

**Submissions to the Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal  
Public Consultation  
23 August – 11 September 2013**

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1	23/08/2013	<b>Confidential</b>
2	24/08/2013	In receipt of your request for information regarding my pension entitlement I wish to advise I received [personal information] dollars for the 2012/2013 financial year. Trusting this is the information you require as I have received no other payments other than what QSuper pays on a fortnightly basis. I am a bit confused that you would not have access to this type of information.
3	24/08/2013	<p>Qld Politicians should only get CPI increases or you establish a panel of community people who decide on a pay rise based on their performance in office. It is outrageous &amp; unconscionable to hear that they can be awarded a 42% increase whilst you &amp; I have to negotiate under EBA terms to try and get more than CPI (currently at 2.9%) The Qld gov have only offered 2.2% &amp; at a loss of critical public service conditions. So please except my submission.</p> <p>*Two of my favourite Quotes on politics.</p> <p>1. Any people anywhere, being inclined and having the power, have the right to rise up, and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better. This is a most valuable—a most sacred right—a right, which we hope and believe, is to liberate the world. Abraham Lincoln</p> <p>2. One of the penalties for refusing to participate in politics is that you end up being governed by your inferiors. Plato</p>
4	25/08/2013	I am only a pensioner who has worked all my life and receive a measley \$18;000 a year pension and you are proposing this outrages increase, it is a insult to the average person ,what with the outrages superannuation scheme and all the other perks you all get.BRING ON THE REPUBLIC
5	25/08/2013	As an ex. worker who has worked all my life and now a pensioner on \$18.000 a year I find these increases that are handed down to these underworked and OVER PAID fat cats. Are a insult to the Blue collar WORKERS of Australia Bring on the REPUBLIC
6	26/08/2013	I am so disillusioned that this government (who I have always voted for for over 30 years) would even contemplate such a wage rise. I am a public servant and we can't even get the CPI rise in our EB so it has now gone to Tribunal. How can you take a 42% rise. It should be based on the CPI as well. Once again the little struggling taxpayers are being tortured and held to ransome whilst the politicians rise to King status with remuneration they pay themselves. I totally disagree with the payrise to politicians. It is outrageous and unconscionable for you to even consider it.
7	26/08/2013	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to respond to The Tribunal's review of MPs salaries. I have long advocated the issue of equity and fairness in members salaries and conditions. During my 20 years in the Parliament I witnessed the erosion of conditions and pay of members including.</p> <p>A ) The removal of accommodation allowances for MPs living outside Brisbane. I estimate that over [personal information] as a minister which required me to be in Brisbane for at least 3 days per week cost me more than \$15 000 to provide meals for myself. No other public servant many of whom are paid higher than MPs is expected to bear such a cost. This occurred under the Goss</p>

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		<p>government.</p> <p>B) A fully funded vehicle was provided to ministers in their own electorates with reasonable private use. This was abolished under the Beattie government yet Senior Executive Service officers, judges medical workers etc kept their vehicles.</p> <p>C) The Bligh Government ignored the nexus of salaries of state and federal MPs and took pay increase of considerably less than that which was to apply under the relevant act.</p> <p>My view, to which I referred more than once in the House is that MPs as the ultimate public servants should have pay and conditions commensurate with the Public Service. However due compensation should be given to the fact that Senior Public servants have far greater security and contractual entitlement than MPs.</p> <p>There will always be a noisy minority of those who criticize any pay or conditions for MPs. Generally speaking the community never likes talk of any public servant getting a wage increase however it is accepted that such increases occur. My experience is that the " man in the street " thinks politicians are better paid than they are. Just last weekend I was told how my retirement entitlement was to travel first class around the world with my family twice a year and that I had the use of a driver and car for the rest of my life. There was no convincing the former constituent otherwise.</p> <p>My solution to this problem is that a pay point of an SES position should be chosen for MPs and that ministers should be paid a percentage of what their Director General is paid. While I would like to see that percentage at 100% to be realistic it would need to be something in the order of 70%. That way the unfairness of the Ministers for Police , Health , and other more demanding portfolios being paid the same as ministers for less controversial departments would be addressed. It would also deal with the unfairness whereby DGs were paid twice to three times what their ministers were.</p> <p>When I entered Parliament in [personal information] my salary was higher than the highest paid High School Principal in my electorate. Today that is not the case with the local state member receiving less than that School Principal. The loss of relativity and superannuation benefits have now dictated that any relatively senior public Servant could only be elected to Parliament at their and their families' expense. The loss of a seat and loss of seniority within the public service has catastrophic effects upon superannuation and again deters a section of our community from nominating to serve the community in Parliament.</p> <p>Tying Parliamentarians to Public sector wages is not only reasonable but would mostly eradicate the yearly tumult about politicians pay rises. If pay rises were tied to the average of public sector wage increases in my view only the fanatical anti politician drum beaters could complain. As I am unfamiliar with the current wage structure of the SES I could not suggest a current pay point but when I was in office I noted that an SES 3 was about the area of reasonable equivalence in terms of responsibility.</p> <p>As for allowances again the Public sector could be a parallel. However the fact is few public servants are expected to provide funds</p>

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		<p>to local causes threat MPs are. In my time in office I paid rent for poor people, bought school needs , sporting trophies , paid for sports people to travel away, paid off a workers debt on his car, bought thousands of dollars worth of raffle tickets , donated thousands more in prizes and run a car, phone, home computer and all of the other expenses that MPs have. There will be no drop off in the demand for MPs to hit their pockets if allowances are dropped. Therefore allowances should be maintained.</p> <p>I trust my comments are of use and wish you all the best in your deliberations.</p>
8	26/08/2013	<p>Thank you for your letter of 21 August in your capacity as Chairman of the Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal inviting submissions in regard to the review of remuneration of Members and former Members of the Queensland Parliament.</p> <p>I consider that there is a matter of principle that must be taken into account in respect of any changes being considered relating to former MP's which I would appreciate being considered by the Tribunal.</p> <p>When I entered the Parliament in [personal information] like every MP there was an expectation that despite the potential short term nature of the role that certain benefits would accrue over time. Whilst there is always a financial consideration to these matters there is also the issue of retrospective changes to what is effectively an employment contract.</p> <p>I have no objection to laws, rules, guidelines and regulations being changed for newly elected MP's but the implementation of retrospective arrangements is always fraught with difficulty.</p> <p>Benefits to former MP's (and spouses or associated recipients) relating to travel entitlements, for example, are modest compared to other jurisdictions and in my view should be retained.</p> <p>These limited benefits require a minimum period of service and make only passing reference to MP's who have held senior office such as Premier, Minister of the Crown or Leader of the Opposition.</p> <p>I do not support a widening of existing entitlements to former MP's but simply use this as an example of where Queensland has been correctly prudent in this area, as opposed to the Commonwealth and some other States.</p> <p>I would therefore urge that no changes be made to the current arrangements relating to existing former Members of the Queensland Parliament and that if changes are to be made in this area they take effect only in respect of MP's who are elected from the date of the next General Election.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p>

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<b>9</b>	26/08/2013	<p>I appreciate the fact that you have given me and other former members an opportunity to make a submission on this important issue.</p> <p>Being elected to the Queensland Parliament in [personal information] I fully appreciated the fact that it maybe only a shot term career and if I was was successful then additional other benefits would accrue; such a superannuation and travel.</p> <p>Since being elected the rail travel pass for former members, as I have been advised, has been restricted since the Commonwealth sold off their rail network. Members and former members in some jurisdictions were compensated for that loss but not here in Queensland; and most members accepted that decision.</p> <p>I can understand that rules and regulations can be changed for newly elected members but I am concerned that any retrospective changes will further erode the entitlements indicated in the handbook when members were elected.</p> <p>Travel for former members and their wives is quite reasonable when compared with some other areas of Government. I am more that happy for the current travel entitlements to continue and in no way do I seek to have them expanded.</p> <p>May I also add that in some years, due to health problems or other commitments, my wife and myself have not availed ourselves of the travel entitlements.</p> <p>May I thank you most sincerely for giving me the opportunity to make this submission.</p>
<b>10</b>	28/08/2013	<p>Thank you for giving me the opportunity to give my input to the Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal. As a former Member, my comments will relate mainly to the method of indexation of a former Member's Pension.</p> <p>It is my belief that using the CPI as the method of indexing a former Member's Pension does not reflect the actual street price we pay for goods and services. It should be noted that it was for this reason that the Federal Government several years ago changed the indexation method that was used to index the Old Age Pension.</p> <p>As an example, I know of a Commonwealth Superannuant who retired twenty years ago on a CPI indexed Pension of approximately \$20,000 and is now receiving about \$300 less per fortnight than if that pension was indexed the same as the Old Age Pension which takes Average Weekly Earnings into account.</p> <p>It is also significant that a former Member who retired several years ago is receiving a Pension much less than a Member who has retired more recently, at the same level, due to the very significant increase in salary over the years.</p> <p>I again thank you for giving me the opportunity to give my input.</p>

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11	29/08/2013	<p>Please permit me to elaborate a little on my previous submission.</p> <p>In drawing a parallel between public servants and MPs it should also be pointed out that there is no entitlement to holidays, long service leave, hours worked , leave loadings RDOs etc. There are no industrial conditions for good reason as it would be impossible to develop an award to cover MPs as the job is so wide ranging.</p> <p>For example the member for Mt ISA covers an area bigger than France while the member for Bulimba could cycle around their constituency. What constituents expect of the Member for Mt ISA is vastly different than what electors from Bulimba want from theirs. For example the member for Bulimba is expected to turn up to every function and an absence from a particular charity event for example is frowned upon by the organizers. This is not the case in huge electorates like Gregory where people understand the tyranny of distance. However the common thread is that MPs are expected to work 7 days a week and sometimes even get disturbed at home to assist. I real being phoned by a constituent at 3 am wanting me to go to the [personal information] to see that her son was not being mistreated. Of course I obliged but no award system could ever develop a system to plan and pay for such service delivery.</p> <p>My point is that any comparison of salaries between public servants a d MPs ought to be calculated at the top of the scale in the relevant classification so as to recognize that there is no overtime or banked leave entitled which applies to public servant. The directors general of departments I oversaw not only were paid twice or more what I was paid during my [personal information] but they also amassed long service leave and holidays which at the end of their tenure added thousands of dollars to their payouts. Therefore it is fair that when a comparison is made these factors are included.</p> <p>Both Premiers and the police minister and indeed the child protection minister had to have extra protection put on their family homes as a result of either forced entry or threats against thir safety or of their children. [personal information] Another MP had a rifle fired into his office. Plenty of members will attest to the rudeness of people who believe they have the right to say the most offensive things to them. I am unaware of any other public servant or indeed anyone at all who has to endure such abuse and again the level of stress generated is far above that endured by most workers.</p> <p>I trust that you will accept this addendum. Basically my points that while a pay comparison with public servants is sensible it ought not be assumed that MPs work public service hours or have their conditions.</p>

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12	29/08/2013	<p>I refer to your letter dated 21st August seeking my views on the Conditions of former Members of the Queensland Parliament.</p> <p>My view is that as a Member of Parliament certain conditions were granted to members upon their retirement and as such these conditions should not be changed to those members affected.</p> <p>What the tribunal elects to do to in the future is a matter for their deliberations.</p> <p>Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to comment on these matters.</p>
13	29/08/2013	<p>I thank you for your letter dated 21/8/2013 re remuneration for past members and their wives.</p> <p>I firmly believe that the status quo should not be altered, we feel this is a written deal and in my case accepted in full in 1974 when entering the Queensland Parliament.</p> <p>Any alteration up or down to past, present or future members would be very wrong. A deal as small as it is, is still a deal and was not to be interfered with.</p> <p>These are my personal feelings and feelings of the people who I represented from [personal information].</p> <p>For any increases, except parliamentary salaries and electorate allowances at this stage when the socialist Labor Government left us bankrupt, making finance scarce, we should leave these sorts of problems alone.</p>
14	29/08/2013	I am philosophically opposed to this payrise particularly in light of the recent reduction of public servants. This is outrageous
15	29/08/2013	It is unconscionable that MP's grant a payrise to themselves to this level whilst so many of us are under the threat of redundancy and loss of employment. I'm sure that if this government were in opposition, they would oppose this!
16	29/08/2013	This is a completely unrealistic and uneconomical submission to allow a payrise of this nature especially in light of the State Governments cut backs and lack of fairness for a payrise for State Public Servants.
17	29/08/2013	<p>It does not seem Right or Fair that such a large pay increase be awarded to Politicians on the grounds that they missed out because of a freeze.</p> <p>Jobs were cut in the public service when the LNP were elected in because there was such a large debt owing. The Qld Government had to borrow money to pay wages and now they are going to increase the debt by giving themselves an excessive pay increase.</p> <p>Logic and common sense is not being applied in this instance.</p>
18	29/08/2013	They should only get what the whole of the public servants get
19	29/08/2013	I am against the politician's payrise as we are all battling to financially survive in the current climate of a liberal government and I as a government worker am fighting for minimal pay rise, yet this indecent pay rise is being taken by the politicians. It is unforgivable

