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TO
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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 turnover 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
those conditions of an Environmental Authority
seems 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 resident got? by complaining to the company?)

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

Departments are not adequately stepped 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 EISA other studies for the proponent often have a close or long standing relationship with the proponent. Perhaps some investigation is warranted into the independence of their compiling and reporting of 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 Home Land Tenures Officer negotiating property sales? It might explain some of their behaviour.

The Commonwealth Government has the reputation 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.

Thankyou,

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