

Elizabeth Sullivan

From: Barry Moule [redacted] >
Sent: Tuesday, 15 September 2020 3:09 PM
To: Elizabeth Sullivan
Subject: Re: contact details

Confirmed Elizabeth, many thanks.

Regards,
Barry

On 15 Sep 2020, at 2:28 pm, Elizabeth Sullivan <Elizabeth.Sullivan@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Hello Barry. Thanks for your email to the Premier's Office.

Evan Moorhead rang me to advise that you will be working on a revised proposal, including both yourself and Food for All – and this revised proposal will be sent shortly.

Would you please confirm this is the case. If so, I will confirm with you and Evan who is the best departmental contact for you moving forward.

At this stage it is too early to look at meeting with the Premier

Best wishes

Elizabeth

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From: Elizabeth Sullivan
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Subject: contact details

Hello Barry, here are my details, thanks
Will touch based again on Monday
Best wishes,
Elizabeth

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Denise Spinks

From: Evan Moorhead <[REDACTED]@anacta.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 27 March 2020 9:16 AM
To: Denise Spinks
Subject: FW: Letter to Premier: Cuts to radiology fees for injured workers commencing 1 April
Attachments: ADIA AMAQ Letter to Qld Premier 26032020.pdf

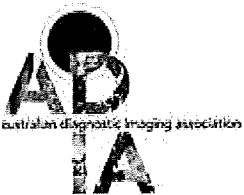
From: Chris Kane <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, 26 March 2020 12:56 PM
To: thepremier@premiers.qld.gov.au
Cc: Dilip Dhupelia <[REDACTED]>; Julian Adler <[REDACTED]>; Jane Schmitt <[REDACTED]>; ADIA Secretariat <secretariat@adia.asn.au>; [REDACTED]
Subject: Letter to Premier: Cuts to radiology fees for injured workers commencing 1 April

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from the Australian Diagnostic Imaging Association and AMA Queensland, regarding WorkCover Queensland cuts to radiology fees for injured workers commencing on 1 April.

Regards,
Chris

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Dear Premier

Cuts to radiology fees for injured workers commencing 1 April

The Australian Diagnostic Imaging Association (ADIA) and the Australian Medical Association Queensland (AMAQ) are greatly concerned about planned cuts to fees for radiology services provided to injured workers in Queensland, which are scheduled to start on Wednesday next week.

WorkCover Queensland will cut fees by an average 30%, which will reduce funding for radiology services provided to injured workers by more than \$20 million per year.

With our health system responding to the most serious medical emergency in generations, this is not an appropriate time to implement fee cuts for medical services. Given the focus on COVID-19, radiology providers have not had capacity to adjust nor give proper consideration to the draft changes outlined by WorkCover Queensland on 22 February.

In addition, the viability of radiology providers, relied upon by WorkCover Queensland to deliver essential medical services to injured workers, is at grave risk due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Cutting fees by more than \$20 million will exacerbate this problem.

We are open to WorkCover Queensland making amendments to their Table of Costs, but respectfully submit that a delay of six months is appropriate in these circumstances. This will enable a discussion on how WorkCover Queensland can receive value for money, while remunerating radiology providers appropriately for a quality service.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Kane (ADIA CEO) on 0403 638 700, or Jane Schmitt (AMAQ CEO) on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

Dr Julian Adler
President, ADIA

Dr Dilip Dhupelia
President, AMA Queensland

CC: Hon Grace Grace, Minister for Industrial Relations
Bruce Watson, CEO, WorkCover Queensland

Denise Spinks

From: Denise Spinks
Sent: Monday, 30 March 2020 9:17 AM
To: Greg Fowler
Subject: Fwd: Letter to Premier: Cuts to radiology fees for injured workers commencing 1 April
Attachments: image001.jpg; ATT00001.htm; ADIA AMAQ Letter to Qld Premier 26032020.pdf; ATT00002.htm

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Thanks
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Or is this GG given work cover?
Thx

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From: Evan Moorhead <[redacted]@anacta.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 24 March 2020 9:23 AM
To: Denise Spinks
Subject: Support for Public Servants
Attachments: Letter to Mr Dave Stewart .pdf

Hi Denise,

I'm doing some work for Davidson. They have sent the attached proposal to Dave Stewart.

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Evan Moorhead
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23 March 2020

Mr Dave Stewart
Director-General
Department of the Premier and Cabinet
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BRISBANE QLD 4002

Dear Dave,

I trust you are well.

As a long standing partner for the Queensland Government, we recognise the priority and importance you personally, and the Queensland Government will place on managing risks associated with changed work-practices that will be required for the Public Service in dealing with COVID-19.

The COVID-19 scenario presents many risks to the well-being of the public service workforce, and to the outcomes that must be achieved by it.

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Conclusion

We have demonstrated experience of working alongside the Queensland Government during major rapid-response challenges.. These challenges have included emergency crises such as flood, cyclone and bushfire emergency responses and relief efforts and through to rapid deployment efforts for the Commonwealth Games.

As a Queensland owned business, we would be proud to assist the Government to support its leaders and employees during this vital period in Queensland's history.