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		but always expected.
20	29/08/2013	I believe at this time it would be fiscally irresponsible to give politicians a pay rise beyond that which is offered to other public servants and that all further pay-rises should be at the same rate that other public servants receive.
21	29/08/2013	The country is in financial crisis by free admission of the pollies. How dare they have the audacity to think they are worth more and deserve more when the rest of us are dictated by different awards and pay scales run by the government. Most of which are not keeping up with the ever rising cost of living. The former PM was earning (not deserving) more than the United States President. What a joke..... The rot starts with her and filters down the tree.
22	29/08/2013	<p>How can the politicians be granted such a huge pay rise when the state is in such a poor state money wise (Newman tells us that we don't have any money for the services that we all enjoyed over the past years), but he has plenty of money to give himself a pay rise.</p> <p>People have been asked to tighten their belts but politicians wont have to. Are they not there to serve us. My grandmother remembers a time when politicians were not paid but thought it was an honour to serve the community.</p> <p>I am so sick of going without so that the politicians and their friends can have more.</p>
23	29/08/2013	<p>The proposed pay increase for state MPs is a slap in the face to all public servant employees like myself and my wife. Unlike our local member in [personal information], my wife and I both have tertiary bachelor degrees in [personal information] respectively. Will also have post graduation qualifications at a Masters and Graduate Diploma level.</p> <p>How is it fair that as, front line health employees for the government given our educational level and value to the community, our home has a gross total income of \$160 000 per year where our local member without even a tertiary or trade qualification can earn more than this alone.</p> <p>It is a disgrace!</p>
24	29/08/2013	I disagree with the politicians payrise. Any rise in the politicians pay should be the same percentage as the public servants payrise.
25	29/08/2013 See also submission number 24	<p>The proposed pay increase for state MPs is a slap in the face to all public servant employees like myself and my wife. Unlike our local member in [personal information], my wife and I both have tertiary bachelor degrees in [personal information] respectively. We also have post graduation qualifications at a Masters and Graduate Diploma level.</p> <p>How is it fair that as, front line health employees for the government given our educational level and value to the community, our home has a gross total income of \$160 000 per year where our local member without even a tertiary or trade qualification can earn more than this alone.</p> <p>It is a disgrace!</p>
26	29/08/2013	I believe they should not have access to their superannuation until the proper retirement age and there shouldn't be any 'golden handshakes'. Their payrises should be in line with our emergency services employees, given the danger they put themselves in everyday. Their expenses should be paid out of the salary and then claimed back through the appropriate channels for a refund if it is deemed suitable.

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27	29/08/2013	The push to link State politician's pay to that of Federal ones is just wrong. State politicians do work hard I'm sure but remuneration amount for any job is usually linked to the amount of responsibility held. State politicians only deal with State business and so have a dramatically lower level of responsibility compared to their Federal counterparts. If you think of it in terms of a bank's structure, the State politicians are around the level of 'branch managers', responsible for running a small part of one area of the business whereas Federal politicians are closer to the level of 'board members', responsible for running the entire company. On a separate note, the current tranche of State members have instituted sweeping cuts and yet are seeking to massively increase their pay. This is morally wrong and smacks of corruption of the highest order. If the State is really doing it tough and sweeping cuts to basic services are required, that should apply to State politicians too.
28	29/08/2013	I don't support the payrise in it's current form, when public servants are forced into arbitration to get a less than CPI (over the life of agreement) payrise. Politicians should be entitled to the same levels of payrise as the staff of the departments they lead.
29	29/08/2013	I object to a large pay rise for our politicians most strongly. I feel that essential services like the fire fighters, paramedics, nurses, etc. are more worthy of a pay rise. We have some politicians who have only come into parliament for 1 hour and are being paid outrageous salaries.
30	29/08/2013	I believe pay rises for Members of Parliament (MP) should be linked to the pay rises of core public servants.  Public servants are more likely to accept wage restraint in future EB negotiations knowing MPs will incur similar wage restraint.
31	29/08/2013	Political pay rates should be bench marked to the public service and SES payrates benchmarked to the general public service pay rates. % increase is fair to all
32	29/08/2013	Only a small note,I feel the pollies are well remunerated now in line with the general community.Whilst I realise these gentleman may be able to generate large incomes in the private sector,they are not there and there preference is to serve the public. Please bear in mind what the government of today has offerred the real workers ,the public servants.Mr newman and his governeent have indicated by their actions what they think a pay rise should be...2.2% and NO BACK PAY,DESPITE THE PUBLIC SERVANTS ARE NOW WORKING OUTSIDE OF AN EXPIRED AGREEMENT. Withe due respect I believe the Tribunal should rein in these exorbiatnat increases wher there is no justification
33	29/08/2013	I do not agree with the proposed pay increases for Queensland politicians. Any pay increase should be in line with increases received by Qld public servants.

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<b>34</b>	29/08/2013	<p>I believe the remuneration package is excessive especially given when most MP's hold a formal office role and are additionally paid travel allowances and superannuation. This is certainly no comparison to those that work in the public service or a measure of being paid for what you do.</p> <p>There should be a tight cap on the travel expenses allowed by all MP's - alot of travel to major cities is now not required given the techonology of video conferencing etc. If the MP has a wider remote location to represent, then the budget for travel expenses should match but not exceed a practical budget allowance. If the MP's are provided with a mobile, home phones should not be reimbursed. The same scrutiny as Government Employees should be applied to MP's when claiming expenses.</p> <p>Clearly stating what is accepted allowances in a policy specific for MP's and stating what is not considered as claimable expenses.</p> <p>A direct salary should be based on the community numbers they are paid to represent &amp; the "value" that that member puts towards the community. Different levels of pay awarded on performance &amp; outcomes.</p> <p>I believe that the wage increases for MP's should be under maybe Enterprise Bargaining Agreement like the State and Federal Govt. all wages in public and private sector should be increased in alignment with politicians increases.</p>
<b>35</b>	29/08/2013	<p>I would like to see all pollie's pay for their own office gear like pens etc and to drive not charter planes or at least catch the train or bus, pay for their own acomadation whilst away from home unless the member is in the federal government, not be able to use government cars for own private use only for work purposes, meal allowance set to work time not expensive meals on public purse, the base money paid plus \$20,000 is ample for all the rest of us have to live on less, also take into consideration any businesses or farms properties that they have and gain an income from this should be deducted from the base, they are there to represent their people not line their pockets.</p>
<b>36</b>	29/08/2013	<p>My submission is that the Politician's pay rise should be the same as that of the Public Servants who do their work for them. If the Premier is only prepared to give a 2.2% payrise to public servants because he believes that is adequate, then it should be adequate for Politicians as well.</p>
<b>37</b>	29/08/2013	<p>Politicians' pay rises should be linked to those of core public service awards. If they are to be determined by an "independent" arbitrator which is directed to take into consideration economic conditions and the ability of the state to pay, then so should politician's pay rises.</p>
<b>38</b>	29/08/2013	<p>Politicians in Queensland are Public Servants too, though they appear to have forgotten this. I assert that Queensland State Politicians should receive pay rises in line with what the rest of the Public Service receive. This rise would sit at around 2.2%, 2.2% and 2.2%. Perhaps more importantly, since the Politicians are also seeking to reclaim conditions from Public Servants as part of the recent offers, such as removal of employment security and right to have decent industrial representation through Union Encouragement clauses, then I would also assert that Politicians seek to remove, reduce entitlements afforded on cessation of public office and reduce their travel allowances. Unlike Politicians, the rest of the public service do not receive ongoing benefits following the cessation of their employment.</p>

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39	29/08/2013	Many of the rules regarding politicians' remuneration were made when most politicians were elderly men who would not be a drain on the funds for many years. Nowadays many of them are still in the prime of life and we are looking after them for far too long. There should be a cap on the length of time they are provided with offices, secretarial services, travel, etc. They are still young enough to embark on another career and should not be a drain on the public purse.
40	29/08/2013	The payrise awarded to Queensland politicians is unwarranted and frankly obscene. It is hypocritical also for two reasons: 1) the Queensland Premier's refusal to meaningfully negotiate with the Public Sector Union for payraises for public servants. 2) the preaching of austerity that the new government has insisted is so necessary that they have sacked 14,000 public servants.  The money that they feel they deserve as a payrise is more usefully spent funding the employment of more nurses for our public hospitals.
41	29/08/2013	I wish to make known my disgust at QLD MP's disgusting pay grab especially after savagely cutting health and other services services. No wonder they are considered worse than lawyers and car salesmen and not trusted to do what they promise before the election.
42	29/08/2013	All wages in the public sector over \$80,000 should be frozen in times like this (GFC) and an increasing government debt. Check out what is happening in Europe, wait 2 years and we are in the same situation. Then we need to take hard financial decisions that are far worse than the current luxury cuts. Politician should lead by example (in a positive way) and not in a negative way as they are doing now. What is set in the past on wages are hard to change, expense claims/allowances are easy to change, start with that.
43	29/08/2013	Recent salary increases awarded to Queensland politicians were absolutely disgusting and so far out of step with the community that I can not fathom who could possibly attempt to justify such an increase. If you take into account the complete lack of responsibility that a politician has with regards to travel or office expenditure it is even worse. Yes they deserve to be paid but when all the other benefits are added to the already substantial salary they receive it is a slap in the face of the many hard working Queensland emergency workers who risk their lives or simply face the daily horror of car accidents or house fires and are then asked to beg to try to receive a tiny salary increase. shame on all of you who think politicians even remotely deserve the salaries and perks that they seem to enjoy at my expense. Yes I pay their wage and their travel bills and their hotel bills and their limo charges and the completely ludicrous pension payments and ingoing perks they receive. It is time to stop the rubbish and bring them back to earth with a sudden jolt. The are meant to serve me and the greater state of Queensland.

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44	29/08/2013	<p>I welcome the creation of an independent tribunal in relation to pay-rises for politicians and I thank the tribunal for the opportunity to comment.</p> <p>I note that new jobs are mostly casual and while being for immigration, most of the unskilled jobs are going to migrants rather than our young Australians at a time when they are most vulnerable (needing a stepping stone into industry) - <a href="http://www.monash.edu.au/assets/pdf/news/cpur-immigration-overshoot.pdf">http://www.monash.edu.au/assets/pdf/news/cpur-immigration-overshoot.pdf</a>. I see this as a gross failing on state and federal governments to moderate immigration at levels sensitive to our needs and economic situation.</p> <p>I further note that living costs keep escalating while real wages have largely flatlined since 2006. If we are to have an economy driven on the back of population growth (which drives up living costs), then politicians need to ensure that existing Australians are not adversely disadvantaged. As it is, we have unheard of housing unaffordability (<a href="http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/property/first-home-beyond-reach/story-fn9656lz-1226703132156">http://www.theaustralian.com.au/business/property/first-home-beyond-reach/story-fn9656lz-1226703132156</a>), un/underemployment at around 18% with youth unemployment as high as 40% in places, on any given night, 1 in 200 are homeless and we regularly have around 2 million Australians needing to frequent foodbanks.</p> <p>Small businesses are the bread and butter of our community yet I submit that our politicians have been grossly negligent by not adequately planning for proposed population growth and as such hindering productivity and further, not ensuring that operating costs aren't driving small businesses out of business: <a href="http://www.onlineopinion.com.au/view.asp?article=11141">http://www.onlineopinion.com.au/view.asp?article=11141</a></p> <p>Lastly, if we are to continue to run high population growth missions, politicians must demonstrate that our environment and national icons are protected. It is clear that our politicians have been unable to do so, this is all too common: <a href="http://www.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/news/koalas-almost-gone-heading-for-extinction/2000128/">http://www.sunshinecoastdaily.com.au/news/koalas-almost-gone-heading-for-extinction/2000128/</a></p>
45	29/08/2013	I struggle to see why politicians should receive increased pay and allowances whilst public servants are forced into arbitration to get a less than CPI (over the life of agreement) payrise. Politicians should be entitled to the same levels of payrise as the staff of the departments they lead. They should focus more on running the country and serving the people then lining their own pockets.
46	29/08/2013	<b>Confidential</b>
47	29/08/2013	I believe that increases in the pays and benefits for politicians should not exceed the average of pay rises granted to public sector workers under Enterprise Agreement arrangements. As their base pay is already worth several multiples of average weekly wages increasing politicians' salaries in step with public sector increases will still see them being rewarded well in excess of average increases in costs of living.
48	29/08/2013	I submit that all public servant pay rates are standardized and any increase be set by an independent party. Also any increase is one for all. Premier down to grounds person or cleaner. Stop complicating every thing the government does. Make retirement benefits fairly reflect years of service.

