

15 November 2013  
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Dear Mr Bleijie,

#### **REVIEW OF THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT 2009**

The Kalinga Wooloowin Residents' Association (KWRA) are delighted to be able to respond to the review of the Right To Information (RTI) Act 2009. We have been disappointed that your promise in opposition, to raise this Amendment Bill, has so far not been forthcoming in Government.

The KWRA wholly supports and endorses the Amendment Bill introduced by you in 2011. The Bill contains a legislative amendment (included below) which is necessary to close a significant loophole in the RTI Act.

A Government which seeks to be open and accountable should not tolerate any loopholes which by their very existence only serve to undermine the outcomes which the Government seeks to achieve.

The KWRA would also like to acknowledge the professionalism of the Office of the Information Commissioner and staff under the lead of Ms Julie Kinross during the time of our Association's exposure to the RTI processes.

The RTI legislation is a key contributor to maintaining the health of our democracy. The KWRA look forward to the inclusion of this amendment in any proposed or amended legislation.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Davis

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Queensland

# Right to Information (Government-related Entities) Amendment Bill 2011

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## 2011

### A Bill

for

An Act to amend the *Right to Information Act 2009* for particular purposes

Right to Information (Government-related Entities) Amendment Bill 2011

[s 1]

The Parliament of Queensland enacts— 1

<b>Clause 1</b>	<b>Short title</b>	2
	This Act may be cited as the <i>Right to Information (Government-related Entities) Amendment Act 2011</i> .	3 4
<b>Clause 2</b>	<b>Act amended</b>	5
	This Act amends the <i>Right to Information Act 2009</i> .	6
<b>Clause 3</b>	<b>Amendment of s 16 (Meaning of public authority)</b>	7
	(1) Section 16(1)—	8
	<i>insert—</i>	9
	‘(ba) a corporation supported directly or indirectly by government funds or other assistance or over which the State, a Minister or a department is in a position to exercise control;’.	10 11 12 13
	(2) Section 16(4)—	14
	<i>insert—</i>	15
	‘ <i>control</i> means the capacity of an entity to dominate decision-making, directly or indirectly, in relation to the operation of another entity so as to enable the other entity to operate with it in pursuing the objectives of the controlling entity.’.	16 17 18 19 20