We are available immediately to discuss this matter further. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Bruce Davidson
Group CEO

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Sent: Tuesday, 8 September 2020 10:36 AM
To: @Premiers Media
Subject: FW: Evan Moorhead for Cross River Rail Delivery Authority

FYI all

From: Matthew Martyn-Jones <Matthew.Martyn-Jones@crrda.org.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 8 September 2020 10:34 AM
To: Matthew Jutsum <Matthew.Jutsum@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Jack Harbour <Jack.Harbour@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Cc: Graeme Newton <Graeme.Newton@crrda.org.au>; Russell Vine <Russell.Vine@crrda.org.au>; Virginia Bax <Virginia.Bax@crrda.org.au>
Subject: FW: Evan Moorhead for Cross River Rail Delivery Authority

Matt/Jack – we will prepare a response to this based on previous.

Thanks

Matt

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Sent: Tuesday, 8 September 2020 10:30 AM
To: Matthew Martyn-Jones <Matthew.Martyn-Jones@crrda.org.au>
Subject: Evan Moorhead for Cross River Rail Delivery Authority

Hi Matt,

Thanks for your time on the phone this morning.

May I please have a formal response from the CRRDA? **My deadline is 1pm.**

- What was Evan Moorhead's Anacta Strategies engaged by the CRRDA for in June last year? Was it to liaise with the unions ahead of the inking of the deal between CRRDA and the Pulse consortium to build the project?
- Was Mr Moorhead engaged as a lobbyist by the CRRDA?
- Why was he chosen for that role?
- Documents released under RTI show Mr Moorhead went to six high-level meetings about the CRR in three days in June 2019, invited by both Ms Trad and Graeme Newton. The meetings were on the 24th, 25th and 26th of June 2019, both as conference calls and boardroom meetings. What were they about?

Please call for any clarification.

Thanks,

Sarah

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From: Zoe Russell
Sent: Tuesday, 8 September 2020 9:55 PM
To: @Premiers Media
Subject: Jackie Trad had 'union whisperer' Evan Moorhead at rail talks

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• AN HOUR AGO SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

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Lobbyist and Labor campaigner Evan Moorhead was invited by former deputy premier Jackie Trad to be at secret, high-level government meetings about the state's largest infrastructure project, the \$5.4bn Cross River Rail, and was hired as a union whisperer on the mega-deal.

An investigation by The Australian has discovered that Ms Trad and Cross River Rail Delivery Authority chief Graeme Newton invited Mr Moorhead to six meetings in three days in June last year, weeks after he quit as Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk's government strategy chief to set up shop as a lobbyist.

The contents of the meetings are so secret they have been blocked from release by the Palaszczuk government, saying the details are "cabinet in confidence".

The CRRDA has confirmed Mr Moorhead was hired by the government authority not as a lobbyist but to "liaise" with unions in the critical period before the government inked a deal on July 1 with the Pulse Consortium to build the public rail behemoth.

The Australian understands the unions were putting pressure on Ms Trad — then treasurer and minister responsible for the project — to ensure lead contractor CPB matched the 5 per cent per annum wage increase guaranteed to workers on the privately funded Queens Wharf casino project in the Brisbane CBD.

The CRRDA was trying to get the unions into the bargaining process and Mr Moorhead's job was to "try to get them to be reasonable".

Mr Moorhead, in an interview with The Australian on Monday, denied he was providing advice to the CRRDA about their dealings with the CFMEU, saying his contract with the agency "specifically excluded industrial relations".

Mr Moorhead — a former state Labor MP, ALP state secretary and now lobbyist — said he was "providing advice to Cross River Rail".

"I was helping them with stakeholder relations and dealing with government, and it was in accordance with the advice of the Integrity Commissioner and Cross River Rail probity advisers ... my contract with the Cross River Rail specifically excluded industrial relations."

Late on Tuesday, Mr Moorhead clarified, and said his role with the CRRDA included assisting the authority with "government and union stakeholders, on the application of the best practice principles".

“CRRDA had other staff and consultants that undertook industrial relations negotiations with unions,” he said.

Documents show Mr Moorhead attended six meetings between June 24 and June 26 last year, with at least one held in the deputy premier’s boardroom at the government’s 1 William Street skyscraper. At all meetings, Mr Moorhead was the only private attendee. The rest were senior government, CRRDA or Cross River Rail board officials.

A spokesman for the CRRDA said Mr Moorhead was engaged as a “specialist contractor to provide stakeholder management liaison services during the crucial and complex contract finalisation stage of the CRR project”.

“This included liaising with both the preferred contractors and employee representatives to ensure that key elements of the government’s best practice principles, a new (procurement) policy, were appropriately applied during this key part of the procurement,” he said.

The spokesman said Mr Moorhead held “specialist skills and expertise” with experience at the highest levels of government and in the business sector, and was not engaged as a lobbyist.

Disclosures show Anacta Strategies was awarded a “stakeholder advisory services” contract by the CRRDA on June 27 last year for \$92,400.

Weeks after the secret meetings, on August 30 last year, Mr Moorhead’s Anacta Strategies began acting for train manufacturer Downer, a company he had dealings with when he worked in Ms Palaszczuk’s office as her senior government strategist.