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49	29/08/2013	<p>I believe that only when this government bargains in good faith and allows the hard working public servants of this state a payrise, should they then get the same payrise as the servants of this state.</p> <p>You don't deserve to be paid when you are ruining the state.</p>
50	29/08/2013	<p>I recommend any variations to Queensland politicians' wages and/or allowances be restricted to those approved for Queensland Public Sector administrative officers. This would provide an easily referenced benchmark and would align with community expectations that politicians exercise the same level of wage restraint expected of Public Sector workers and the Queensland workforce in general.</p>
51	29/08/2013	<p>As a public servant of 25yrs service in a climate of uncertainty about job security and having been denied a fair EBA due to budget restraints I am disgusted that pay rises of more than my whole salary have been awarded. A review must find this abhorrent. It is also unrealistic in Qld that there is no overriding authority to ensure impartiality in relation to political IR legislative provisions and instruments. A permanent provision with overriding authority needs to be formed to force political parties to abide by the code of conduct standards.</p> <p>No individual should be able to approve their personal benefits and equity of decisions needs to be reviewable above political level. To whom are our politicians accountable? If not to the community. Trust has been lost. Honour is no more. The code of conduct has not been applied for the purpose of its creation. I am disappointed and disillusioned.</p> <p>I understand that expenses occur and need to be managed but much more accountability needs to be applied. Maybe it's time to develop a role description and to report to a committee or governance authority and for expenses to be budgeted and approved as all other managers have to have occur. Too much freedom has proven to be no longer acceptable. Radical change is required in Qld.</p>
52	29/08/2013	<p>I believe the suggested level of pay rise for Qld Politicians is excessive. Any payrise they receive should be linked to an enterprise bargaining process where they can show improved productivity or decreased benefits. In the current economic climate wage restraint should be exercised by all. I see no reason why any increase should be more than what is proposed to give Public servants.</p>
53	29/08/2013	<p>I wish to object to the recent proposal to increase Qld politician pay rises by an exorbitant amount. A simple pay rise in line with inflation is sufficient. Politician's pay is adequate for the amount of work they do and expenses they are entitled to claim. Especially at a time when public sector jobs are being cut, it is unfair to offer any more than a rise to cover inflation.</p>

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54	29/08/2013	<p>1. Yes, both components of remuneration are appropriate, given the nature of the job. Allowances should relate directly to the dollars spent and amount of work performed, not just size of electorate.</p> <p>2. Please give examples. only expenses relating directly to the job (travel, phone, away from home, stationary used to reply to constituents). Disallow: clothing, stationary for electioneering, raffle tickets, buying cakes, etc and donations as they should not be included as expenses.</p> <p>3. Set up performance criteria based on expectations for eelectorate. (time, quality and quantity). Rationalise expenses by detemining reasonablness for each electorate.</p> <p>4. I am horrified at the recent decision to increase salaries by such an exhorbindant amount, espeically when saying the government can not afford to retain public servants. Increases should include an assessment of affordability (like other groups in business); linked to other public positions, there should not be a linkage between state and federal salaries. Their remuneration comes from the same bucket of money as the Qld public servants, so there wage rise should be aligned with the this and with the growth of the state economy (how much extra money did they bring into the state as a percentage of how much was lost to the state), performance based pay if you will.</p> <p>5. Attendance and engagement in parilimentary debate is an important role for a politicians (they seem to spend an awful lot of time in the chamber on ipads iphones etc. Maybe introduce a penalty for use of these within the chamber, so that politicians are encouraged to take part and not sit back reading emails/ following twitter, etc.</p>
55	29/08/2013	<p>1. Yes. Appropriate remuneration for QLD MPs should be structured the same as any other hard working Queensland citizen i.e. a salary and then allowances for travel, accommodation and meals that reflect the actual cost of these items and performing the expected roles and duties of the position they applied for, rather than receiving exorbitant annual allowances and lump payments. The "Electorate Allowance", a "Miscellaneous Allowance" and "Expense of Office Allowance" should be abolished.</p> <p>2. Expense allowances should be at the reasonable or actual cost in the market place for the items or goods and services.</p> <p>3. To achieve this it should be scheduled in policy or similar.</p> <p>4. Create position descriptions for MPs. The fact that there are no barriers to becoming an MP is concerning and it seems that what is most attractive is the add-on monetary benefits or allowances. MPs should be educated and possess skills and tertiary qualifications commensurate with the roles and responsibilities of the position. Skills based rather than sector based representation.</p> <p>5. Yes. I am glad this issue has come to a head. It is well and truly time to review and abolish the unnecessary allowances that Qld MPs receive. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.</p>
56	29/08/2013	I believe that the MP's get more than enough money now without a payrise or backpay. They have too many allowances where one would suffice. When the average Qlder is struggling to met expenses and jobs are being cut it is extremely unfair that they are asking for more money when they are trying to reach a AAA rating.
57	29/08/2013	All Politicians should be limited to the same increase they give to those on the minimum wage.
58	29/08/2013	I am concerned that while the same time the Newman government was fighting in court to actually block a long overdue yet miniscule pay rise for our own nurses, the state Politicians and by way of automatic flow on, our local government members (mayors and councillors) are trying to approve obscene pay rises whilst they cry that the city and state is running poor! How can this be fair and even legal when they are making budget cuts left, right and centre? Please address this Issue!

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59	29/08/2013	<p>Question1. No. I suggest a base salary range, for years of service and experience compared with exactly where they sit in the government (eg Minister or local MP only), travel is paid by the government anyway and an additional payment is not needed, allowances should be submitted through the travel approval system like other public servants. Having said this it is reasonable to consider on top of the base salary a smaller electorate allowance to take into account remote areas and additional costs of regional items and servicing regional areas when working in the electorate. The Miscellaneous allowance should be abolished it is just cushioning the salary. If they are serious about saving money this could save quite a bit.</p> <p>2.The expenses should cover regional servicing and proof of work completed and receipts for out of pocket should be provided and paid on a monthly basis.</p> <p>3.Zones should be set up for the regional areas and amounts for those zones should apply. The MP offices should be audited on their reimbursements the same as the department's are.</p> <p>4.MP's provide a great service to the community and work very long hours this should be taken into account when considering a base salary, also if they are a Minister or not, so I am suggesting a sliding scale determined by their experience and whether they are a minister in cabinet or not.</p> <p>5. To be fair and make it in line with expectations of the public and competitive with other larger company remunerations. If the public service as a whole is not expected to be given pay rises or to take cuts and re-adjust their salary scales then leading by example and not issuing rises until agreements are finalised would be sensitive and supporting of others. Also pay rises must be in line with what is expected to be accepted by the public service eg 2.2% compared to anywhere from 30% on is not fair or equitable.</p>
60	29/08/2013	<p>In my opinion it is unconscionable that politicians seek to impose an inflation limited ceiling on the pay rises of others but are accorded excessive rises in remuneration themselves. If there was a "productivity trade-off" then there may be some justification for supplementary increases in their salaries. However there has been no demonstration of any productivity from any of the Houses of Parliament in our country for many years. Therefore I oppose and increase at all in the salary package for politicians.</p>
61	29/08/2013	<p>I wish to respectfully submit to the Tribunal my view that the proposed remuneration increase for Qld State MP's is both inappropriate and unnecessary.</p> <p>In a climate where Queenslanders are constantly being told by this current Gvmt that times are tough and the budget cannot bear a payrise for public sector workers or investment in public policy initiatives or public health, a 42% payrise for already well remunerated MP's appears to be nothing short of greedy. How can this Gvmt demonstrate that a 42% payrise for State MP's is in the public interest? To serve as a State MP is a privilege. Existing remuneration for current State MP's is already generous considering the allowances and income most MP's receive, for example the Parliamentary Committees of legislative review are stacked with LNP MP's and each one has already received an allowance of \$10,000 plus for doing so. On top of existing salary for MP's that is a significant allowance. If this State Gvmt wishes to preach austerity and frugality to the electorate, perhaps it should apply these same principles to its own members and in its own actions. The alternative is to demonstrate a lack of concern for acting in the public interest and in all likelihood to go down in history as one of the most nepotistic, unrepresentative and greedy Gvmts of recent memory. The purpose of a Gvmt is to serve the public good, deliver services to the people who pay their taxes for these services and to ensure law &amp; order. Not to feather the nests of greedy State MP's.</p>

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62	29/08/2013	<p>It is with shame that that I can say that i have voted for Campbell Newman. When there are people in Queensland having a very difficult financial period in there lives.</p> <p>I am not disputing the fact that we all want more money but to do it as such a bad time. Shame on you for being so greedy Campbell Newman , you ow the people of Queensland a apology.</p> <p>Should Tony Abbot lose the election you Campbell Newman will be the one held accountable no one else.</p>
63	29/08/2013	<p>What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant in determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities?</p> <p>MP's must be able to relate to the people they represent. When MP's receive salaries that can be measured in multiples of those received by people in their communities, the ability of the MP to stay in touch with the issues facing individuals and families is greatly diminished. Moreover, the position is more likely to attract people who want the position, not to further the cause of their communities but to line their own pockets. The salary should not be much over what is deemed the average Australian salary, with allowances covering the additional expenses incurred throughout the term of office.</p>
64	29/08/2013	<p>In these very trying and tough economic times the average citizen of Queensland is finding making ends meet on an "average" wage very difficult. The pollies should feel the pinch as well. They are already overpaid through salaries and "allowances etc..." and should be leading the way with a pay and conditions cut, not a rise.</p>
65	29/08/2013	<p>Politicians at all levels should have their pay rises tied to an index that averages the pay rises of all public servants. They should not be singled out for any special treatment, or get any more of a percentage payrise than the average nurse or teacher.</p>
66	29/08/2013	<p>Politicians are public servants and should be paid according to the Public Service pay scales. They deserve no more remuneration than others working in the public service. Perhaps if politicians were paid along the lines of other workers we would get a better calibre of politician who would be interested in improving the state for all and not vested interests. There should be no retrospective payments to account for the time wages were frozen. Community expectations need to be upheld when it comes to politicians pay. They can not get a (in some cases) 46% pay rise while offering other public servants next to nothing. Thank you for the opportunity to have my opinion heard on this matter</p>
67	29/08/2013	<p>Historically, there has been a link between teachers' pay and MPs' pay. I see no reason why this should NOT continue. I suggest that the base salary of an MP should be pegged at \$137,149 until State High school Principals reach this level and that MP and Principal salaries be linked from that time on. If MPs are awarded a salary rise, then Principals should receive the same rise and this should flow on to all teachers at all levels below Principal.</p> <p>Each MP should have at least one office [more in sprawling electorates] fully fitted to an agreed common standard across the state supplied by the Government without any payment by the member. Each member should be supplied by the state with a vehicle, 4WD in some areas, with the member being required to pay for fuel and then being reimbursed regularly on production of a logbook for fuel, used on official business. If necessary, a light plane may be supplied by the state for use on official business only, at the state's expense.</p> <p>All other allowances should be paid in the form of reimbursement of money spent by the member in different categories, with proof</p>

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		[receipts, etc.] up to a stated limit. The amount expended by each member should be publicly available, perhaps on the Parliamentary website.
68	29/08/2013	NO way do I support any pay rises for the politicians mayors councillors at all. This is ludicrous and unwarranted. NO to any payrise for any politician in Australia.
69	29/08/2013	<b>Confidential</b>
70	29/08/2013	I humbly submit that, in a time when all citizens of Qld are being called upon to show restraint in matters fiscal, our political leaders ought, nay, must show the form of leadership in this matter they have shown in areas where expenditure has been greatly reduced to rescue our great state from penury. I further submit that, rather than a pay-rise, our leaders must show the ultimate in leadership and take a 5% pay-cut to establish beyond doubt, their sincerity in this matter.
71	29/08/2013	I am paid below average wages I struggle with week to week rising expenses it would be nice to have extra pay so that I may enjoy my weekends whilst I am still alive it would be nice to have extra money to take my grandchildren somewhere nice even to go shopping and buy something other than select brands or look for the cheapest in all my shopping most of us hard working australians that keep australia ticking dont live our lives we just exist for the rich to become richer tell me please where is the fairness in this life
72	29/08/2013	<p>There should be equity in the determination of appropriate remuneration for ALL public servants. I vehemently disagree with the extent of this pay rise. The politicians should be offered the same CPI driven pay rise that the rest of the public servants have had to survive with.</p> <p>I am a public servant and have recently had to take on the workload of another staff member whose position was made redundant (I would have thought that a position's redundancy would indicate that the work is no longer required however this is not the case). This redundancy has greatly increased my workload, fiscal and HR responsibilities as well as broadening the operational and strategic scope of the position. There has been no review of the remuneration for my position despite the growth in the role. The politicians role has not even changed so how can the payrise be justified in all good conscience.</p> <p>It is clear that this government does not make decisions about remuneration in isolation to other factors including the state of Qld's economy- as I and many other frontline public servants have experienced. As such, and given the rhetoric espoused by Mr Newman and the parliament regarding the state of the economy, it would be unethical, inequitable, and politically damaging to provide the payrise/ remuneration that is mooted in the tribunal discussion paper to these public servants.</p> <p>We have finite public funds and if these funds are diverted in such a drastic way to the politicians, then other services will suffer- frontline services. Services that save Queenslanders lives, educate our children and maintain our infrastructure.</p>

