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Relating to Commonwealth Government Affairs
The Senate
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Canberra

Certain Aspects of Queensland Government Administration

Dear Ms. Agostino,

1. Both on my own and with a colleague, Alex McKean, I have, for the past 13 months been writing articles on subjects of concern to us and relevant to the current inquiry.
2. These articles have, inter alia, discussed rule of law concerns particularly associated with what is wrongly called the bikie legislation; matters associated with changes to Queensland independent corruption body, the CJC; matters concerning the appointment of Queensland's Chief Justice; and matters involving beneficial decisions being made by government (and the Parliament) for people who have made donations to the ruling political party.
3. I am of the view that these articles contain useful analysis and information relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee.
4. I set out below references to the articles which I think are relevant to your inquiry.
5. They are as follows:

- a. Trashing Fitzgerald's Legacy:
[https://www.academia.edu/5331088/Trashing Fitzgeralds Legacy](https://www.academia.edu/5331088/Trashing_Fitzgeralds_Legacy) or
<http://www.justinian.com.au/bloggers/trashing-fitzgeralds-legacy.html>;
- b. Accountability, Honesty competence and the PCMC:
[https://www.academia.edu/5432965/Accountability honesty competence and the PCMC in response to Steven Wardill s article 30.11.13](https://www.academia.edu/5432965/Accountability_honesty_competence_and_the_PCMC_in_response_to_Steven_Wardill_s_article_30.11.13) or <http://www.justinian.com.au/bloggers/bowen-hills-bugle-asleep-on-the-job.html>;
- c. Premier Newman Misleading Parliament:
[https://www.academia.edu/5552644/Premier Newman Misleading Parliament](https://www.academia.edu/5552644/Premier_Newman_Misleading_Parliament) or <http://www.justinian.com.au/bloggers/premier-newman-misleading-parliament.html>;
- d. The Newman Government: The Path to Hell:
[https://www.academia.edu/6112938/The Newman Government The Path to Hell is Paved with Simplistic Policies](https://www.academia.edu/6112938/The_Newman_Government_The_Path_to_Hell_is_Paved_with_Simplistic_Policies) or
<https://independentaustralia.net/life/life-display/the-newman-government-the-path-to-hell-is-paved-with-simplistic-policies,6136>;
- e. Newman Government and the CMC: A Tawdry Year in Review:
[https://www.academia.edu/6173663/Newman Government and the CMC 2013 a tawdry year in review](https://www.academia.edu/6173663/Newman_Government_and_the_CMC_2013_a_tawdry_year_in_review) or
<http://www.justinian.com.au/bloggers/avenging-sir-joh.html>;
- f. The Human Rights Implications of Queensland's Rush to Legislate:
[https://www.academia.edu/6227781/Human Rights Implications of Queensland s Rush to Legislate](https://www.academia.edu/6227781/Human_Rights_Implications_of_Queensland_s_Rush_to_Legislate) or
<https://independentaustralia.net/politics/politics-display/stephen-keim-sc-campbell-newmans-anti-bikies-laws-make-queensland-look-ridiculous,6205>;
- g. The CODOLA Act Amendments and the Rule of Law:
[https://www.academia.edu/6466222/The CODOLA Act Amendments and the Rule of Law](https://www.academia.edu/6466222/The_CODOLA_Act_Amendments_and_the_Rule_of_Law) ;
- h. The Challenge to Equality before the Law: The Importance of Livelihood:
[https://www.academia.edu/6501162/The Challenge to Equality before the Law the Importance of Livelihood](https://www.academia.edu/6501162/The_Challenge_to_Equality_before_the_Law_the_Importance_of_Livelihood) or
<https://independentaustralia.net/life/life-display/queensland-governments-crusades-challenge-right-to-work,6260>;

