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09.07.2023	It was alleged that a Councillor amended a motion at an Ordinary Council Meeting contrary to Council's <i>Meeting Local Law 2001</i> .	Take No Further Action	The OIA decided to take no further action pursuant to section 150Y(b)(i) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (the Act) on the basis that the amended motion was not substantially inconsistent with the applicable <i>Meeting Local Law 2001</i> , and the conduct does not raise a reasonable suspicion of inappropriate conduct or misconduct.	13.07.2023	Office of the Independent Assessor	N/A	N/A
21.07.2023	It is alleged that a Councillor breached the <i>Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland</i> by having posters in their Ward Office window advertising a position in relation to an upcoming national referendum.	Complaint dismissed	The OIA dismissed this matter pursuant to section 150X(a)(ii) of the Act as the Councillor's actions are not inappropriate conduct or misconduct. All citizens have the right to express a view on current issues and it is appropriate for a Councillor to foster awareness and engagement in the upcoming referendum.	26.07.2023	Office of the Independent Assessor	N/A	N/A
24.08.2023 & 28.08.2023	A Councillor was alleged to have engaged in inappropriate behaviour at a protest and in subsequent social media posts.	Complaint dismissed	The OIA dismissed this matter pursuant to section 150X(a)(ii) as the conduct does not raise a reasonable suspicion of inappropriate conduct or misconduct. The relevant conduct was assessed to have been undertaken in the individual's capacity as a private citizen and not as in their role as a Councillor.	4.09.2023	Office of the Independent Assessor	N/A	N/A
30.08.2023	It is alleged that a Councillor breached the <i>Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland</i> by promoting their position in relation to a federal government issue.	Complaint dismissed	The OIA dismissed this matter pursuant to section 150X(a)(ii) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> as the Councillor's actions did not come within the definition of inappropriate conduct or misconduct. All citizens have the right to express a view on current issues and it is appropriate for a councillor to foster awareness and engagement in issues relating to any level of government.	08.09.2023	Office of the Independent Assessor	N/A	N/A

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25.08.2023	It is alleged that a Councillor made an offensive and untrue statement in an e-newsletter.	Complaint dismissed	The OIA dismissed this matter pursuant to section 150X(a)(ii) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> as the conduct does not raise a reasonable suspicion of inappropriate conduct or misconduct. The statement in the newsletter did not meet the threshold of a breach of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> or the <i>Code of Conduct for Councillors in Queensland</i> .	14.09.2023	Office of the Independent Assessor	N/A	N/A
16.06.2023	It is alleged that Councillor Cassidy posted on social media a post titled: "Brisbane, this is your LNP Deputy Mayor" which contained a short, edited video clip of Councillor Krista Adams saying, "shut your mouth". The clip appeared to have been edited from council's official recording of an ordinary meeting of council.	Inappropriate conduct	This matter was considered by the Councillor Ethics Committee. In considering the matter, the Committee made a finding under section 150AG(1)(a) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> that Councillor Cassidy had engaged in inappropriate conduct and issued an order that Councillor Cassidy be reprimanded for the conduct.	22.09.2023	Councillor Ethics Committee	N/A	N/A
27.08.2022	It is alleged that then Councillor Sriranganathan posted comments on his official "Jonathan Sriranganathan, Councillor to The Gabba" Facebook page - "Might be time for me to reread 'How to Blow Up a Pipeline' by Andreas Malm..." The comment was in response to a 26 August 2022 ABC News article, "Mining leases for New Hope Group's Darling Downs coal mine get Queensland government approval". The book <i>How to Blow Up a Pipeline</i> by Andreas Malm is described as "a synecdoche for acts of violence done with the aim of resistance." It is alleged that the then Councillor's comments, above, made in the context of his other comments on an official council-related social media page could be found to reflect adversely on the reputation of Council.	No order made	This matter was considered by the Councillor Ethics Committee. In considering the matter, the Committee confirmed the outcome of the Councillor Conduct Tribunal's investigation that the Councillor had not engaged in inappropriate conduct and therefore no order was made.	22.09.2023	Councillor Ethics Committee	N/A	N/A