Downer is likely to build the trains for the Cross River Rail, in line with the government’s election promise to construct them in Queensland if at all possible.

A contract announcement is expected during the election campaign at Downer’s Maryborough workshop, in a Labor-held marginal seat.

Mr Moorhead said his later work for Downer was not a conflict of interest because he said he and the CRRDA were not involved in “any rollingstock decisions whatsoever”.

Ms Palaszczuk has yet to respond to requests to comment about her former senior staffer Mr Moorhead’s dual roles as one of Queensland’s most successful lobbyists and a paid campaigner for the Labor party, trying to get her re-elected at the October 31 poll.

Only the Australian Workers Union ended up negotiating an industrial agreement with contractor CPB, understood to include wages rises of 3.5 per cent per year. The CFMEU has since waged a lengthy campaign against Ms Trad, her successor, State Development Minister Kate Jones, the government, the CRRDA and the project. It last month defected from Labor’s Left faction, citing the “Cross River Fail” as partial motivation.

<https://www.theaustralian.com.au/nation/politics/jackie-trad-had-union-whisperer-evan-moorhead-at-rail-talks/news-story/bf884745e96fc99f271447ba583746f1>

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EVAN MOORHEAD

I am advised the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority engaged Mr Evan Moorhead of Anacta Strategies in June last year.

His contract was ended in January this year.

He provided services relating to complex stakeholder management.

Mr Moorhead has significant experience at the highest level of Government and the business sector, including as a Member of Parliament.

The CRR Project has hundreds of stakeholders across a very wide footprint, including the more than 10km alignment, as well as the business community and the infrastructure sector.

The terms of Mr Moorhead's engagement are commercial-in-confidence.

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Donna O'Donoghue

From: Toby Walker
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To: @Premiers Media
Cc: Kerryn Manifold; @Minister Bailey Media
Subject: FW: Evan Moorhead

FYI

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To: Toby Walker <Toby.Walker@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Queensland Rail <media@qr.com.au>
Subject: Evan Moorhead

Good morning guys,

Some questions for a story for tomorrow's paper are below. **My deadline is 3pm.** Please call for clarification if you need.

CONTEXT

Public records show Evan Moorhead's Anacta Strategies was the registered lobbyist for train manufacturer Downer from 30 August 2019.

On September 17, 2019, Queensland Rail paid Anacta Strategies \$61,000 for "professional services."

In December 2019, Queensland Rail signed a \$300m agreement with Downer for a decade of rail manufacturing for the state government.

QUESTIONS

Did Queensland Rail know Anacta Strategies was the registered lobbyist for Downer when it awarded the contract in September 2019?

Did Anacta declare the conflict of interest?

What were the professional services that Anacta was paid to provide? When did that contract finish?

Did the professional services have anything to do with Downer, or rail manufacturing?

Did Evan Moorhead or Anacta lobby Queensland Rail or the government on behalf of Downer last year?

Is this situation appropriate?

Did Mr Moorhead or Anacta have anything to do with/or any prior knowledge of the \$300m deal?

Thanks,

Sarah

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From: Sue Lappeman
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To: @Wraps
Subject: Oz -Queensland election: LNP to give Integrity Commissioner power to investigate lobbyists

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Queensland Integrity Commissioner Nikola Stepanov. Picture: AAP

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- AN HOUR AGO OCTOBER 7, 2020
- NO COMMENTS

Queensland's Integrity Commissioner would be given beefed-up powers to investigate lobbyists under an LNP government, after Labor Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk declared she was comfortable with a lobbyist running her re-election campaign.

An investigation by The Australian has uncovered the existence of "campaigner lobbyists" in Queensland — political players who work to get governments re-elected and then profit from those administrations as lobbyists or owners of lobbying firms.

It also emerged the watchdog charged with regulating the state's booming lobbying industry, Integrity Commissioner Nikola Stepanov, is powerless to investigate alleged wrongdoing by lobbyists.

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Liberal National Party opposition leader Deb Frecklington on Wednesday night promised to legislate to increase Dr Stepanov's power and give her extra funding, if the LNP is elected on October 31.

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"Investigative powers will require more resources, and a future LNP government will address this in our first budget to be delivered in the first 100 days.

"The Integrity Commissioner's lack of investigative powers is a major limitation on the current integrity regime."

The Australian's investigation found that Evan Moorhead — a former Labor MP and ALP state secretary — was one of the state's most in-demand lobbyists, setting up his firm Anacta Strategies with fellow Labor campaigner Dave Nelson, after he left Ms Palaszczuk's office as her chief of government strategy last year. Mr Moorhead is still on Labor's payroll to provide campaign advice to the party.

On the LNP side, the Crime and Corruption Commission are assessing a complaint by the Brisbane City Council Labor Opposition after The Australian revealed a former LNP state executive member and owner of lobbyist firm SAS Group, Malcolm Cole, was paid by ratepayers to advise Brisbane's LNP Lord Mayor while orchestrating his re-election campaign.

Ms Frecklington said there were no lobbyists working on her election campaign.