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73	29/08/2013	I submit that whilst Queenslanders have had to suffer cuts to services, and given the jobs losses this Govt has effected there is no justification to raise MP pay levels other than a maximum of maybe 2% which is more in line with the public payrises. How can a Govt that likens QLDs economy's to that of Spains even consider raising pay levels for MPs at all? The only message being sent out to the public if more than a nominal pay rise is agreed to is that this Government obviously wishes to feather its own nest (outrageous also that funds are being utilized to revamp QLD Public Service offices whilst at the same time terminating public servant jobs). Almost every person I know has been personally impacted by the cuts to jobs and services in QLD - it is outrageous that such a payrise is even being considered AT ALL - once again, it is sending a message that these MPs are hoping to feather their own nests.
74	29/08/2013	Politician pay rises should be identical to the pay rises of public servant. Politicians are elected servants to the public. No one should become a politician for the pay- it should only be to serve the public in which case they should have the same pay rise offers as public servants who gain their employment though a merit based process.
75	29/08/2013	Public servants are struggling to get a few % pay rise how on earth can the politicians justify a 40% pay rise??? This should have been resolved before the election? I believe that if the politicians take a huge pay rise there will deservedly be an up roar... and i for one will be supporting this.
76	29/08/2013	MP salaries should consist of a direct salary and allowances for conducting official duties. The salary should be just that - it is the "wage" of the MP and should not be used for official duties. The allowances should reflect the need for expenditure for official duties and should be fully accounted for - similar to a budget allowance for a public sector program.  The same rules and accountability for allowance expenditure which apply to the public sector should apply to MPs allowances.  MPs direct salary should be linked to and calculated in the same way as for the core public sector. MPs salary should be pegged to the same level as SO3 director positions. Higher level positions such as Ministers and Premier should be pegged to the same level as the SES. E.g. Premier should receive the same amount as DG of Department of Premier and Cabinet. Ministers should receive the same pay as the DGs of the Department which supports their portfolio. Parliamentary secretaries should receive the equivalent of an Executive Director in the Department of their relevant portfolio. Chair's of committees should receive the the same as the lowest level SES officer.  MPs should only receive a payrise when the the core public sector receive a payrise.
77	29/08/2013	Queensland MPs are already well remunerated in relationship to their roles and other people in similar positions in other jurisdictions. Any future rises in their remuneration should be limited to that awarded to the Queensland core public servants.  If they argue that they cannot afford to pay the core public servants any increase, then similarly they cannot afford to pay themselves any more.
78	29/08/2013	The Queensland politicians should share the austerity requirement they have imposed on public servants. In regard to their remuneration, a rise should be no greater than the 2.4 percent granted to police, and should come with equivalent trade off of other conditions.

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79	29/08/2013	As a hard working Queenslander, I am dismayed and disgusted that Mr Newman refuses to offer a fair payrise to public sector worker. It shows his contempt for those who work for him! Please consider this hypocrisy and give politicians the same as what is being offered to us!
80	29/08/2013	I believe that the timing of MP payrises should coincide with that of their relative public servants (ie either State or Federal) and should also be scheduled just prior to elections wherever possible. The criteria for assessing the rate of increase should be the same criteria used for their respective staff (ie public servants). Whether CPI or performance based. MP's should never be allowed to influence the outcome of their own payrise review and should NEVER be eligible for a payrise greater than given to their public servants.
81	29/08/2013	<p><b>Question 1: In considering the role of a Queensland MP, do you believe an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation), and some expense allowances associated with performing the role of an MP? Please explain your answer.</b></p> <p>Yes, I believe that MP's are entitled to direct salary (including superannuation, ONLY if they do not get paid an annual salary upon leaving the role. If they get an annual salary, they should not be entitled to superannuation). If they get the superannuation (and not the wage upon leaving the government) I do not believe the superannuation should exceed that already given in the QLD Government, being 12.75% if workers contribute 5% of their pay. The MP is no better or more or less equal that any public service employee, and therefore should only be entitled to the same level of superannuation.</p> <p>In regards to wages, the base salary as listed in the Discussion Paper of \$137,149 is sufficient. I also agree that this wage should increase in line with other government employees. The proposed pay rise suggested by the current MP is outrageous and an absolute offence to workers in the public service (and private) who are flat out even getting the basic 2.5% which does not even cover the cost of increasing cost's of living. MP's only be entitled to the maximum payrise as given to other government employees e.g. 2.5% or 3.5% which is what it most often is.</p> <p>As for expense allowances, I do not think a 'lump sum' should be given as part of the salary. It is highly possible that the expense allowance could actually exceed what the MP actually spends a year, which means they are pocketing tax payers dollars. As a government employee, I have various expenses related to my role which I do not get any compensation for, despite them being work related. I also do not get any 'expense allowance' attached to my wage. On the odd occasion, I can claim but that is in exception circumstances. As such, I feel MP's should not be given an actual allowance as part of their salary, but rather the money should be tied up in a 'fund', and if an MP is to make a work related expense, then they can submit a form and receipt (like the rest of the population) and then be reimbursed. That will then ensure that no MP is pocketing money.</p> <p><b>Question 2: If you believe there should be expense allowances, what sort of expenses should be allowed for? Please give examples.</b></p> <p>As stated above, I do not believe MPs should be given the allowance upfront, but rather the money sits in a 'fund' which they are</p>

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		<p>able to claim against only once they have made the expense. I believe all work-related expenses should be claimable. This could include things such as dinner, purchases of stationery, attending functions, paying for professional development etc. Things that I do not believe should be covered is taking family or friends to dinner or functions, purchase of work clothing or attending entertainment venues such as movies as these are all things that the general working population must pay for out of their own pockets.</p> <p><b>Question 3: How do you think the Tribunal should ensure that allowances are only used to meet the reasonable expenses of an MP and are not regarded as a substitute for salary?</b></p> <p>As previously stated, the expenses allowance should not be paid to MPs as part of their wage, or even as a lump sum. Rather, the money should sit in a 'fund' and when an MP makes a work-related purchase, they can submit their form and receipt to make a claim to receive the money back. By doing it this way, this will ensure that MPs keep control of their expenditure, and can only claim items that are legitimately work related. It will also ensure that MPs do not pocket any of the allowance that is taxpayers money. It seems that in the current system, the MPs are given the money as part of their salary, but they may actually spend less than the given expense allowance but still get to keep the money which is not fair or equal when there are people working in the public and private sector who are barely even compensated for their legitimate expenses.</p> <p><b>Question 4: What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant in determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities?</b></p> <p>I think a base salary of \$137,149 is reasonable. At the most for a base salary, I think \$145,000. The benchmark should be how much the MP is able to deliver on their promises and commitments pre-election. Another benchmark should also be how present there are in their areas of responsibility. Another benchmark is their involvement in volunteer and community organisations. Lastly, MPs should remain relatively out of trouble – things like a speeding fine are nothing in the scheme of things, but anything such as fraud or inappropriate dealings should be looked unfavourably.</p> <p>In regards to factors, I think that something that should guide the payrise should simply be what other government employees get. It is a disgrace that in recent times, many government workers have lost their jobs (including myself), and the government is screaming and crying they are poor and in debt. Yet, somehow, the MPs can justify giving themselves a massive payrise (and to continue paying MPs excessive amounts who are no longer working), despite the thousands of government workers who have lost jobs and now have no form of income to even survive. It is utterly appalling that the QLD Government would do such a thing. Further to this, the payrise given to government employees as well as those in the private sector is not even enough to cover the cost of living increases, such as car registration, car insurance, home and contents insurance, health insurance, fuel, food and electricity for</p>

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		<p>example. The MPs often claim they are working to reduce the cost of living, yet each year everything increases significantly – the cost of increases to all the previously mentioned far exceeds the 2.5% or 3.5% government workers or those in private industry get. So, how can the MPs justify giving themselves a significant payrise when the average worker is struggling to even make ends meet.</p> <p>As for previously serving MP's, consideration needs to be given to make it law that MPs do not get both a superannuation and an annual salary. They should not be entitled to both. Why are they entitled to an ongoing wage plus superannuation? No other worker is entitled to continue being paid after they leave as well as get access to superannuation. This is an excessive cost on the tax payer, and an area where significant savings could be achieved for the QLD Government. Rather, they should just be entitled to superannuation like everyone else in Australia and QLD – if that is all the average Australian gets, then that should be all the MPs get. They are no more special than any other Australian.</p> <p><b>Question 5: Is there anything else about MP remuneration that you think is important for the Tribunal to take into consideration?</b></p> <p>All as stated above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expenses not to be given as part of the wage/salary, but rather MP's have to make a claim for them. This will therefore ensure they do not benefit/make money off the tax payer if they spend less than the given annual allowance. By keeping the money in a 'fund', MP's can simply submit a receipt and seek reimbursement.</li> <li>• Payrises for MP's to be given in line with what government employee's get, which is usually 2.5-3.5%. MP's work for the government, just like government employee's do and therefore should not be entitled to huge payrises when government workers are not.</li> <li>• Previously-serving MP's should not continue to be paid a salary upon leaving. Rather, they should just be entitled to their superannuation. They should absolutely not be entitled to receive both a annual salary and superannuation as this is a significant cost on the taxpayer.</li> </ul>
82	29/08/2013	Make them linked to public servants pay rises, we get 2.2% they get 2.2% and vice a versa, they get 10% we get 10%, that sounds reasonable. Mr Newmann takes our pay and conditions so they can reduce their pay and conditions, that's only fair.
83	29/08/2013	I am a member of the save our [personal information] we have asked that the area be kept as an education facility. The LNP insist on selling it to become a cow/cane paddock. The amount that the pay rise is stated to be would be enough to refurbish this college for future generations of training in NQ and the wider area. Please think further than their hip pocket and be a statesman and look to the good of hundreds of other Queenslanders.
84	29/08/2013	they would do better giving the pensioners a rise so that we can live a better life but all they do is take it off us and put it in there own pockets we are people as well we need to be able to live a better life and not be killed off by them

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85	29/08/2013	I believe current remuneration levels are generous compared with other public service jobs involving similar responsibility and time. For example, the highest pay rate for the most senior Medical Officer (without right of private practice) in Qld Health is \$215,000. I feel a pay freeze for the term of the current parliament is appropriate, with a further review in the year following the next election.
86	29/08/2013	I do not believe state politicians deserve a pay rise. They are already very well remunerated.
87	29/08/2013	Politicians are elected public servants. Their pay rises should be in line with public sector rises.
88	29/08/2013	I would like to register my protest at the outrageous pay increases that are proposed for our state and local politicians. We are all told how hard the finances are for Queensland at present and there is a down turn, current pay increases are around 2% in most other areas. Politicians pay increases should be just like the rest of the workforce. After All they are not the privileged few. Are They????
89	29/08/2013	Remuneration of Queensland MP's should be directly linked to the remuneration schedule for all public servants, in particular Executive staff. Any future payrise % given to Executive Staff should be also given to MP's and should be able to be reviewed by the existing remuneration review board/tribunal/process - NOT a new board/tribunal/process.
90	29/08/2013	its [inappropriate content] disgusting. lining their own pockets instead of using it to help the country
91	29/08/2013	In regards to Remuneration for Queensland MPs and former MPs. I feel it is unfair to pay back pay remuneration to MP's when the rest of Queensland folk are asked to tighten their belts. I believe that MPs should be entitled to remuneration in the future at a very modest rate which is linked to their performance and achievements in their electorate. I do not agree that past MPs should be paid any remuneration what so ever. Queenslanders are constantly being told the state is broke by Campbell Newman. If this money is available to Queensland it should be paid towards debt reduction. I am registering a NO to remuneration for MPs and past MPs. Thank you for your consideration of my submission.
92	29/08/2013	Pay rises should not be at a level higher than the current wage negotiations with Qld public servants. To seek and/or accept anything above that is morally reprehensible. Additionally, perks enjoyed by politicians should be the same as for public servants after all they are leaders.
93	29/08/2013	As politicians decide pay rises and conditions for public servants, they too should be tied to that system. They should only get the same percentage as public servants, along with the same conditions and perks. Enough is enough. The country is fed up with the greed of these people.
94	29/08/2013	1. In considering the role of a Queensland MP, do you believe an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation), and some expense allowances associated with performing the role of a MP? I do consider it reasonable that an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation), and some expense allowances. Most workers are able to claim work-related expenses, either directly from their workplace, or through the taxation system. 2. If you believe there should be expense allowances, what sort of expenses should be allowed for? Limited travel, eg to attend relevant conferences, meetings, on-site observations, etc. The standard work-related expenses that are