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17, 18, 19, 26, 27 & 30 August 2022	It is alleged that then Councillor Jonathan Sriranganathan posted on his 'Jonathan Sriranganathan, Councillor for The Gabba' Facebook page details on how census data could be used to find a suitable place to squat. It is further alleged that in addition to his post, he also commented and outlined a process to scout a property to establish if it was not currently occupied.	Inappropriate conduct	This matter was considered by the Councillor Ethics Committee. In considering the matter, the Committee made a finding under section 150AG(1)(a) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> that Councillor Sriranganathan had engaged in inappropriate conduct and issued an order that Councillor Sriranganathan be reprimanded for the conduct.	22.09.2023	Councillor Ethics Committee	N/A	N/A
5.09.2023	It was alleged that a Councillor's current register of interests does not contain details of a particular interest held by the Councillor.	Take No Further Action	The OIA decided to take no further action following an investigation, pursuant to section 150Y(b)(iii) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> , on the basis that taking further action would be an unjustifiable use of resources on the basis that it would not be in the public interest to further proceed with the matter. The OIA investigated the matter and found that the councillor's register was sufficiently correct.	27.09.2023	Office of the Independent Assessor	N/A	N/A
30.10.2023	It was alleged a Councillor engaged in inappropriate conduct by not assisting a resident with an issue.	Complaint dismissed	The OIA dismissed this matter pursuant to section 150X(a)(ii) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (the Act) as the conduct does not raise a reasonable suspicion of inappropriate conduct or misconduct. Section 14 of the <i>City of Brisbane Act 2010</i> provides a description of the responsibilities expected of Councillors. Those responsibilities relate to high-level strategic considerations for the benefit of the whole of local government area. The complainant's issue also related to the responsibility of another government agency.	6.09.2023	Office of the Independent Assessor	N/A	N/A

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31.10.2023	It was alleged a Councillor used inappropriate language during a council meeting.	Take No Further Action	The OIA decided to take no further action pursuant to section 150Y(b)(i) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (the Act) on the basis that the conduct does not raise a reasonable suspicion of inappropriate conduct or misconduct within the meaning of the Act. The conduct during a meeting is defined as 'unsuitable meeting conduct', which is a matter for the meeting Chair to deal with and does not fall within the OIA's jurisdiction. It was noted that the councillor withdrew their comments during the meeting.	09.11.2023	Office of the Independent Assessor	N/A	N/A
12.06.2020	Councillor Jonathan Sriranganathan allegedly engaged in misconduct by using his Council vehicle to close a roadway without authority and falsely claiming to Queensland Police Service officers he had authority to close a roadway by virtue of his position as a local Councillor. In addition Councillor Sriranganathan allegedly caused a traffic hazard or obstruction by walking into a roadway in front of a moving truck in order to force the driver to stop the vehicle and submit to a search of the vehicle. Councillor Sriranganathan also allegedly facilitated an unlawful entry into a food delivery truck by opening the access door at the rear of the truck.	Misconduct	This matter was considered by the Councillor Conduct Tribunal. In considering the matter, the Tribunal has decided pursuant to section 150AQ(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> that former councillor Jonathan Sriranganathan engaged in misconduct, and the Tribunal has decided to make an order pursuant to section 150AR(1)(b) that the former councillor be reprimanded.	23.02.2024	Councillor Conduct Tribunal	N/A	N/A

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15.4.2020	It is alleged that Councillor Johnston engaged in misconduct when Councillor Johnston released information that was confidential to the local government on Councillor Johnston's public Twitter account on and releasing information during a Channel 7 News Report	Misconduct	This matter was considered by the Councillor Conduct Tribunal (the Tribunal). In considering the matter, the Tribunal has decided pursuant to section 150AQ(1)(b) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> (the Act) that on the balance of probabilities, the Councillor engaged in misconduct. The Tribunal made an order pursuant to section 150AR(1)(b)(i) of the Act that the Councillor make a public apology for engaging in misconduct; and pursuant to section 150AR(1)(b)(iii) of the Act, the Councillor attend training to address the conduct.	18.06.2024	Councillor Conduct Tribunal	N/A	N/A