Ms Palaszczuk said she would consider increasing Dr Stepanov's funding if she was re-elected, and said she was comfortable with lobbyist Evan Moorhead running her campaign.

"Oh sure, if she has said (that she is under-resourced) to government, happy to help," Ms Palaszczuk said. "My understanding is Mr Moorhead is following all the rules ... he has to abide by the rules just like everyone else has to abide by the rules."

But she ruled out overhauling the state's lobbyist code of conduct, declaring Queensland had "some of the strictest rules in the country" for lobbyists.

Dr Stepanov said last month her workload had dramatically increased, experiencing a ten-fold increase in inquiries about lobbying activities, but said she was trying to be fiscally responsible and efficient.

"I am sure that any public sector agency would appreciate more staff and resources if such things were limitless and there was no additional cost burden to the public," she said.

Ms Palaszczuk and Treasurer Cameron Dick spent the morning at mining giant Glencore's Mount Isa copper smelter on day two of the campaign.

They re-announced the state government's financial support for the company to keep the operation open. Among many other clients, Mr Moorhead and Anacta Strategies are also Glencore's lobbyists.

Ms Palaszczuk on Wednesday said details of the government's financial support for Glencore were commercial-in-confidence and could not be disclosed.



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Subject: Fwd: Oz -Queensland election: LNP to give Integrity Commissioner power to investigate lobbyists

No lobbyists working with them. Really? We got anything we can be ready for tomorrow?

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Ms Palaszczuk on Wednesday said details of the government’s financial support for Glencore were commercial-in-confidence and could not be disclosed.



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To: @Premiers Media
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FYI all

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Sent: Tuesday, 8 September 2020 10:34 AM
To: Matthew Jutsum <Matthew.Jutsum@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Jack Harbour <Jack.Harbour@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
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Matt/Jack – we will prepare a response to this based on previous.

Thanks

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To: Matthew Martyn-Jones <Matthew.Martyn-Jones@crrda.org.au>
Subject: Evan Moorhead for Cross River Rail Delivery Authority

Hi Matt,

Thanks for your time on the phone this morning.

May I please have a formal response from the CRRDA? **My deadline is 1pm.**

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Please call for any clarification.

Thanks,

Sarah

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Queensland's Integrity Commissioner would be given beefed-up powers to investigate lobbyists under an LNP government, after Labor Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk declared she was comfortable with a lobbyist running her re-election campaign.

An investigation by The Australian has uncovered the existence of "campaigner lobbyists" in Queensland — political players who work to get governments re-elected and then profit from those administrations as lobbyists or owners of lobbying firms.

It also emerged the watchdog charged with regulating the state's booming lobbying industry, Integrity Commissioner Nikola Stepanov, is powerless to investigate alleged wrongdoing by lobbyists.

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Liberal National Party opposition leader Deb Frecklington on Wednesday night promised to legislate to increase Dr Stepanov's power and give her extra funding, if the LNP is elected on October 31.

"An LNP government will give the Integrity Commissioner legislative power to investigate potential breaches of the lobbying code of conduct and integrity regime," Ms Frecklington said.

"Investigative powers will require more resources, and a future LNP government will address this in our first budget to be delivered in the first 100 days.

"The Integrity Commissioner's lack of investigative powers is a major limitation on the current integrity regime."

The Australian's investigation found that Evan Moorhead — a former Labor MP and ALP state secretary — was one of the state's most in-demand lobbyists, setting up his firm Anacta Strategies with fellow Labor campaigner Dave Nelson, after he left Ms Palaszczuk's office as her chief of government strategy last year. Mr Moorhead is still on Labor's payroll to provide campaign advice to the party.

On the LNP side, the Crime and Corruption Commission are assessing a complaint by the Brisbane City Council Labor Opposition after The Australian revealed a former LNP state executive member and owner of lobbyist firm SAS Group, Malcolm Cole, was paid by ratepayers to advise Brisbane's LNP Lord Mayor while orchestrating his re-election campaign.

Ms Frecklington said there were no lobbyists working on her election campaign.

Ms Palaszczuk said she would consider increasing Dr Stepanov's funding if she was re-elected, and said she was comfortable with lobbyist Evan Moorhead running her campaign.

"Oh sure, if she has said (that she is under-resourced) to government, happy to help," Ms Palaszczuk said. "My understanding is Mr Moorhead is following all the rules ... he has to abide by the rules just like everyone else has to abide by the rules."

But she ruled out overhauling the state's lobbyist code of conduct, declaring Queensland had "some of the strictest rules in the country" for lobbyists.

Dr Stepanov said last month her workload had dramatically increased, experiencing a ten-fold increase in inquiries about lobbying activities, but said she was trying to be fiscally responsible and efficient.

"I am sure that any public sector agency would appreciate more staff and resources if such things were limitless and there was no additional cost burden to the public," she said.

Ms Palaszczuk and Treasurer Cameron Dick spent the morning at mining giant Glencore's Mount Isa copper smelter on day two of the campaign.

They re-announced the state government's financial support for the company to keep the - operation open. Among many other clients, Mr Moorhead and Anacta Strategies are also Glencore's lobbyists.

