14 May 2012 expressing your support for the Ridong Group's Jewel Resort Hotel development being called in.

I have noted your support for the Queensland Government to exercise its call in powers regarding the Jewel Resort Hotel development given that two separate Notices of Appeal have been lodged with the Planning and Environment Court.

The minister responsible for planning may call in a development application if he considers the development application involves a state interest. Intervention by the State Government in a development application prior to, or following, a decision by the local government is only appropriate where an interest of economic or environmental significance to the State could be significantly affected by a development approval. Given these are reserve powers, decisions on their use are not taken lightly.

As this issue falls under the portfolio responsibilities of my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, I have taken the liberty of referring your correspondence to the Deputy Premier for his consideration and direct reply to you.

I note that the Deputy Premier has already publicly stated his intention to use the call in powers if necessary. Given the council's clear support for this project going forward, I would anticipate a decision very soon.

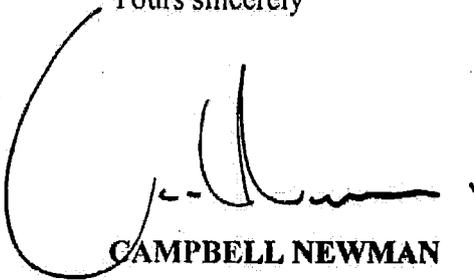
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I hope this information is of assistance, and I look forward to working with you to address this and other issues of importance to the Gold Coast City Council.

Yours sincerely



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From: Premier [premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au]
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From: MAYOR [mailto:mayor@goldcoast.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 1 June 2012 4:43 PM
To: Premier
Subject: Correspondence from Mayor Tom Tate

Dear Premier

Please find attached a scanned copy of correspondence from Mayor Tom Tate.

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Kind regards
Kerrie

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LANG-LEMCKERT Susan

From: MAYOR
Sent: Monday, 4 June 2012 1:19 PM
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RESPONSE : [Redacted] RE Gold Coast Parklands
Good afternoon [Redacted]

Thank you for your email of 22 May 2012 outlining your disappointment at receiving a parking ticket during your recent visit to the Broadwater Parklands.

A key point of my platform when campaigning as Mayor was to introduce free weekend parking so visitors could enjoy the Gold Coast's attractions, and this will be addressed as part of Council's future budgets. I'm hoping it won't be too long before locals and visitors alike can enjoy the benefits of this proposal.

In the meantime, I'm pleased your son enjoyed his birthday party so much, and hope having received this parking ticket won't discourage you from visiting Broadwater Parklands again.

Regards

**TOM TATE
MAYOR**

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From: MAYOR
Sent: Wednesday, 23 May 2012 8:20
To: [Redacted]
Subject: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT [Redacted] RE Gold Coast Parklands

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email. Your comments are noted and have been passed on to the Mayor for his information and or further response.

Kind regards
Kerrie

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, 22 May 2012 20:26
To: thepremier@premiers.qld.gov.au; MAYOR; BROWN Gail; Division7;
TransportandMainRoads@ministerial.qld.gov.au; Parks Gold Coast
Cc: [Redacted]

9/07/2012

Subject: Gold Coast Parklands

Dear Premier Newman, Mr Tate and others Notaries

Please find below a letter I have penned to the Gold Coast Bulletin. If it makes the editorial page it is a minor triumph but it is more important that you, in your roles as my elected representatives read this:

Picture a beautiful Gold Coast Autumn Sunday afternoon. Balmy weather, beautiful parklands - which the council have done a wonderful job making welcoming and safe to families and friends wanting to spend time together. A typical beautiful Queensland day.

Picture a young boys' birthday party spent enjoying the sunshine kicking a footy with his mates - somewhat better than spending an afternoon playing a video game.

Picture people melding together, playing music, cooking, laughing and sharing their cultures.

This isn't some advertisement for a happy living residential estate - this was the Broadwater Parklands on Sunday afternoon 20th May where my son held his 15th birthday party. My son and his friends had, what was described as "his best birthday ever". Just a day in the park with some sushi and the footy I thought. But then, I didn't bank on the \$50 parking ticket at the end of it!

