

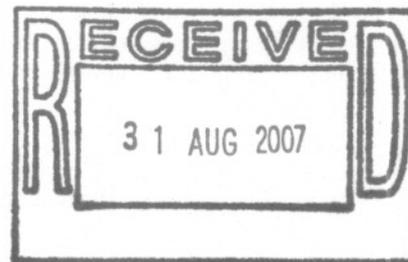


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Mr. Richard Willis  
Committee Secretary

Dear Mr. Willis,

Our organisation would like to draw the Committee's attention to the disreputable actions of the Greater City of Dandenong, the Department of Sustainability and Environment (Crown Lands) and the Victorian Attorney Generals Office.

Our organisation has a legally binding contract with the Greater City of Dandenong for the permanent occupation and rights of full control of the upper floor of and full and free access to the site at 226 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong on behalf of the community of Dandenong and it's surrounds for a Mechanics' Institute as established and endorsed.

This contract was entered into with and sanctioned by the Council, Crown Lands and Government of the day and is non-removable under the terms contained and by Crown Law pertaining to those lands. The Council, with assistance from DSE and Attorney General's Office have moved to alienate our organisation and the community from these rights, have illegally taken and disposed of assets and have wilfully moved to hinder or abuse by other means, our group and the individuals who would raise notice to their actions or try to take back what Council has stolen. Council, and D.S.E. have deliberately hidden, removed and destroyed documents in evidence or disallowed access to evidence so as to deflect greater scrutiny of what has passed unnoticed until now.

Our members' security within the community has been threatened and in my particular case, I have been monstered via threats to family and am currently a victim of abuse of legal process by Council's spurious and vindictive case raised in the Federal Court to try and intimidate me or break me so as to hinder and drive me and the Institute off. Council's C.E.O.s' past and present have stated that they will use any means to maintain this illegal control of the site and that they will fight to the bitter end to maintain their grasp on the site so as to continue. They are spending an inordinate amount of ratepayers monies trying to stifle our re-establishment and protests and to date the figures passed around surpass \$80,000 and are rising daily. Council and it's officers refuse to release any figure on the amounts spent defending their actions or who has been paid to do what. Council have refused to obey the laws that govern commerce on behalf of the community.

Any attempts to ascertain answers from all of the organisations and individuals involved have fallen on deaf ears and we believe this silence and hiding of the facts has gone on long enough. Community rights and commercial laws have been breached along with a litany of procedural breaches. We would like your Committee to expose the truth behind this cover-up and to enable our Institute and citizens to re-claim what they paid and contracted for without further delay, on behalf of it's citizens, members and future generations.

We have produced reams of documented evidence proving our claims are legal: Council and those supporting it have not produced one single document to support their claims, but say that their rite of control is based on their ability to use ratepayers and taxpayers money to delay returning those properties and assets for as long as it takes for those individuals trying, to give up. One C.E.O. stating that "...we have more money than you have time to fight this...".

As the wider electronic media begins to turn it focus on these sorts of issues, we believe it would be worthy for those who say they are willing to fight for community rights against this type of insipid bureaucratic cancer and routeing it out, as they will also derive benefit in the eyes of the public by allowing the public to bear witness to and hi-light the greater harms done to community interests and mercantile values by those supposedly entrusted to serve those interests and values, as their current masters have loosed them from the leash and allowed them to turn on the ones they are supposed to protect.

Please contact me on the number above when you require any documents or evidence. I would also be happy to give evidence in a public hearing on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Russell', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Russell  
President Dandenong Mechanics Institute Inc.  
Member No. IN 62

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