Ms Palaszczuk on Wednesday said details of the government's financial support for Glencore were commercial-in-confidence and could not be disclosed.



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Annastacia Palaszczuk's former government strategy chief, Evan Moorhead, has become Queensland's hottest lobbyist while being paid by Labor to help run its campaign ahead of the October 31 state election.

The emergence of Mr Moorhead's dual role as a campaigner-lobbyist has triggered fresh integrity questions for the Palaszczuk government.

An investigation by The Australian shows Mr Moorhead and his lobbying firm Anacta Strategies — which was set up after he had resigned from Ms Palaszczuk's office last year — represents companies he had dealt with as a top staffer for the Premier, including major law firm Maurice Blackburn and train manufacturer Downer.

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Under the Integrity Act, lobbyists in Queensland are banned from carrying out lobbying activities “relating to (their) official dealings as a government representative” for two years after they leave their taxpayer-funded jobs.

In just over a year, Anacta has secured 32 clients, including companies with some of the most politically sensitive projects in Queensland and others with government contracts or vying for state work.

Last month, the firm — owned by Mr Moorhead and fellow political consultant David Nelson — had a rush of new clients as the election neared, signing up two companies a week.

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Mandatory financial disclosures to the Electoral Commission of Queensland show that Anacta is now on a monthly retainer with Labor, already netting them more than \$80,000, to provide campaign advice.

Mr Moorhead, ALP state secretary between 2014 and when he joined the Premier's office in January 2018, oversaw Ms Palaszczuk's successful re-election in 2017, with Mr Nelson also working on the campaign.

Mr Moorhead denied that his clients sought out Anacta Strategies because he and Mr Nelson could give them special access to the government they helped get elected.

"I don't think the two overlap at all and I don't think you can assert that it works like that," he said.

"We're very professional in what we do and follow the rules for all of our engagements."

He said Anacta publicly disclosed all lobbying contacts and followed the rules religiously, and the rules did not provide for a "special degree of access".

Mr Moorhead said he had spent his whole adult life trying to get Labor governments elected.

Last year, Ms Palaszczuk officially opened the offices of Anacta Strategies when it was being given free office space by Labor-linked law firm Holding Redlich.



Evan Moorhead at work for the Labor Party. Picture: Annette

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Emails reveal that Mr Moorhead was Labor-linked law firm Maurice Blackburn's point of contact in the Premier's office, with firm partner Rod Hodgson personally contacting him to fix problems for him, including securing more time for government consultation.

Documents show that Mr Hodgson went straight to Mr Moorhead in May and July 2018 when he was concerned that the government would crack down on lawyers' fees for workers' compensation matters, after an independent review had recommended it.

Maurice Blackburn became one of the first firms to hire Anacta Strategies on August 4, 2019, after Mr Moorhead left the Premier's office on May 17 last year.

Anacta was registered as a lobbying firm on June 13 last year.

Mr Moorhead confirmed that he had dealt with Maurice Blackburn while working for Ms Palaszczuk, and had since lobbied on the firm's behalf.

But he said that it was not a breach of the Integrity Act or the lobbyists' code of conduct because the lobbying was not about a specific matter with which he had previously had official dealings.

Contact logs show Mr Moorhead lobbied Ms Palaszczuk's principal policy officer, Greg Fowler, on June 19 and 23 and July 30, on behalf of Maurice Blackburn client Rodriguez & Sons Pty Ltd, the lead plaintiff in the Wivenhoe Dam floods class action.

Mr Moorhead has attended a number of Labor fundraisers on behalf of Anacta Strategies, including Labor's business partnerships cash-for-access pre-election event at the Brisbane Convention Centre on August 6 and 7.

Businesses and lobbyists paid to attend the event to "network" with state ministers and federal Labor MPs and senators.

Mr Moorhead said he did not meet any ministers at the event, and while he had not sought Integrity Commissioner advice about separating his party political and lobbying roles, he was confident that he was not doing anything wrong.

Mr Moorhead also attended Labor's caucus retreat in January at O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat with ministers and backbenchers to help them prepare for the election campaign.

The industry code of conduct states that "lobbyists shall keep strictly separate from their duties and activities as lobbyists any personal activity or involvement on behalf of a political party".

Anacta Strategies has donated more than \$26,000 to the ALP since July last year.

Mining company New Hope Group severed ties with Anacta last year after The Australian had revealed that it was lobbying for state approval of its proposed \$900m expansion of the New Acland mine, west of Brisbane.

Mr Moorhead at the time said Mr Nelson had handled the state government lobbying for New Hope, although both partners in the firm had shared in the financial benefits.

On Monday, Mr Moorhead said Anacta did not "divide clients, we work on them all as teams".

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Matt/Jack – we will prepare a response to this based on previous.

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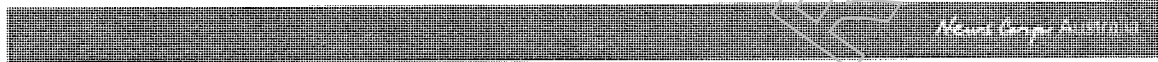
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- 2 MINUTES AGO SEPTEMBER 15, 2020
- 1 COMMENT

Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk's department has been hiring pollsters to gauge voter "sentiment" about the government's COVID-19 restrictions.

