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## **MORE ICONIC SECRETS IN NOOSA**

Member for Noosa Glen Elmes said he was not surprised that the Bligh Government was refusing to reveal the salaries of the non-elected members of Noosa's Iconic Panel.

"Anna Bligh and her Labor Government represent the most out of touch, non-accountable and un-democratic government this state has ever experienced and this continuing veil of secrecy must be stripped away", Glen Elmes said.

"Politicians, whether state or federal, the Mayor or a Councillor have their salaries revealed; public servants, either in the bureaucracy or as nurses, police, teachers and others also have their salaries published and in the public domain so why is there so called '*legal reasons*' for keeping the salaries of the Iconic Panel some kind of state secret?"

"This is the government that took away the right to vote on council amalgamation that was enshrined in legislation. It is the government that ignored the petition signed by well over 18,000 people. It dismissed out of hand 7,000 Noosa shire residents who marched in Brisbane to the gates of Parliament House. It disregarded the 36,000 submissions made to the Local Government Reform Commission. It ignored the will of the people as expressed in the postal plebiscite and now Anna Bligh and her government refuse to tell the people of Noosa what this ridiculous extra piece of bureaucracy will cost taxpayers by way of salaries and other on-costs."

"Anna Bligh is on record as saying she would ensure transparency in government.

"It's been many years since the people of Noosa and the people of Queensland have been able to get more than a peep into the secret state that Queensland has become.

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