Are we not entitled for one day a week to enjoy the facilities that we pay dearly for. Is our council so greedy that at 4.00p.m. on a Sunday they have to slog the honest and hardworking residents of the Gold Coast a parking ticket. Do we not pay enough.

What next. Toll gates and an entry charge! I am disgusted. Is nothing sacred.

I will begrudgingly accept the \$50 parking ticket and take it as a learning experience but we need to encourage our local community to use the outdoor spaces that we so beautifully create for them. It would have been a pleasure for you to wander through the Broadwater Parklands last Sunday and see so many families and cultures enjoying the space and facilities. No Gold Coast resident would argue with paying for this kind of infrastructure - particularly when it is done as well as it has been at the Broadwater Parklands but do we really need to pay 7 days for the luxury?

Can Sunday not be a day of rest - even just for parking attendants!

Regards

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(Member of the "Can Do State")

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The Hon Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
PO Box 15185
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Premier *Campbell,*

Thank you for your letter of 5 July 2012 querying the circumstances in which Contrary to Public Interest received an infringement notice for parking near the Broadwater Parklands in Southport.

As this notice reflected a legitimate parking infringement, we were unable to waive the fine on this occasion. However, as you'll see from the enclosed response to Contrary to Public Interest Contrary to Public Interest we're still hoping to introduce free weekend parking on the Gold Coast in the future.

Thank you for your concern about this matter.

Yours sincerely

Tom Tate
TOM TATE
MAYOR

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Dear Councillor Tate

Tom,

I write in response to a letter of 26 April 2012 from Councillor Daphne McDonald, the then Acting Mayor, which highlighted council's opposition to the former government's decision to relocate the Gold Coast Showgrounds to the Nerang–Broadbeach Road site at Carrara.

Councillor McDonald also attached a copy of a Gold Coast Turf Club Board proposal to relocate the Gold Coast Show to the Gold Coast Turf Club Precinct at Bundall for my Government's consideration.

As you would be aware, on 29 May 2012, the Honourable Jann Stuckey MP, Minister for Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games, announced that the Parklands site at Southport will be the location for the 2018 Commonwealth Games Athletes Village.

The Government's announcement confirms that the current users of the Parklands site, including the Gold Coast Show, must be relocated to other sites.

I have, therefore, forwarded a copy of the letter and attached proposal to my cabinet colleagues, the Honourable Jeff Seeney MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, and Minister Stuckey for their consideration and direct reply to you.

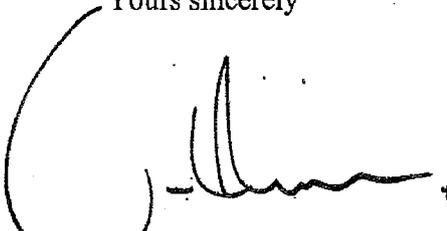
The 2018 Commonwealth Games will be a great event for the State of Queensland and will provide a significant boost for the Gold Coast region, and is expected to return \$2 billion in economic benefit and create 30 000 jobs.



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My Government looks forward to working with the Gold Coast City Council to deliver a world-class international event which will transform the Gold Coast.

Yours sincerely



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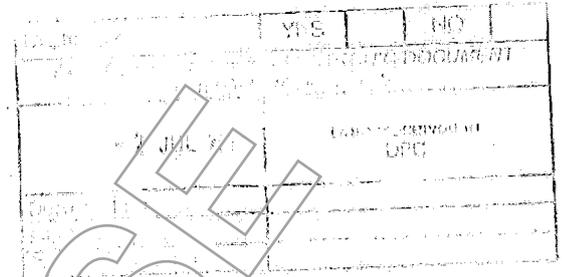
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Gold Coast City Council

26 June 2012
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The Honourable Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
PO Box 15185
CITY EAST QLD 4002



Dear Premier

QUEENSLAND – NEW SOUTH WALES CROSS-BORDER ISSUES

I write on behalf of Gold Coast City Council in relation to cross-border issues.

Last October, several of my colleagues met with Michael Tennant and Wade Lewis of the Queensland Department of the Premier and Cabinet to discuss local cross-border concerns. The meeting came about in response to the Cross-Border Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which was signed in August 2011 by your predecessor, Anna Bligh, and current New South Wales Premier, the Honourable Barry O'Farrell MP.