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		<p>claimable by all workers.</p> <p>3. How do you think the Tribunal should ensure that allowances are only used to meet the reasonable expenses of an MP and are not regarded as a substitute for salary? Substitute for salary? Do you mean that expenses should not be considered as a "salary package" option? Then yes, politicians should be remunerated for REASONABLE expenses, but should not consider this as a salary package. Expenditure should be highly monitored and require strong justification, just as work-related expenses are for all workers.</p> <p>4. What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant? I don't feel qualified to comment on this questions.</p> <p>5. Is there anything else? Labour's decision to not take up the available payrise was admirable in the face of the huge state and personal expenses incurred by natural disasters that were occurring in the region at the time, plus the struggling global economy. It was a decision of the government at that time. Any proposed payrise, should not be backdated, but should be considered at the time of the proposal. Past decisions may be overturned, but not backdated, and payrises should be within a reasonable margin, as per other work place agreements.</p>
95	29/08/2013	I believe that politicians pay rises should be line with and the same as public servants, because politicians are temporary public servants.
96	29/08/2013	In my view politician's pay should be indexed alongside the basic wage so that a rise in the basic wage would trigger a rise in politician's pay and not otherwise. The hope behind this of course is that politicians might remain aware of the level of the basic wage and the need to ensure it is appropriately and annually indexed. Thank you
97	29/08/2013	It is particularly galling as a taxpayer to hear Governments cry poor and then justify their own pay rises. They then insult us by pretending that there is nothing that can be done about it. While I have no doubt that politicians work hard (most of them) the perception is that they have their snouts well and truly buried in the trough. Any pay rises should be considered in the light of what pay rises or cuts have been made for public servants, nurses and other government employees. If they have to fight for a pay rise, then so should politicians.
98	29/08/2013	<p>I believe the QLD Government politician pay rise should be aligned with the public service pay rise.</p> <p>For example with the QLD Government offering public servants approximately 2% the QLD government politicians should be limited to the same pay rise.</p>
99	29/08/2013	Politicians remuneration should increase no more or less then other members of the public service which is currently less then 3% per annum. Queenslanders irrespective of political affiliations were appalled that state politicians were entitled to large increases in remuneration while the rest of us had to accept a 2 to 3% increase. Its a matter of fairness for all citizens of this state.
100	29/08/2013	<p>Other public servants have been denied pay increases of over 2.2% as the State economy can not afford it. There jobs are just as important as a politician.</p> <p>How can the state economy support the pay rise on offer to the politicians? Should they be under the same reviews as other departments. It doesn't matter how important your job is - if there isn't the money you can't have the pay rise.</p>

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101	29/08/2013	<p><b>Submission to the Remuneration Tribunal</b></p> <p>1. In considering the role of a Queensland MP, do you believe an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation), and some expense allowances associated with performing the role of a MP? Please explain your answer.</p> <p>I do not think the grossly inflated salary and allowances combination Queensland MP's receive currently is either fair or just in the current financial and social climate. A Queensland MP's role is to serve the people of their electorate in public office. They chose to go into Politics and serve the state as a senior public servant, voted into this position to serve not to profit. The sort of allowances and pay increases they are currently receiving are far beyond the current CPI residents of their electorate receive and are grossly inflated in comparison to other countries public servants in office.</p> <p><b>Premier</b></p> <p>An annual base salary of \$137,149  "Allowance to Members" \$77,922  "Miscellaneous Allowance" of \$32,355  "Additional salary" \$143,499  "Expense of Office Allowance" \$19,288  <u>Total: \$410,213</u></p> <p>2. If you believe there should be expense allowances, what sort of expenses should be allowed for? Please give examples.</p> <p>Expenses should be related to the work being carried out by the MP and should be capped at a reasonable and justifiable amount in line with current CPI in Queensland. I agree with allowances for a range of Travel Allowances and other minor entitlements, such as home telephone refunds if they are capped at a reasonable and fair amount given their work load and size of electorate.</p> <p>The Electorate Allowance ranging from \$39,263 to per year depending on the size of their electorate is also acceptable but again the amount and range of dollar amount they can claim needs to be policed and justified to the Queensland tax payer.</p> <p>A "Miscellaneous Allowance" of \$32,355 per year on top of their already high salary is not justifiable when the state is cutting jobs, expenses and services from its public sector to save money. How can the state allow claims up to this amount per MP?</p> <p>I am extremely against and would hope the tribunal has the strength and power to abolish the additional salary that a MP can claim if they hold office in a formal role, such as the Premier, Treasurer, other ministerial portfolio, Leader of the Opposition, Speaker, Whip, or Committee Member. It is a gross misrepresentation of the "public servant" in these roles to accept additional salary such</p>

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		<p>as \$8,217 per year (for a Committee Member position) up to \$143,499 per year (for the Premier). Also “Additional salary” that some formal office roles are entitled to such as “Expense of Office Allowance” ranging between \$4,350 and \$19,288 per year.</p> <p>These additional salaries should be abolished and a base salary agreed to which encompasses a pay increase per year in line with the current CPI that is fair and reasonable comparable to the public servants EB8.</p> <p>3. How do you think the Tribunal should ensure that allowances are only used to meet the reasonable expenses of an MP and are not regarded as a substitute for salary?</p> <p>The tribunal should have greater power to police and assess all claims on their allowances. There needs strong legal guidelines and limits in place to regulate their spending and claims. There needs to be legal and social ramifications for false claims and loss of their MP position. Public Servants are paid by the tax payer’s wages and all public servants and especially Politian’s should be working for the people and the state not substituting their salary with unjustifiable claims.</p> <p>4. What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant in determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities?</p> <p>Positions held (Accountability and responsibility)  Time in Office  State’s financial position  Size of Electorate  Current CPI  Results driven  Current unemployment rate  Comparable to inflation and cost of living in state  Qualifications  Experience  Hours worked</p> <p>5. Is there anything else about MP remuneration that you think is important for the Tribunal to take into consideration?</p> <p>Financially, morally and socially how can the Queensland MP’s justify such exuberant allowances such as “Additional Salary” and “Expense of Office Allowance” when they are cutting jobs in the public sector and saying they are trying to save money for the state to get back our AAA rating but they are receiving massive pay increases and allowances? This money should be redirected into the Government Departments to bring better services and infrastructure to Queenslanders. Queensland residents deserve value for money from their senior public servants and better state owned and run services.</p>

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<b>102</b>	29/08/2013	The Politicians have far too much salary and perks totally out of step with the general population and their totally out of step with the general population's superannuation let alone the older generation who paid their Taxes and most didn't draw on the welfare system and don't have any superannuation at all. I believe it has been an obscene grab for cash by people who are being paid to and are supposed to be looking after our welfare. I have lost all respect for our government and believe that they are just robbing our public purse blind. Please I dare you to inject some fairness and integrity into our government, don't just be a rubber stamp for the corrupt and lawless elements of our government and legal system.
<b>103</b>	29/08/2013	Firstly former MPs should not be entitled to any remuneration increase whatsoever. Secondly, current and future MPs remuneration increases should mirror increases granted to the Queensland Public Service as they are all employed by the Queensland public.
<b>104</b>	29/08/2013	<p>Ultimately, MP's are public servants and subsequently, constituents have high expectations for job performance and service to their local community. Therefore, earnings and expenditure should be allocated in a transparent and fair manner, in accordance with the current economical climate and community expectations. I would expect MP's pay to be in line with directors of government departments, in addition to expense allowances as indicated below.</p> <p>MP's should receive a fair wage in accordance with the time and effort they apply to their job, which they must account for, to receive their earnings (e.g. attendance in parliament and at constituency events). MP's should be given a vehicle for the duration of their term, office expenditure and a travel allowance. All politicians should receive a basic allowance dependant upon the size of the electorate, for campaigning, with no external 'backers' or personal funds to be 'contributed', to ensure transparency in decisions when/if elected, and that all aspirants are on a level playing field.</p> <p>However, fringe benefit taxes should apply and MP's should claim all additional expenses on tax as must the remainder of Australian citizens. MP's families should not be travelling or otherwise be receiving advantage from taxpayer's money or MP's expense accounts - if family members accompany MP's for Government travel they should pay their own way. They should only travel in government vehicles in accompaniment of the MP, and should not drive said vehicles.</p> <p>In relation to superannuation, perhaps a solitary tax-free bonus, depending on the length of service, should be paid into a MP's superannuation fund rather than a continuous payment/pension which should still attract capable members whilst still better than that received by everyday Australians.</p>
<b>105</b>	29/08/2013	This has the LNP all over it. no pay rise for these people they just till they have a productivity report done on them. And not by them or Rupert Merdock.

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106	29/08/2013	<p>State Government politicians should only receive the same pay rise as all other public servants plus travel allowance. All other allowance for expenses should be submitted to a financial controlling department for approval (as set out in policies and legislation), processing and finally payment. Politicians should not self manage allowances as this could lead to a perception of inappropriate spending regardless of documentation provided. Once a politician is no longer in office, remuneration should be 50% of last wage received (wage only; no allowances) for a maximum of 5 years. If a politician is removed for (proven) illegal or unethical behavior there is to be no remuneration.</p> <p>Remember: citizens enter public life to contribute to the benefit of the community as a whole, not to make money. if they wish to make money; stay in the private sector.</p>
107	29/08/2013	<p>Any politicians payrise at the very most should be linked (as a percentage) to the smallest payrise of any of the public servants, such as teachers, nurses, cleaners, police and the firies. This should also include benefits like travel, allowances and super. Pensions should also be reviewed inline with what other public servants receive. If cleaners, teachers and nurses don't receive a special pension, so shouldn't the politicians.</p>
108	29/08/2013	<b>Confidential</b>
109	29/08/2013	<p>My submission is simple. It is truly unconscionable that the QLD MP's think they deserve a pay increase at the same time that austerity measures are being enacted through the state.</p> <p>Until the state can afford it (ie until they can start refunding other programs or enacting new ones to combat social issues) politicians pay should not be raised.</p> <p>Being a politician is about serving the people and trying to improve society for the betterment of all, not lining your own pockets. The current salary is already enough to live on.</p> <p>I would go so far as to say that a slight cut of 5% would not be out of step with the austerity measures currently being implemented. But I have a suspicion this will be seen as too far/over reaching. I would be satisfied with a moratorium on all MP salary increases until the current climate of funding cuts has ended.</p> <p>Thank you for your time,</p>
110	29/08/2013	<p>Politicians do worse good work than ever, so they should be recieving a pay CUT not a rise.</p>
111	29/08/2013	<p>I am disgusted by the pay rise the Queensland State politicians will be receiving. When so many people are being made redundant, including vital health workers like nurses, it feels like they are laughing at the public and making a mockery of hardworking Queenslanders. If the state is in such bad debt, lower the salaries of politicians, don't increase them!! And don't put the public's health at risk by getting rid of experienced nurses.</p>

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112	29/08/2013	<p>It is me sincere believe that politicians do NOT deserve a rise. They are overpaid and under achieve in what they do. If telling lies and misleading the public was a job description then they would qualify hands down.</p> <p>It's disgusting how they raid the public purse as though its their right to just take what they want with no accountability to the public. They all consistently abuse their positions of trust selling public assets without consultation with their employer. They are after all PUBLIC SERVANTS SWORN TO UPHOLD AND DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE.... This seems to be forgotten by the greedy way they change things to suit themselves. When they STUFF UP and waste OUR money they take an OBSCENE PENSION and leave the state in debt! I say NO to the rise, NO to their obscene perks and pensions. BUT YES TO MORE ACCOUNTABILITY for OUR money and take back money from Bligh \$150,000 per year pension to pay off the debt she left.</p>
113	29/08/2013	The audacity to remove so many people from employment then give yourselves more money. shame on you.
114	29/08/2013	<p>1/2/3. I would prefer to see politician's expense allowances be handled in a similar way to other public servants. That is, to prevent allowances being used as a substitute for salary, expenses would be reimbursed on presentation of receipts. Large and regular expenses such as running an electoral office could be paid and managed centrally (e.g. an MP would be entitled to a suitable office and admin staff, paid by govt as public servants rather than by the MP themselves). Phone / computer / internet expenses could also be handled in the same way as for senior public servants - i.e. supplied and funded directly rather than as allowances. Travel expenses should be reimbursed on presentation of receipts, but within guidelines to reduce costs (e.g. scheduled flights rather than charter flights).</p> <p>4. To simplify the system, it might be better to define a few levels of payments for MPs - e.g. just MP, committee member, minister, premier, and set standard increases for these. Salary rates of senior public servants would provide a useful benchmark. Executive pay rates would not provide a suitable point of comparison for salary.</p> <p>5. Increases in salary should be linked to increases in public servants salaries - if most public servants are receiving annual increases of 3%, then this should also apply to politicians. Arguing over public servant increases to then increase politicians' salaries by exorbitant rates is hypocritical in the extreme.</p>
115	29/08/2013	<p>You have got to be joking, if u think any politician deserves a pay rise.Crying poor and sacking people one day, and then get ridiculously inflated pay rises the next is a joke and an insult to the people they are supposed to be working for. Any politician that thinks they deserve it should be instantly dismissed from there job, so they can see what it feels like with the shoe on the other foot. All pay rises should be decided by the people of that state, not some council that we have no control over just because there's some legislation that says they get one when someone else does. Should it possibly be performance based, So they have to prove they deserve it? So I obviously vote no payrise now or until such time a fair system can be created</p>

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<b>116</b>	29/08/2013	<p>Considerations for politician remuneration,</p> <p>1. A politicians role I believe is very easy to define they are supposed to be a representatives of the people who make up there electorate, as such asking for any sort of pay rise when the people that they represent are being told to tighten belts and make do with less is not really keeping in tune with this serving the people, I believe politicians pay should be set by the people they represent or by an average of the wage of the people in there electorates after all how are out representative supposed to understand the pressures being faced by the people in there electorate when they do not share in the same burdens. An effective Remuneration policy would be a base salary and then maybe a bonus at the end of the term dependent on how well the electorate or state is doing.</p> <p>My reasoning is that this will mean that the Politicians pay is based on achievements and takes in to account the financial situation of both the State and the area that they represent.</p> <p>2. The politician should be paid the same allowances and at the same level and have to show the same level of Diligence as a high level Public servant, they should also have to adhere to the same rules and regulations. Since in Effect a public Servant is what these people are and are supposed to be.</p> <p>3. Answered as above the MP should be subjected to the same level of scrutiny and transparency as a high level public servant. Any expenditure should be examined by an independent body to ensure that it aligns with the MP role and areas of Responsibility.</p> <p>4. The financial situation of the state should be taken in to account and if the state government is using this as a reason to cut jobs and not give pay rises to others, they should in turn not be given a pay rise. Maybe a good rule of thumb would be to look at the pay rises that the government are willing to offer there public servants and mirror them, hence if in negotiation the government is offering a 2 percent pay rise to there Doctors nurses and police then the maximum that the MP's should be given is 2 percent, anymore would be a slap in the face to the electorate and to the people that they represent</p> <p>5. Members of Parliament are already paid very well for what they do and the wage rise that they were trying to push through is a long way ahead of what the public servants and any other member of the public could hope for,</p>
<b>117</b>	29/08/2013	<b>Confidential</b>