As Ms Palaszczuk readies for the October 31 state election, it can be revealed her office has spent more than \$528,000 on coronavirus polling in the past few months and hired political strategist Mike Kaiser to help craft the state's COVID-19 economic recovery.

The Queensland government's handling of the coronavirus crisis — and its border closures — is expected to be the key issue at the knife-edge election, with the Premier's department spending millions on advertising, communications experts and consultants.

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Government disclosures reveal consultancy firm KPMG, where Mr Kaiser serves as the Brisbane-based corporate affairs advisory partner, was awarded a confidential \$275,000 contract on May 7 to provide "advice to (the Department of Premier and Cabinet) on the development of an economic recovery roadmap".

The following day, Ms Palaszczuk released the state's roadmap for easing restrictions, including that border closures would be reviewed at the end of every month, and borders would possibly reopen on July 10.

Queensland shut its borders on March 26, reopened to all but Victoria on July 10, and on August 8 closed to all of NSW and the ACT.

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Mr Kaiser, regarded by former premier Peter Beattie as one of the “most gifted campaigners” the party has produced, was considered crucial to Ms Palaszczuk’s 2017 election victory, and he attended a re-election strategy summit with the Premier and her senior ministers on the Sunshine Coast hinterland last November.

A KPMG spokesman said Mr Kaiser would not be helping Labor with its October 31 election campaign, a claim that will surprise many in the ALP ranks.

“KPMG has been engaged to provide assistance to the COVID-19 taskforce on the state’s economic recovery strategy, including assisting the development of an infrastructure project roadmap,” he said.

The Australian revealed last week that Labor campaigner and Ms Palaszczuk’s former government chief of strategy Evan Moorhead was now one of the state’s most in-demand lobbyists, while being paid by the ALP for campaign advice ahead of the poll.

Queensland Treasury separately awarded five contracts to KPMG last financial year worth \$1.96m, including a \$145,251 contract on April 1 — at the height of the state’s COVID-19 response — for professional advisory services, understood to be about the jobs crisis.

The disclosures reveal that also on May 7, Ms Palaszczuk’s department hired market research and polling company Ipsos Public Affairs to run a \$138,077 “COVID-19 Key Insights Project” — followed by an “additional waves” top-up contract of \$390,380 on June 19.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Premier and Cabinet declined to say whether voters were asked about the border shutdown, but confirmed that Ipsos was “engaged to conduct market research and sentiment testing to ensure the government’s COVID-19 public information and behaviour change campaigns were effective, achieved value for money and were evaluated ... This is a requirement under the Government Advertising Communication Committee process.”

Ms Palaszczuk’s office has repeatedly said she relies solely on advice from Chief Health Officer Jeannette Young in making decisions about restrictions and the government’s health response to coronavirus. A spokesman for Ms Palaszczuk last month denied the government had done polling on the views of Queenslanders to test support for border closures.

The market research was commissioned as the border debate heated up and just before Ms Palaszczuk announced the first stage of restrictions to be eased.

The second tranche of market research was ordered shortly after the government had given the green light to intrastate travel.

Communications firm and registered lobbyist Newgate Communications received two contracts from the Department of Premier and Cabinet worth \$190,476 on April 20 and May 25, described only as the “provision of services for COVID-19 response and recovery taskforce”.

Ad agency MediaCom appears to have received the most lucrative contracts from the Department of Premier and Cabinet since the pandemic began, raking in \$4.9m for COVID-19-related advertisements.

Ms Palaszczuk's departmental spokeswoman said the firms were engaged by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to support the COVID-19 response and recovery taskforce "with the co-ordination of a range of pandemic-related issues across government and with business and industry".

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Queensland Integrity Commissioner Nikola Stepanov. Picture: AAP

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Queensland's Integrity Commissioner would be given beefed-up powers to investigate lobbyists under an LNP government, after Labor Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk declared she was comfortable with a lobbyist running her re-election campaign.

An investigation by The Australian has uncovered the existence of “campaigner lobbyists” in Queensland — political players who work to get governments re-elected and then profit from those administrations as lobbyists or owners of lobbying firms.

It also emerged the watchdog charged with regulating the state's booming lobbying industry, Integrity Commissioner Nikola Stepanov, is powerless to investigate alleged wrongdoing by lobbyists.

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Liberal National Party opposition leader Deb Frecklington on Wednesday night promised to legislate to increase Dr Stepanov's power and give her extra funding, if the LNP is elected on October 31.

“An LNP government will give the Integrity Commissioner legislative power to investigate potential breaches of the lobbying code of conduct and integrity regime,” Ms Frecklington said.

“Investigative powers will require more resources, and a future LNP government will address this in our first budget to be delivered in the first 100 days.

“The Integrity Commissioner's lack of investigative powers is a major limitation on the current integrity regime.”