- i. Legal Oppression Can Strike Close to You in Queensland:
[https://www.academia.edu/6665985/Legal Oppression Can Strike Close to You in Queensland](https://www.academia.edu/6665985/Legal_Oppression_Can_Strike_Close_to_You_in_Queensland) or
<https://independentaustralia.net/politics/politics-display/march-in-march-campbell-newman-and-the-random-legal-danger,6284>;
- j. Notes for a Talk to a Palm Sunday Rally:
<https://independentaustralia.net/politics/politics-display/march-in-march-campbell-newman-and-the-random-legal-danger,6284> or
<https://independentaustralia.net/politics/politics-display/newmans-queensland-here-we-joh-again,6383>; or or
<https://independentaustralia.net/politics/politics-display/newmans-queensland-here-we-joh-again,6383>;
- k. When the Straw Man Meets Aunt Sally: A Response:
[https://www.academia.edu/6914560/When the Straw Man Meets Aunt Sally -
A Response to Mr. Bleijies Defence of His Actions in Pillaging the CMC](https://www.academia.edu/6914560/When_the_Straw_Man_Meets_Aunt_Sally_-_A_Response_to_Mr._Bleijies_Defence_of_His_Actions_in_Pillaging_the_CMC);
- l. Equality Before the Law Under Attack in Queensland:
[https://www.academia.edu/7217783/Equality before the Law Under Attack in Queensland](https://www.academia.edu/7217783/Equality_before_the_Law_Under_Attack_in_Queensland);
- m. What's Happening in Queensland: The Appointment of Judge Carmody:
[https://www.academia.edu/7377746/Whats Happening in Queensland Why the Appointment of Judge Carmody has Miscarried](https://www.academia.edu/7377746/Whats_Happening_in_Queensland_Why_the_Appointment_of_Judge_Carmody_has_Miscarried) or
<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/jun/17/why-tim-carmodys-appointment-matters>;
- n. Days of Our Lives Times Two:
[https://www.academia.edu/7574713/Days of Our Lives Times Two Take Two](https://www.academia.edu/7574713/Days_of_Our_Lives_Times_Two_Take_Two) or <https://independentaustralia.net/politics/politics-display/seeney-palmer-and-campbell-newmans-straddie-donation,6564>;
- o. Political Donations in Queensland: Move On:
[https://www.academia.edu/8093620/Political Donations in Queensland Move on theres nothing to see here](https://www.academia.edu/8093620/Political_Donations_in_Queensland_Move_on_theres_nothing_to_see_here) or
<https://independentaustralia.net/politics/politics-display/qld-Inps-donations-for-deals-move-on-nothing-to-see-here,6794>;
- p. Notes for the Launch of Lock the Gate's People's Common Rights Bill:
[https://www.academia.edu/8199640/Notes for the Launch of Lock the Gate s People s Common Rights and Provisions Bill 2014](https://www.academia.edu/8199640/Notes_for_the_Launch_of_Lock_the_Gate_s_People_s_Common_Rights_and_Provisions_Bill_2014);

- q. Rushed Legislation Neuters Right to Object to Mining Proposals:
[https://www.academia.edu/8495355/Clouds over Sunshine State Rushed legislation seems to neuter right to object to mining proposals](https://www.academia.edu/8495355/Clouds_over_Sunshine_State_Rushed_legislation_seems_to_neuter_right_to_object_to_mining_proposals);
 - r. The Appointment of a Chief Justice: Debating Principles:
[https://www.academia.edu/8551994/The Appointment of a Chief Justice Debating Principles](https://www.academia.edu/8551994/The_Appointment_of_a_Chief_Justice_Debating_Principles) or
<http://www.justinian.com.au/bloggers/a-matter-of-principle.html>;
 - s. The Leopard's Spots Turn a Deeper Shade:
[https://www.academia.edu/8708023/The Leopard s Spots Turn a Deeper Shade of More of the Worse](https://www.academia.edu/8708023/The_Leopard_s_Spots_Turn_a_Deeper_Shade_of_More_of_the_Worse) or
<https://independentaustralia.net/environment/environment-display/here-we-joh-again-leopard-newman-removes-rights-to-object-to-mines,6949>;
 - t. Balance and Consistency:
[https://www.academia.edu/8925014/Balance and Consistency Too Much to Ask](https://www.academia.edu/8925014/Balance_and_Consistency_Too_Much_to_Ask) or <https://independentaustralia.net/business/business-display/senate-inquiry-into-queensland-govt-reveals-courier-mails-corruption,6974>.
6. I hope the information contained in these articles is helpful to you in your work.
7. Please advise if I can be of any further assistance.

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Chambers

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