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118	29/08/2013	Since Mr Newman got the power to run the Queensland Government, a lot of public service employees have been sacked and the adverse impact has subsequently imposed onto those sacked people and their families. We can see the secondary highest jobless rate in Australia has been "awarded" to Queensland. The premier claims that sacking public service employees is for achieving savings in the government operation cost and making more services/works outsourced to the private market. However his claim is not consistent with his behaviour. Now he approved a new government office building to be constructed to accommodate the ministers, so it seems the Liberal government is using the money saved by sacking people to build a costly office for himself and his ministers. More and more Queenslanders are losing job in both public and private sectors. Lots of friends/colleagues of mine have been made redundant since mid last year. The avenue to promotion in the government departments is almost blocked and salary rise seems like a dream only. When ordinary Queenslanders are suffering in such tough situation, people have nothing but anger over the proposed polly pay rise. As elected representatives, they are concerned about their own benefits rather than what they can do to improve Queenslanders' life. They simply don't deserve such a high salary/allowance.
119	29/08/2013	Any salary increase should be tied to CPI increases.
120	29/08/2013	I have never in my life seen such a cynical and hypocritical proposal as this. If MPs pay is to be linked to anything it should be the public servants (PS) that serve them as well as the public. Who do the pollyes go to when they don't know what they are doing? The public servants; and in doing so distract these PS from their core responsibility, serving the public. It must be remembered that the PS has had massive staff cuts (~17%) yet are expected to do the same work. Despite this most PS are still waiting for their miniscule pay rise. The only fair option is for the pollyes to link their salaries to the PS that they 'oversee'. I am still waiting for the 17% reduction in politicians! No issue in all my time in the PS has galled me to this extent. What is going on is so patently unfair!
121	29/08/2013	I strongly oppose any foreseeable politicians pay-rise given the 2012 public service sackings; a general sentiment of mistrust for the LNP in response to their broken campaign promises; Campbell Newman apology and announcement after his Vietnam trip that the decision by his party during his absence, was wrong and would be reversed. It is an adamant NO to any short-medium term pay rise from me.

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<b>122</b>	29/08/2013	<p>Whilst I appreciate the role of an MP if someone is interested in performing the duties then the income is irrelevant.</p> <p>People in various roles commit to their work place and work under conditions to that role.</p> <p>MP's under the current structure are paid in excess.</p> <p>I believe their needs to be a base salary, vehicle for travel, phone, laptop and then claim the rest on tax if it's required for your role.</p> <p>No super remuneration beyond the standard 12.5% that everybody gets and then they contribute some of their salary as we all have too.</p> <p>I think it's incredibly disgusting that you serve a term and then you get remunerated for life.</p> <p>If they take up a position to hold a portfolio, then again some standard base..just to support the extra travel, nothing like you have stated in the report - very little whilst acknowledging some of the extra time.</p> <p>Also I do not believe they should receive any further funds to support their next campaign, how is that fair, some people put themselves up for election on a \$60 000 salary supporting family, why do they get a head start.</p> <p>Their head start is they should be measured on how they have performed in the previous term. It needs to be an equal playing ground.</p> <p>We do not have an infinite bucket of money and less money needs to go to the MP's, if the pay rise is to go ahead then I think we have seen all I need to see in this country of the inequality that exist.</p> <p>Laws and work place reforms that have occurred have been extreme, why aren't the politicians falling under the same scrutiny they are willing to manage out state under.</p> <p>Also to add to this the closures of programs that had proof of success to go into the very deep pockets of politicians.</p> <p>As you mentioned in the reports there is no qualification required, most community are extremely disappointed in any of the major parties and their performance.</p> <p>I will be completely disgusted if the outcome is for the pay rise.</p>
<b>123</b>	29/08/2013	<p>Politicians pay rises should be in line with the rest of the community. Perhaps the wage rise could be an average of the rises given to Police, teachers &amp; nurses or other Government employees.</p> <p>Politicians should also have KPI's attached to their performance like maintenance of services, no new taxes or charges &amp; any increases within the CPI.</p>

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124	29/08/2013	<p>Politicians should no expect a distinct and separate system of remuneration to any other profession. There is nothing intrinsically unique about our system of government that demands their pay scale exceeds that of other public servants.</p> <p>Politicians are fond of using the argument that society needs to pay to attract the best talent, but when it comes time for them to negotiate the wages of teachers, nurses and ambulance drivers - this argument is conveniently forgotten.</p> <p>Additionally, it is very clear to everyone that successive governments are unable to balance their budgets, avoid scandal, or prevent their members from using their political powers to benefit associates in the public sector. So they are certainly not providing us with the selfless and stellar service we deserve.</p> <p>In conclusion, their pay scale and increases should be tied to those of our most essential service providers such as the aforementioned nurses and teachers.</p>
125	29/08/2013	How about money for the homeless instead of lollies pay rise
126	29/08/2013	<p>It is my believe that QLD State Politicians should have their wage rises set to the CPI just like the Pensioners and other Public Service Workers... after all Politicians are Public Servants.. their are voted in to Serve the Public.</p> <p>Other Public Service Workers like Police Officers, Ambulance Officers Fire Fighters, Nurses, Teachers, are asked to accept pay rises of 2 to 3% in keeping with the CPI and one should remember that many of these professionals (Police, Ambulance Fire Fighters, Nurses and Teachers), are working in dangerous positions, often risking their lives within their workplace, whereas Politicians do not work in situations where they are at risk, and if Politicians find themselves in a risky situation, they call on the Police or other Public Servants to protect them.</p> <p>Why then, should QLD Politicians be awarded a pay rise of 42%</p> <p>I ask that the Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal consider this when reviewing wage rises for ALL Public Servants. And keep the CPI in mind when reviewing the wage increase for QLD Politicians.</p>
127	29/08/2013	<p>It should be tied to the CPI like other public servants.</p> <p>Untie it from Federal MP wage increases. Option to make it performance based as suggested to our teachers.</p>
128	29/08/2013	<p>Remuneration of members and former members of the Queensland Legislative Assembly:</p> <p>These wages need to be brought inline with other QLD public servants..Pay levels like these are obscene in todays economy. These members have to show productivity gains like all other workers before a pay rise can evn be looked at. If it is within your power to stop these rises then do it.</p> <p>Thankyou</p>

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<b>129</b>	29/08/2013	<p>I was deeply disturbed by the scale of the proposed pay rise to our state government members. As both a percentage and amount of money relative to inflationary rises there was simply no comparison between the pay rise scales of the government members and those of other public servants.</p> <p>Our elected state members are public servants who represent our state at all levels and are the face of the hard work done by the hard working public servants through out Queensland. I agree that the positions of importance that positions such as elected member and premier etc. deserves a well remunerated salary the increase in pay rise should be in line with all other state employed public servant. The line that is legislated and cant be changed is just a furphy. State government while important is not as important as federal government and the pay scales do not need to be so closely aligned. All of the pay rises of all state politicians should be closely aligned with inflationary increase, this is a pay rise that is more than most other employees receive. I am an employee in small business and do not receive annual pay rises in the order of 2-3%. If a politician is on say \$250000 then a 3% increase is a pay rise of \$7500 a not inconsiderable sum of money, significantly more than the average Queenslanders will receive.</p> <p>The government are our representatives employed by us the state taxpayers and we should have a say in their pay scales.</p>
<b>130</b>	29/08/2013	<p>I think it is completely inappropriate that a payrise is provided to a group of politicians after cutting close to 20,000 jobs, closing essential services and attempting to close schools in high growth areas.</p>
<b>131</b>	29/08/2013	<p>I can't comment on base salary. I would suggest however that pay rises be linked to the average qld state public service pay rise. This should be indicative of how the govt feels the state is performing and makes it independent of any one body.</p>
<b>132</b>	29/08/2013	<p>I do not believe that Queensland MPs deserve a payrise. This is socially unjust, especially as it comes in the wake of mass sackings of 14,000 public servants.</p> <p>As a taxpayer, I do not approve of giving a payrise to politicians who have done and continue to do much damage to dedicated public servants, their families, and their futures. If the State budget is in crisis, as is claimed, then why put further pressure on it with massive payraises to politicians? How can one justify such action when 14,000 public servants have lost their livelihoods due to State Government decisions?</p> <p>Australia, a decent and fair country, deserves much more than this from their politicians. Brutality and moral bankruptcy are not virtues to be rewarded with a payrise, I believe.</p>

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133	29/08/2013	<p>1. In considering the role of a Queensland MP, do you believe an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation), and some expense allowances associated with performing the role of a MP? Please explain your answer.</p> <p>Answer: I believe that an appropriate remuneration structure should relate to the job itself. I believe that any politician should receive a base wage of \$80,000 a year which is adequate for someone to live with a family, particularly if their spouse is working as well. The only expenses they receive should be if they use their own possessions in the course of their business, i.e. cars. They should only receive the standard 9% superannuation which is gradually increasing to 12%, not the exorbitant about they receive now. The prime minister should only be on \$150,000 a year wage because they live in the Lodge – so no rent, rates etc we pay for it all.</p> <p>2. If you believe there should be expense allowances, what sort of expenses should be allowed for? Please give examples.</p> <p>If they use their own car, then they should be remunerated for the expense of running that car for fuel and wear and tear and maintenance etc. I do not believe that they should have travel expenses, when the government pays for them to fly and stay in hotels, what are they being remunerated for, the inconvenience of doing their job??? The only expenses they should claim should be car expenses if they use their own car and that's it.</p> <p>3. How do you think the Tribunal should ensure that allowances are only used to meet the reasonable expenses of an MP and are not regarded as a substitute for salary?</p> <p>Well the tribunal needs to look at it like a business. In a business, you cut away the areas that are not performing. You need to look at the bottom line, are we in the red or the black? We need politicians to account for their spending, each time they put in an expense form, just like you do when you work for a business. The tribunal would need to oversee the expense forms and if anything looks dodgy, follow it up!</p> <p>4. What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant in determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities?</p> <p>Factors should be the person's background, their skills, their experience in that type of role. Then remuneration would be the standard \$80K and then that's it!</p> <p>5. Is there anything else about MP remuneration that you think is important for the Tribunal to take into consideration?</p> <p>Yes cut all the unnecessary expenses rorte. This is what upsets every day Australians because we work hard for our money, have to jump through hoops to even get a bank loan and be scrutinized within an inch of our lives and we have to pay for these politicians to do their "work". The reason they got into politics I should assume is that they wanted to be a voice for the people. Well they forget that once they can see how much money they can make. It's disgraceful! The other thing that really annoys me is when it's election time, I see some silly politician out on the side of the road waving at the cars driving. What does that prove???? Nothing, how about you walk up and down the streets and you meet the people, or hold a community event where you can talk to the people. What does waving do, other than tempt people to run you over!!!!</p>

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134	29/08/2013	Since the election of the Newman Govt, we have seen mass sackings from the public service, erosion of public servants' industrial conditions, closure of essential frontline services that meet the needs of Qlders (especially the most disadvantaged and vulnerable) and moves by some employers in the NGO sector to erode workers conditions. We have also seen the wastage of public monies - rent paid on empty offices, plans made for grandiose office improvements for politicians etc. Now is definitely not the time for politicians to be voting themselves pay rises. Some austerity by politicians is required.
135	29/08/2013	Give them only 2 or 3% pay increase inline with the workforces EB agreements each year for 4 years. Or give them the same increase as persons receiving benefits.
136	29/08/2013	The public don't get a \$20.000 or \$50.000 pay rise all we can get is \$2.00 and maybe \$10.00 pay Rise and then we loose it all in taxes anyway so y should Politicians be aloud to get such a big rise when the Gov is tell us to tighten our belts and people are loosing there jobs ?.
137	29/08/2013	<b>Confidential</b>
138	29/08/2013	<p>Politician pay rates, 29-8-13</p> <p>I believe a fair days pay for a fair days work (productive work) We must have a say in the limit of the Salary rates.</p> <p>A non-government committee; Board of Directors made up of representatives from the voting population (eg. Doctor, Teacher, Builder, Politician, Farmer, Shop Assistant etc.), must set pay rates and the pay rates would be determined by the knowledge and experience required and the hours worked. No allowances; for example, travel is part of the job and the allowance is already included in the salary. When the job stops or a politician is voted out, the pay stops.</p>
139	29/08/2013	<p>Queensland politicians must not receive this ridiculous payrise. We can't afford it. Services to those truly needing help are being cut at unprecedented rates. So how can the government POSSIBLY justify this pay rise? I'm on a disability pension. I have friends working for quite low wages who could really do with some of this mone. But the fact is, Campbell Newman is saying his government can't afford to pay for basic services, so how can they (that is WE) afford to give money to people already earning above the average wage?</p> <p><b>WE CANNOT, AND WE DESERVE BETTER!</b></p> <p>Please take this submission into consideration &amp; don't discriminate against the low income earners of Queensland.</p>
140	29/08/2013	<p>The decision to institute this pay rise to politicians borders on being morally reprehensible. Politicians must remember that the welfare of the people is of the utmost importance. This pay rise amounts to politicians lining their pockets at the expense of the welfare of the people. More so, as people are struggling.</p> <p>Politicians must act in a manner that is seen to be just and fair.</p>