The Australian's investigation found that Evan Moorhead — a former Labor MP and ALP state secretary — was one of the state's most in-demand lobbyists, setting up his firm Anacta Strategies with fellow Labor campaigner Dave Nelson, after he left Ms Palaszczuk's office as her chief of government strategy last year. Mr Moorhead is still on Labor's payroll to provide campaign advice to the party.

On the LNP side, the Crime and Corruption Commission are assessing a complaint by the Brisbane City Council Labor Opposition after The Australian revealed a former LNP state executive member and owner of lobbyist firm SAS Group, Malcolm Cole, was paid by ratepayers to advise Brisbane's LNP Lord Mayor while orchestrating his re-election campaign.

Ms Frecklington said there were no lobbyists working on her election campaign.

Ms Palaszczuk said she would consider increasing Dr Stepanov's funding if she was re-elected, and said she was comfortable with lobbyist Evan Moorhead running her campaign.

"Oh sure, if she has said (that she is under-resourced) to government, happy to help," Ms Palaszczuk said. "My understanding is Mr Moorhead is following all the rules ... he has to abide by the rules just like everyone else has to abide by the rules."

But she ruled out overhauling the state's lobbyist code of conduct, declaring Queensland had "some of the strictest rules in the country" for lobbyists.

Dr Stepanov said last month her workload had dramatically increased, experiencing a ten-fold increase in inquiries about lobbying activities, but said she was trying to be fiscally responsible and efficient.

"I am sure that any public sector agency would appreciate more staff and resources if such things were limitless and there was no additional cost burden to the public," she said.

Ms Palaszczuk and Treasurer Cameron Dick spent the morning at mining giant Glencore's Mount Isa copper smelter on day two of the campaign.

They re-announced the state government's financial support for the company to keep the - operation open. Among many other clients, Mr Moorhead and Anacta Strategies are also Glencore's lobbyists.

Ms Palaszczuk on Wednesday said details of the government's financial support for Glencore were commercial-in-confidence and could not be disclosed.



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Subject: Cameron Milner and Evan Moorhead running the Labor campaign from 1 William St

Hey guys,

Did the Premier feel it was appropriate to have two lobbyists, Evan Moorhead and Cameron Milner, running strategy for her re-election campaign for Labor?

We have been told that Mr Moorhead and Mr Milner were based out of 1 William Street on the 40th floor. Is that correct?

Thanks,

Sarah

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Cc: @Premiers Media
Subject: Fwd: Courier Mail - Conflicts inquiry

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Subject: Courier Mail - Conflicts inquiry

Hey Zoe,

Hope you're doing well after the campaign.

Just following The Oz's story today, I have some questions.

1. Was Cameron Milner working out of 1 William Street during the election campaign? Where was he based in the building?
2. How often was Evan Moorhead working out of 1 William Street?
3. Does the Premier consider it to be appropriate that Mr Milner and Mr Moorhead were working out of 1 William Street?
4. What steps are you taking to ensure there are no conflicts of interest?
5. Any further comments you wish to add.

My deadline is 4pm today.

Thanks,

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Cc: @Minister Bailey Media; Tam van Alphen
Subject: BAILEY - FYI - Courier-Mail query - train building announcement

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Hi Kerryn,

Thanks for sending this through.

A couple of follow up questions for Premier Palaszczuk if I could:

- Does the Premier consider the involvement of lobbyists in the 2020 Labor Queensland election campaign, including (but not limited to) Evan Moorhead and Cameron Milner, a perceived and/or potential and/or actual conflict of interest?
- If so, how were such conflicts of interest dealt with in relation to the 2020 Labor election campaign?

A response by 11am Thursday would be appreciated.

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8. How do you respond to the contention that by engaging in campaigning for the ALP, lobbyists are part of an arrangement (perhaps unspoken) that results in improved and/or easier access to you and/or your Ministers and/or staff?
9. For this story, we have spoken with several integrity experts. One says QLD Labor should not have engaged lobbyists like Mr Moorhead and/or Mr Milner for the recent election campaign, while the other suggests there should be a cooling off period between people being a lobbyist and then working in an election campaign. Will you move to stop and/or further regulate lobbyists being engaged by political parties (including, but not limited to, during election campaigns)?
10. Before the last election, the Queensland Crime and Corruption Commission wrote to candidates and indicated “the lines between government and the private sector are blurring, with overlapping networks of association involving consultants, influencers, lobbyists and executives,” which it believed “may put the public interest at risk”. How do you respond to the CCC’s assessment?
11. More than half of all meetings granted to lobbyists by yourself, your staff, ministers and ministerial staff since 11 July 2019 have been with Anacta Strategies or Next Level Strategic Services. How do you respond to claims this is a disproportionate and/or unfair amount of access to — and influence over — government decision-making processes compared to other lobbying firms and/or stakeholders (including, but not limited to, community groups and individuals)?
12. Has your Government (before and/or during the 2020 state election campaign) made any decisions favourable to a client of Anacta Strategies and/or Next Level Strategic Services after being lobbied by one of those firms on behalf of the client? If so, please outline which decisions and please detail what role lobbying played in each of the decisions.