Following on from this, my predecessor Ron Clarke wrote to former Premier Bligh in December 2011, acknowledging the importance of the MOU and Council's desire to work closely with the State on the cross-border issues affecting communities in the Coolangatta – Tweed Heads region.

Our Council has also been liaising closely with neighbouring Tweed Shire Council over the past year to jointly identify local cross-border issues and it is in relation to this work that I mainly write to you about.

Premier, the communities of Coolangatta, Tweed Heads and surrounding areas have been putting up for years with problems stemming from a lack of integrated planning and service delivery by state (and to some extent local) governments. Whilst the following list is by no means exhaustive, it does provide an indication of some of the important areas where cross-border differences are creating problems for us and our southern communities:

- Public transport (including taxis)
- Servicing major developments (for example, at Cobaki) and managing growth generally
- Child protection and guardianship (legislation and practices)
- Access to health and social services
- Community safety
- Sport and recreational facilities (planning and provision)
- Disaster/ emergency management
- Pest animal and plant management
- Companion animal management
- Environmental and water cycle management

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What I believe is required mostly now is leadership to bring together all of the parties so that they may resolve all of the issues at hand, once and for all. I include the Federal Government in this equation, for without their whole-hearted support, inter-governmental reform will simply not achieve its full potential.

The commitment by the Queensland Government to establish a Cross-Border MOU with New South Wales last year and begin consulting with border communities and councils was very much appreciated by us. Your confirmation that the Queensland Government under your new leadership will continue to work with us and other stakeholders to resolve the cross-border problems besetting communities in the Coolangatta - Tweed Heads region, would be equally well appreciated.

I intend writing also to Premier O'Farrell, seeking a similar assurance. It suffices to say, both you and your staff are most welcome to visit the Gold Coast at any stage to hear first hand about the cross-border issues we face.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Director Community Services, Colette McCool, by email at cmccool@goldcoast.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 5581 6235 should you require any further information or wish to arrange a personal visit.

I look forward to receiving your early reply.

Yours sincerely



TOM TATE
MAYOR

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19 JUL 2012

Councillor Tom Tate
Mayor
Gold Coast City Council
PO Box 5042
GOLD COAST MC QLD 9729

Dear Councillor Tate

Tom,

Thank you for your letter of 26 June 2012 about cross-border issues, including your ongoing consultations with the Tweed Shire Council (TSC).

I am very pleased to hear about the cooperation between the two councils in identifying cross-border issues, and that both Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) and TSC are examining practical solutions to assist with resolving these. The Mayor of TSC, Councillor Barry Longland, also recently wrote to me about your work together.

I can confirm that my Government is committed to working with the New South Wales (NSW) Government on cross-border issues, and I can assure you that my department will give serious consideration to the material and feedback that GCCC and TSC have provided. After further discussion with Queensland departments, the NSW Department of the Premier and Cabinet, and the NSW Cross-Border Commissioner, my department will provide you with a more detailed response about actions we will take to address the issues you have identified.

I can also confirm that my department is closely examining cross-border issues to ensure that where a solution requires Australian Government support these are brought to their attention.

Thank you very much for raising this with me. Should you require any further information, you can contact Mr Michael Tennant, Executive Director, Intergovernmental Relations, in my department by email at Michael.Tennant@premiers.qld.gov.au or on telephone (07) 3224 6789.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN



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Dear Councillor Tate

Tom

Please find enclosed a copy of correspondence I received from one of your constituents, Contrary to Public Interest advising me of his concerns with the Gold Coast City Council's Enterprise Resource Planning Project.

As you are no doubt aware, Contrary to Public Interest has publicly claimed that this project is wasting ratepayer's money. I understand Contrary to Public Interest had previously raised this matter with the former Local Government Minister who referred the complaint to the Queensland Auditor-General.

Without wishing to pre-empt any inquiries or findings that the Auditor-General may choose to make, I would appreciate your comments on Contrary to Public Interest claims and your advice on what actions council is taking to ensure the cost effectiveness of this project.

I appreciate that decisions relating to this project were made by the previous council administration, however, Contrary to Public Interest appears to be concerned that this is an ongoing issue.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

*Encl