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141	29/08/2013	<p>As the rest of the public service will only be receiving - by submission from the government - 2.2% from the public purse the politicians should receive the same amount of 2.2% from the public purse. As with public servants they are also employed by the public and therefore fall under the same pay agreement that they state all public servants must get. They are not the only public servants who work very long days to make sure everything runs smoothly but unlike the rest of the public servants, politicians receive extra benefits including a super fund that way outperforms all other public servants and are able to access as soon as they leave the public service unlike everyone else.</p> <p>I am a public servant and work for education Queensland. I work in a school and have not had a pay rise for 2 years and now the federal government is putting me into the low income worker category. I have never been classed as a low income worker before. \$42000 is now a lot of money to receive for a 12 month period and a 2.2% wage increase will not make anything much better.</p> <p>Thanking you for taking the time to read this.</p>
142	29/08/2013	<p>If the Politicians were given the same percentage that they give to the Public Servants then this would be looked at in a better light than the current system.</p>
143	29/08/2013	<p>I firmly believe that politicians are overpaid and find it abhorrent that they have pay increases as regularly and as high as they do. Especially when vital services such as nurses, teachers, police, firefighters and ambos/paramedics are paid so little in relation to the job they do and that they need to strike to get a pittance of increase which does not even match cost of living.</p> <p>Politicians like the jobs mentioned above must be accountable. If they have not successfully done their job they should be sacked, as in any employment.</p> <p>I put forward that politicians are placed on the same wage as teachers/ nurses/ police and are made as accountable in their duty. That they receive pay increases at the same rate and through the same process of negotiation as these professions do.</p> <p>Further and in relation to perks of the job...Nurses get penalty rates for shifts, teachers receive non face-to-face teaching time in the school holidays for planning, marking and professional development (etc) so it should be for politicians BASIC perks not all those extras.</p> <p>By doing this you will have politicians who want to serve because they are passionate, not in it for the money, and who are earning their money not robbing the system and bleeding us dry.</p>
144	29/08/2013	<p>My submission is about the politicians pay rise which in this economic climate is arrogant, uncaring and deplorable. Why should these politicians who have sacked so many people, be encouraged in this sort of thing - they absolutely do not deserve it. As a country we are over governed as it is.</p>
145	29/08/2013	<p>Any one with any sense can see this is not fair. If the Queensland government say people have to lose their jobs to save money. But the politicians wont take a pay cut but must have an increase in their wage.</p> <p>For heavens sake show you are not part of this greed.</p>
146	29/08/2013	<p>All politician pay rises should be in alignment with pay rises for public servants. So if politicians receive 2% pay rise then so does the public servants that work for them. Also the back pay for the pay rise be the same for politicians as it is for public servants.</p>
147	29/08/2013	<p>It seems only fair that politicians should receive the same pay rise as the average public servant. In this case between 0 and 2%. The State Government after all is maintaining an austerity policy on the alleged state of the Queensland economy that they should also be required to share the pain.</p>

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148	29/08/2013	I am of the firm belief that Queensland Politician's emoluments should be directly linked to those of the Queensland Public Service. Whether this is by a fixed amount above a Director-General or by a percentage is a question the tribunal should determine. personally, I would prefer a fixed amount to stop the gap widening each time there is a pay increase. In a similar fashion, electorate and travel allowances should be linked to those of the public service, and further, based on realistic costs. This would keep things fair and equitable.
149	29/08/2013	I think that consideration of MP and Premiers pay rates needs to take into account the appalling manner in which this govt is treating public servants by trying to cut conditions in their enterprise bargaining and offering them smaller than inflation pay rises. If public servants are getting low pay rises sho should MPs and the premier
150	29/08/2013	No pay rise beyond the cpi until government corpulence stops and the tax payers past and present are put ahead of all else.
151	29/08/2013	Politicians should realise they do not have to go through a selection and interview process like the rest of us so their pay rises should be no more than what they are willing to offer public servants and the general workers.
152	29/08/2013	Regarding the issue of MP remuneration and a possible significant pay rise, I find it highly offensive that our state MPs are paid very closely to their federal counterparts. Any pay rise during a period where our state is in deep financial debt should be completely forbidden. In light of 15000 state employees losing their jobs, it goes against what the state is trying to achieve in returning the budget to surplus or to the very least, manageable debt levels. Until such time as the state government can prove to be financially responsible and no longer reliant on borrowing more and more money, no pay rise for our already well paid MPs should occur. Once achieving this financial stability, any future pay rises should only be in line with CPI and capped at a maximum 4% per year. These are reasonable pay rises that any other government department, state or federal, would be lucky to negotiate through their on enterprise agreements.
153	29/08/2013	This proposed pay increase for these self serving LNP government is not warranted or justifiable ! The austerity they are applying to this state is unethical ! For them too accept it really shows their priorities ,! Shame on them !
154	29/08/2013	The Newman LNP Government has sacked 14,000 public servants in the name of austerity. Additionally, they have changed legislation to deny Qld Public Servants their conditions and continue to deny our previously negotiated increments because basically the State cannot afford it.  Therefore I see no reason why deserve a 42% pay increase. Furthermore, I would suggest that politicians pay increases should match those of public servants to ensure a fair and equitable distribution.

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<b>155</b>	29/08/2013	<p>MPs should be paid a base salary that is tied to the base rate of core public servants, with increases to MPs being of the same size as those granted to workers in the public sector. Additionally, the base level salary should be based on training and experience, so an MP with a tertiary qualification would get more than a former shelf stacker from Coles, and one who had studied a relevant area would get more again. There would have to be additional remuneration for those who took on Ministries as well. MPs could also get an increment based on the number of years they had spent serving, so a first time MP get less than a second term MP, a first time Minister gets less than an experienced Minister and so on.</p> <p>They should also get work related allowances, but not in the manner it is currently managed. Expenses should be provided for actual expenditure, similar to the way the public service works. Simply handing an MP a lump sum based on something like the size of electorate is not good value for money for tax payers. Allowances would be for travel, accommodation, vehicle expenses, meal allowances while away from home and perhaps even dry cleaning, but all as actuals, with accompanying receipts.</p> <p>Setting the level of the base salary is harder, but I think the base for a brand new MP with no additional responsibilities of \$137k is reasonable. For Ministers their base rate should be matched to the salary of the DG of the Dept they are leading.</p> <p>For a brand new MP to join a single committee and sit there doing very little while they learn how to do their job and at the same time take home a minimum of \$221k including expenses is not a fair and reasonable level of pay.</p> <p>Also for MPs to vote themselves a pay rise of 48%, saying they can't help it because the legislation says they must is disgusting. The current government has, and continues to, overturn legislated entitlements of public servants, while begrudging them a very modest pay rise.</p>
<b>156</b>	29/08/2013	<p>Payrise for politicians?! Not when the average family is barely unable to keep food on the table for our children!! Open your eyes up and get them off yourselves. No payrise is reasonable in this economy while families are struggling to keep their heads above water.</p>
<b>157</b>	29/08/2013	<p>The pay of elected representatives should be increased in line with the pay of public servants.</p> <p>It is not as if public servants are poorly paid!</p> <p>There should be shared sacrifice and shared gain.</p> <p>We are either all in this together for the good of the people of Queensland, sharing the good times and bad times or it is dog-eat-dog.</p> <p>If social inequality continues to increase in Australia we will pay the price in rising crime and social dislocation.</p> <p>We are looking for politicians to show some leadership in this regard.</p>
<b>158</b>	29/08/2013	<p>every worker is entitled to wage increases. the increase should be at least in line with inflation as a minimum or in line with the agreed minimum wage as a maximum.</p>

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159	29/08/2013	I believe that MP's wages need to be bench-marked against a specific & measurable set of publicly stated goals with specified timelines. [ Based on their policies & platform.] They should start on a base wage & depending on how successfully or otherwise they achieve their set goals & objectives they can be remunerated. Given that many have no real qualification or prior experience [ nor aptitude to run a state or country if the truth is known] their base wage needs to be reduced from where it currently is to perhaps a \$10, 000 amount over the average wage. MPs with prior experience or tertiary qualification in relevant & appropriate areas could start on a higher wage suitable to their professional qualification. This would bring the system more appropriately into line with community standards & ensure better outcomes for the people of this state. If they performed really well this independent & publicly transparent process would also help the public see who was worth returning at the next election.
160	29/08/2013	The government has already made many necessary positions redundant and reduced contract teacher positions, resulting in excessive pressure on the public service delivery such as education and health. If this state is under financial duress it stands to reason that we do not increase politicians pay as we are all expected to make sacrifices for the good of the nation. I as a fully qualified teacher Ambon a wage of 60,000 dollars struggling to pay the bills.
161	29/08/2013	I would sincerely request that any wage increases be governed by the the Consumer Price Index and therefore reflect the economic environment of the time. I would also like to see that to allow MP's to collect the appropriate wage for their full time employment as MPs that their pecuniary interests be publicly notified. Also establish a ruling that an MP cannot perform any additional or former employment position [including unpaid Directorships] in any capacity. I would also submit that if this Act reflects on the wages of elected Municipal offices that the ability for Mayors to unilaterally adjust their personal department budgets be highly scrutinised and governed by a third independent body as well.
162	29/08/2013	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I believe that an appropriate remuneration structure should include a combination of direct salary and some expense allowances. These should be in line with the remuneration structure for other public servants.</li> <li>2. I believe that expenses should include travel expenses which should be limited to economy class and meal expenses only when travelling away from home. Similar to expenses paid to other public servants</li> <li>3. Allowances should only be used to cover the expenses of running an office and paying office staff there should be accurate record keeping to verify these expenses</li> <li>4. The role of an MP is an important one and direct salary should reflect this, again I believe that the public service award would be an appropriate benchmark.</li> <li>5. MPs salaries rates should be performance based and salary increases should be applied when MPs perform exemplary work for their electorate and or portfolio.</li> </ol>
163	29/08/2013	The wage increase is atrocious for QLD current and former ministers. It is a disgusting request by these ministers in general but even worse now when we are still in the throws of a GFC and the repercussions being felt with many QIDers having lost their jobs or suffering hardship over the past few years. The cost of living is enormous and normal workers are lucky to get at CPI payrise let alone this extreme level. If you do not see that is completely unfair, unjust and unethical then you are telling QLDers that they are valueless and the ministers jobs are of more worth when compared to other workers, especially people saving lives. REJECT THIS PROPOSAL OF RENUMERATION FOR THE MINISTERS THEY SHOULD HANG THEIR HEADS IN SHAME ESPECIALLY OUR PREMIER, IT IS DISGUSTING TO REWARD YOURSELF AT THE EXPENSE OF THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING.