Dan Conifer

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From: Toby Walker
Sent: Wednesday, 25 November 2020 5:08 PM
To: @Premiers Media
Cc: @Minister Bailey Media; Tam van Alphen
Subject: BAILEY - Courier-Mail query - Maryborough/Rockhampton train building announcement
Attachments: Media Statement; Media Statement; alp-q-queensland-made-policy-document-final-pdf-002.pdf

Hi team,

FYI on the email we plan to send to Kelmeny at the Courier Mail in relation to her questions about our rail manufacturing policy announced during the election.

Deadline was COB today.

Will send after 5.30pm unless any issues.

Regards,

Toby Walker

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Hi Kelmeny,

The Palaszczuk Government went to the 2017 and 2020 elections committing to build new Queensland trains in Queensland at Maryborough.

Maryborough has a proud 150 year history of local manufacturing and maintaining trains. The Palaszczuk Government is backing Maryborough to continue that long proud history.

That election commitment we took to the last two elections has now been endorsed twice by Queensland voters.

I've attached information we put out during those campaigns that outlines our rail manufacturing policies, but specifically in answer to your first few questions:

A registration of interest from potential bidders for the new train building contract will be called before Christmas.

The requirement to build them in Maryborough will be a condition of the tender.

The contracts are to build 20 trains in Maryborough, with an option to build an additional 45 for service on south east Queensland's rail network.

The purchase of the Rockhampton site was part of our statewide industry development plan to increase local supplier participation in the Maryborough train building contracts.

On questions four and five, the Minister has not discussed the Cross River Rail train building project and/or the Rockhampton property purchase with Anacta.

When train manufacturers, including both Downer and Bombardier, have raised building trains with the Minister's office, staff in the Minister's office have referred them to Transport and Main Roads as the lead agency for the train procurement.

Downer EDI is also undertaking a \$300 million 10-year pipeline of manufacturing work in Maryborough to refurbish and maintain the existing QR fleet.

Regards,

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From: Fraser, Kelmeny <kelmeny.fraser@news.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 24 November 2020 4:43 PM
To: Toby Walker <Toby.Walker@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Courier-Mail query - train building announcement

Hi Toby,

I'm looking at the Maryborough train manufacturing announcement and had the following questions:

- 1 Regarding the Palaszczuk Government's announced \$600 million train building work for Maryborough - is this a competitive tender process given the tender will stipulate the work must be done in Maryborough? Are any competitors to Downer EDI likely to be in a position to bid for the work? Has the tender been released yet?
- 2 Regarding the announcement that the Government is seeking to buy back the Rockhampton rail workshop land owned by Aurizon - will it be a condition of the Maryborough tender that components in the train must be from the Rockhampton site? Would the successful tenderer for the Cross River Rail train building project be the operator of the Rockhampton site? Was the Rockhampton supply chain announcement in exchange for guaranteeing the cross river rail trains would be built at Maryborough?
- 3 What modelling has been done to show if the Rockhampton operation will be viable after the CRR trains building has been finished? Does the Government have a long-term plan for the site?
- 4 Lobbying contact logs show Anacta Strategies had contact with a senior policy officer in the Minister's office regarding Downer seven times in 2020 and once with the chief-of-staff. What was the contact about? Was it related to the cross-river-rail train building announcement?
- 5 Did the Minister discuss the Cross River Rail train building project and/or the Rockhampton property purchase with Anacta Strategies director Evan Moorhead, either in his capacity as a lobbyist for Downer Group or in his capacity as a consultant providing advice for Labor's 2020 campaign?

I'm seeking a response by COB tomorrow. Happy to discuss on [redacted]

thanks,
Kelmeny

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From: Elks, Sarah <elkss@theaustralian.com.au>
Sent: Thursday, 26 November 2020 1:37 PM
To: @Premiers Media; Chris O'Brien; Shane Doherty
Subject: Question about lobbying during the election campaign

Hi all,

A couple of questions for the Premier's office please for a story for tomorrow's paper. My deadline is 5pm.

Evan Moorhead (Anacta Strategies) and Cameron Milner (Next Level Strategic Services) helped run Labor's successful reelection campaign. The Lobbyist Register contact logs show both firms continued to regularly lobby senior government staff - including the Premier's chief of staff and deputy chief of staff - during the campaign.

For Anacta, it was 22 lobbying contacts during the 26-day campaign, and for Next Level, it was seven in 26 days.

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And regardless, given this intersection of campaigning and lobbying, does this violate the Lobbyist Code of Conduct? The code states: **Lobbyists shall keep strictly separate from their duties and activities as lobbyists any personal activity or involvement on behalf of a political party**

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Sarah


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From: Kerry Manifold
Sent: Thursday, 26 November 2020 2:42 PM
To: Elks, Sarah; @Premiers Media; Chris O'Brien; Shane Doherty
Subject: RE: Question about lobbying during the election campaign

G'Day Sarah... Pls see below below which is attributable to a Palaszczuk Government spokesman:

The only reason Queensland has a Code of Conduct for lobbying activity is because it was introduced by a Labor government.

Lobbyists are required to follow the code at all times and ensure appropriate disclosures are made.

Perceived or potential conflicts are appropriately dealt with.

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