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From: Emma McBryde <Emma.McBryde@capnews.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 14 June 2013 1:31 PM
To: Gerard Reilly
Subject: Re: Main Roads regional manager for Fitzroy resignation

Hi Gerard,

Thanks for speaking with me earlier.

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We have also put questions to Main Roads media and Minister Emerson's office and are awaiting their responses.

My deadline is 5pm today. Could you or whoever handles the inquiry please let me know if that will be a problem?

Thanks for your help.

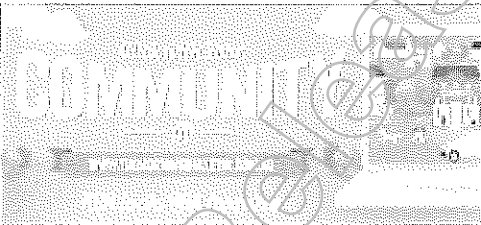
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To: Media Unit
Cc: Stephanie Shield; Eleisha Rogers
Subject: Response - Morning Bulletin
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From: Kate Barwick
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Looks good buddy



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Sent: Tuesday, 18 June 2013 3:39 PM
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Subject: Morning Bulletin response

Kate, as discussed.

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Question from Emma McBryde (Morning Bulletin)

I spoke with Natalie last Friday about the resignation of the Fitzroy region's director for Main Roads, Terry Hill.

We've had more people come forward claiming that it was a forced resignation and Mr Hill's contract had already been renewed.

We just want to confirm that the Department maintains its stance below (I've attached my correspondence with you guys last week, hopefully that helps)? That the contract was up for renewal and had not already been renewed?

If you could confirm that by 4.30pm today I'd really appreciate it.

Response from the Department of Transport and Main Roads

The response sent last week was correct. Mr Hill's contract isn't being renewed.

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Scott Whitby

From: Andrew Berkman
Sent: Wednesday, 19 June 2013 4:51 PM
To: Media Unit
Cc: Stephanie Shield
Subject: Morning Bulletin
Attachments: Another typical Schwarten rant.pdf

One to note. Letter to the Morning Bulletin (for tomorrow) from Robert Schwarten (below).

Response from Bruce Young attached.

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Letter to the Editor (Morning Bulletin) From Robert Schwarten

Firstly I have not discussed this with Terry Hill as I know he is far too professional to discuss his employment matters much less his employer with me. Equally I would not seek to compromise his integrity by asking. The fact is however I am most troubled by what I am hearing and reading about Terrys resignation. I am certain of one thing Terry was looking forward to building the next section of Yeppen which was announced by the Prime Minister when she last visited.

No one knows more about the Yeppen project than Terry Hill, he has lived and breathed it for the last decade that I am aware of and could not count the number of briefings I along with others have had with him over the years. He has run community workshops and as far as I am concerned not one public servant in my 20 years in Parliament was more transparent with the stakeholders than Terry Hill. The representative of the Gracemere community attested to this in her warm praise of Terry at the recent overpass opening.

I am particularly disturbed by the statements that appearing in the Morning Bulletin alongside me cost him his job. Neither he nor I asked to be there. I believe that it was the local Gracemere community representative who called out for Brad Carter Terry and myself to join the ribbon cutting ceremony. This was then repeated by the Mayor I made no political comment and neither did Brad. Terry merely posed for the photo as he has done before on behalf of his department which did the work. I for one have cut kilometers of ribbons on Labor built infrastructure so I was not begging to be involved.

I noted that Bruce Young was most uncomfortable with these arrangements. Perhaps he felt guilty that he was taking credit for a project that according to him because it was done on borrowings was a waste of money. Or perhaps he was honest enough to recognize that his side of politics was dishonestly taking credit for a labor project. Whatever the reason he showed no sincerity in his handshake with me for the cameras and decamped as soon as he could.

Whether this translates into him putting on a turn with the Premier only he can say. Only the Premier can confirm or deny this. For pressure to be applied the minister Emerson would have to lay down at the Premiers feet and lick his boots. Then his Director General would have had to accept such a direction. All of this would be most improper and I can honestly say in 13 years as a minister never happened despite some public servants on occasion deliberately attacking the government. We believed in a democracy that people are entitled to their views and I am sure

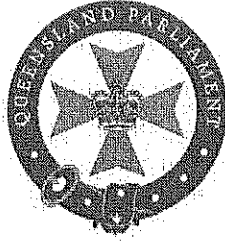
there were plenty of times when public servants appeared in newspapers alongside federal politicians state non labor politicians and Mayors. Not once did that cause a resignation.

All of this casts a pall over the honesty of this government and until a statement is made in Parliament where the LNP brought in legislation to jail those who lie to Parliament will we ever get anywhere near the truth. All three of the above should make statements. Our Mayor should also make inquiries with the Premier as she has been named as the one who caused this issue.

Terry Hill is a highly competent engineer and manager. This state government claims that construction is one of the four pillars that support our economy. Leaving aside the fact that neither Mr Young or Mr Newman are yet to put one brick on top of another the fact is our State needs builders like Terry who have more experience with building civil infrastructure than most other people in the world.

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Another typical Schwarten rant

I wish to clarify some misconceptions by the former Member for Rockhampton. I arrived early at the event to personally meet the former employees who I used to work with and was pleased to catch up with the many retired Main Road workers whilst there.

I acknowledged both yourself and Brad Carter in my speech, and as the Morning Bulletin video will attest to, I had no reservations in shaking your hand after the tape cutting ceremony. As for your statement that I decamped early, I can only say that I arrived early to the event and spent over two hours there before moving onto my next meeting.

In regards to yourself and Brad Carter being involved in the cutting of the tape, I was not uncomfortable with these arrangements as you state, in fact, I don't regard myself as being that precious to allow anything of that nature to worry me.

I will leave the politics of your letter for the public to decide but as my father said to me when I was a boy, "hold your head high, tell the truth and don't worry about what they say".

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce Young".

Bruce Young
Member for Keppel

19/06/13

Michael Prain

From: Paul Leven
Sent: Friday, 7 June 2013 5:20 PM
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Subject: (Mayor of Rockhampton) S.73 Telephone Number

From: Bronwyn Weston [mailto:Bronwyn.Weston@premiers.qld.gov.au]
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