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<b>164</b>	29/08/2013	<p>I believe that, at a time when Governments, at all levels across Australia, are responding to Enterprise Bargaining Agreements with low level offers with respect to salary increases, because of the limited nature of the financial resources available to those Governments, it seems inappropriate that elected representatives, who make up those Governments, should irresponsibly benefit from salary increases that are out of step with those of their constituent employees.</p> <p>It would seem to me that the previous Government acted outside the legislation in limiting pay rises for our elected representatives, during its last term.</p> <p>However, it would seem that the principle, that the Government pursued, still stands.</p> <p>At times of financial restraint, the salary increases of our elected representatives should be limited to a range commensurate with the rest of the communities, which they serve, and in particular the salary increases of the majority of Public Servants.</p> <p>With regard to the requirements of the existing legislation that links MPs' salaries to external factors, this Government has demonstrated that it is capable of enacting legislation quickly to over-ride EBA and Public Service guidelines, to enable it to gain the outcomes that it wishes.</p> <p>Accordingly, it should be possible for the Government to enact legislation quickly to prevent the remuneration legislation, as it stands, from being enforced.</p> <p>I understand that the value of an MP's carrying out the MP's role, functions and responsibilities has not increased sufficiently, post-election, to necessitate such an increase in remuneration, as is being proposed.</p> <p>To sum up, difficult times require financial restraint, and the requirements of legislation can be over-ridden by swiftly putting in place alternate legislation to achieve the financial restraint required by the present difficult financial times.</p>
<b>165</b>	29/08/2013	<p>My wife who works for qld education said today ,state government halted all negotiations on wage increases for them but polliies continue to engross themselves by removing conditions that the rest of workers must be judged, if the state cannot afford to be fair for all. I have worked for 40 years in the construction industry and have never ever found paying our bill so hard, don't smoke or drink and no wild habits and find an unfair and unnecessary increase as an insult</p>
<b>166</b>	29/08/2013	<p>Politicians' payrises should be aligned with the percentage increases of the public servants. If the public servants are granted a 2.2% increase as part of their Enterprise Bargaining Agreement then that's what the politicians should also receive. An increase of more than the percentage granted to the Government's employees cannot be justified in any terms.</p>

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167	29/08/2013	<p>Pay for politicians should be benchmarked to pay in OECD countries of similar wealth, loosely linked to the number of constituents represented and or the monetary size of the portfolio. It is offensive what Australian politicians earn compared to say an English, US or German politician for example.</p> <p>Raises should be proportional to other public servants without under that table rises eg retirement benefits.</p>
168	29/08/2013	<p>In regards to the pay increases of politicians and elected officials it is blatantly clear that the amount of increase is unjust, unwarranted and an insult to the people of Queensland . How any regulation authority can allow such increases whilst the government at the same time is slashing public sector jobs and blocking basic pay increases which are in line with inflation is ridiculous and down right negligent. Those involved should have their job taken away</p>
169	29/08/2013	<p>Governments spruik of equity in the workplace and ask people to take cuts to their terms of employment and lose Accrued days off because the government can not afford it and then limit 2.5% pay rises to nursing and hospital staff.</p> <p>They obviously class themselves better than anyone else and with all the other perks of the job they place themselves at a higher value than everyone and give themselves a pay rise higher than the people they serve.</p> <p>Stop the spin and be accountable.</p>
170	29/08/2013	<p>Former MPs are just that, former ... don't deserve anything further than what they left the job with</p> <p>Current MPs ... work no where near as hard as public servants yet have persistently worked to strip away public servants employment rights and withhold a fair pay rise ... MPs deserve no more than what the public servants are getting ... at the moment = zip / nada / zero / zilch.</p>
171	29/08/2013	Same as public servants
172	29/08/2013	<b>Confidential</b>
173	29/08/2013	<p>We as a state and a nation believe in a fair days pay for a fair days work, currently our Politicians, whether Federal, State or Local members, believe in taking the public for a ride, not only restricting their pay rise, but also by believing they are better and more deserving then us by trying to give themselves a outrages pay rise of 42%.</p> <p>They currently inform us that we are currently running a deficit of billions of dollars, and they have to cut spending to make savings, while with the other hand giving themselves a 42% pay rise.</p> <p>We let make it compulsory that they only way Politicians obtain their pay rise is after a referendum is put to the voters, who decide whether they are worth the pay rise, and we as a country also decide the percentage they deserve, based on their performance.</p> <p>Currently I believe that there is currently no Politician that deserves to be paid a wage at all, with their current record.</p> <p>There is just a lot of school yard bullying within the Parliament now a days, they need to shut up and look at how to improve the</p>

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		<p>country and steer us in the right direction.</p> <p>They are suppose to be working for the voters and the country, so in fact we are their employers, so we should have the right to say whether they deserve the rise, and not themselves being the only ones that state what they are entitled to.</p> <p>We can not give ourselves the percentage for our own pay rise that we believe we deserve, so why should they, I do not even believe that a tribunal should even be allowed to decide, it should be the Public voice and the public voice only.</p>
174	29/08/2013	<p>I think this whole issue is very, very simple. If the government decided Qld couldn't afford thousands of public servants and infrastructure projects (and we the public wouldn't really know because I don't think we can trust the figures trotted out by either side)then how in the world can they justify giving themselves(who earn a whole lot per year more than all the public servants you just sacked) a pay rise? It shows them for the pigs they are with their snouts in the trough with absolutely no real concern for everyday Queenslanders. And liars. If we can afford to give them a payrise then Qld is very obviously NOT going broke. they promoted restraint and reduceing expenditure. I plead with the tribunal to REDUCE their wage! And freeze it for three years. How much will that save? And the closer they are to living like those on the average wage, the more likely they are to make decisions that really benefit the middle 70% of Queenslanders because they will have a realistic perspective rather than a privileged one. This is a core matter of how our democracy should be goverened, not an enterprise bargaining argument.</p>
175	29/08/2013	<p>When ordinary people who have worked hard and paid their taxes can not enjoy retirement because of an inadequate pension, how can any government justify a pay rise to persons who are already over paid like politicians?</p>
176	30/08/2013	<p>As we are in tough times this is disgusting that one section of government can take such a high pay rise. Stop now</p>
177	30/08/2013	<p><b>Confidential</b></p>
178	30/08/2013	<p>I believe politicians pay rises should be in line with the percentage rate of all Public Servants and no more. Recently the QLD politicians tried to give themselves a vastly larger pay rise than other public servants. They want productivity rises etc for other public servants then they should have to adhere to the same. Just because they receive a vastly higher remuneration does not mean they should receive a vastly higher percentage of pay rise. Again they should be in line with every other public servant. If public servants get 2.5% then that is exactly what politicians should get.</p>
179	30/08/2013	<p>Stop the Politicians from haveing a pay rise they get paid enough now and all the super they get would keep a pensioner for years</p>
180	30/08/2013	<p>STOP THE POLLIES PAY RISE, I DIDN'T GET A 47% PAYRISE LAST TIME WHICH WAS 2 YEAR AGO</p>
181	30/08/2013	<p>I disagree with Pollies getting a pay rise, especially at 47%. they tell us the state is broke and we need to fire Public Servents, Nurses, Fireman and yet they can find teh money to give themselves this enourmous pay rise, Don't understand their thinking</p>
182	30/08/2013	<p>Preamble: There is a popular misconception that most Politicians are underworked and overpaid. Clearly this is not the case. At a backbencher level \$130k might sound a lot compared to the average wage, but being a Member of Parliament is NOT an average job. As a former Member I can tell you that most Members work 60-80 hours per week, are out almost every night of the week and weekends, plus constant travelling and Parliamentary sittings.</p> <p>When this is coupled with a constantly hostile work environment, where members are abused and harangued by the general public and the media over issues that are usually beyond their control in the Electorate, and then they head off to Parliament where they are abused, taunted, and subjected to personal attacks and unparalleled bullying (which would not be tolerated in any other</p>

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		<p>workplace) Clearly you cannot compare this with any “NORMAL” job.</p> <p>Remuneration: Ultimately it is for the tribunal to decide what is an appropriate level of recompense. One only has to juxtapose the remuneration of say the Health Minister, with the Director General of Health, to see the disparity of income. Ministers have to put up with everything I have described in my preamble X 2, and often for a fraction of what their D.G’s are paid.</p> <p>Many M.P.’s have given up significant professional careers where they where paid far in excess of their current pay rate for nowhere near the public scrutiny and pressure. Unless decent remuneration is paid for this extremely difficult job, it will become increasingly difficult to attract quality M.P’s.</p> <p>Former members: As the defined benefit pension scheme was discontinued a number of years ago, there remains a finite and reducing number of people who are being paid under this system, and I would urge tribunal members not to de-couple our wage rises from the current defined benefit which is a percentage of backbenchers wages. I believe that to make these changes retrospective would be a denial of natural justice, as that was the basis of which we went into Parliament. (Later members also new what they were signing up for.)</p> <p>Consider my personal situation. [personal information] Consider the situation of former members who are older than sixty five, and are disqualified from any age pension, because of their current situation, and also if they died their spouses income would be halved again, and when they subsequently die there will be nothing left to their family. If their spouses remarry they lose the lot. As previously stated this is a diminishing cohort and in the interests of natural justice, should not be subject to retrospectivity.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration of these points. Please forgive the informality of me emailing this submission [personal information]. I am happy for you to publish any part of this submission as long as nothing is published that could lead to the disclosure of my identity or [personal information].</p> <p>If you need to contact me regarding this submission please email me at [personal information]</p>
<b>183</b>	30/08/2013	<p>I work in the aged care sector doing In Home Care. I am paid \$18/hr. To be able to do my job I use my own personal vehicle which I am compensated for (by my employer)at the rate of \$0.75/km. I work in a region from [personal information]. \$0.75/Km does not cover my vehicle expenses.</p> <p>Our politicians are paid more than enough to cover all of their expenses. I do not believe any politician in this country let alone state should be receiving a pay rise or increase in allowances when our economy is in such a mess &amp; people like myself &amp; our pensioners are struggling to pay the bills &amp; put food on the table &amp; the public services that our taxes pay for a not functioning properly or efficiently. Could you please ask all these politicians when do I get more than \$18/hr for showering, dressing, cooking,</p>

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		cleaning, laundry, transport & ensuring that medications are taken at the right time for our elderly? I earn \$30,000/year in my job? The politicians need to stop worrying about a pay rise for themselves and give a liveable pay rise the lower income earners to help stimulate the economy.(The more we earn the more we spend) Also by giving a pay rise to the lower income earners the flow on effects of cost cutting would be amazing. An immediate area would be a reduction in Mental Health issues that are caused by stress. Less "stressed people" means lower attempted suicide rates, depression,& other stress related illness such as strokes. This flow effect would then start reducing the cost of healthcare as there would not be such a high demand in the Mental Health & Cardiac sector. This is just one immediate idea of possible Government cost cutting methods. Isn't it time our money was spent more wisely? remind these politicians who pay their wages.
<b>184</b>	30/08/2013	The LNP got voted into Queensland under false pretences and promises all of which have not been upheld. For them to give themselves such a huge payrise when they are not even earning the money they get before the pay rise is a real con to the taxpayer. The pay rise should be cancelled and they wage they were receiving deducted until they do their jobs of serving the people of Queensland.Newman should be had up for FRAUD because that is how he got the power making promises he never intended to keep. Its especially shameful, how they can show their faces in public has me beat, its probably why you don;t hear from the Queensland LNP much any more, they are lying very quiet, when the workers can not even get a 2% pay rise because they can't afford it....People are sick of the lies and BS.
<b>185</b>	30/08/2013	Politicians' pay increases should be linked to the pay increases that all public servants receive. What makes politicians so special that they should receive approximately 10% pay increase per annum? Nothing! CPI pay increases ought be the maximum.
<b>186</b>	30/08/2013	A politician's pay rise should be the same as a public servant's pay rise, after all, they are here to serve the public not themselves. When police, teachers, nurses, fire fighters etc, are being asked to accept small percentage increases it is OBSCENE that politicians put themselves above these hard-working public servants.

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<b>187</b>	30/08/2013	<p>A pay rise of this size (at any time, let alone in the current economic conditions) is nothing short of obscene. I submit that it be repealed and a fairer pay rise, more in keeping with current community conditions and standards, be imposed in its place.</p> <p>If a 2 per cent pay rise is good enough for the overwhelming majority of our public servants, then it is good enough for our elected public servants also.</p> <p>On the issue of future pay rises for our elected representatives, putting pay into the hands of an "independent" tribunal is a guarantee of more obscene pay rises in the future.</p> <p>The tribunal won't be independent in the true sense of the word. Our elected representatives will set the terms and reference points that the tribunal will use when setting pay. A decision will be made and our elected representatives will say "it's not our decision, we stand by the decision of the independent umpire", etc. It is a guarantee of even more greed in future.</p> <p>I would sooner have elected representatives have complete power to make their own pay and to take full responsibility for their pay rises. Have them completely involved in the process. Have them stand by the decision, to "own" the decision fully, and go the people and make their case.</p> <p>If decisions about politician pay are to be taken out of their hands then the best, fairest thing to do would be to tie their pay rises to that of all the other public servants.</p> <p>I can see no good reason why this wouldn't bring about a fair, reasonable outcome, not only for politicians but for the majority of public servants.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my submission.</p>
<b>188</b>	30/08/2013	<p>Public servants need to be brought into line with private enterprise. Whilst there should be a base pay any other entitlements which are significant should be removed from the next election. The only entitlement which could remain would be travel based on own car use. The tax payer cannot afford to pay these unnecessary entitlements particular if the Government doesn't perform. KPI's should be introduced as an incentive alined to private enterprise &amp; any increase is subject to meeting the KPI's in that financial year.</p>
<b>189</b>	30/08/2013	<p>Why should the Queensland politicians recieve a pay rise when so many Queensland public servants have lost their jobs and the ones that are left have not received a pay rise for 2 years.</p>
<b>190</b>	30/08/2013	<p>When you look at this from a company perspective, how can Qld politicians ethically accept such pay increases when Qld, essentially the company they run is failing. I compare this with my situation, the company I work for is struggling to stay viable, which resulted in us missing out on meaningful pay review increases and bonuses for the second year. Those are the facts of life, if you keep dipping into the bucket at this rate it will only get worse.</p>

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<b>191</b>	30/08/2013	<p>Absolutely outrageous that the LNP Queensland government can suggest a 40% pay rise after cutting at least 14,000 jobs (in reality more lie 20,000)and complaining about Labor's "so called mismanagement" of finances in relation to deficit.The LNP government are on a steep learning curve in relation to financial management and governance (including costings associated with disaster recovery and infrastructure rehabilitation).</p> <p>I am appalled and disgusted that Campbell Newman and Jeff Seeney have shown such poor leadership through the arrogance and complete disregard for those Qld government employees who are suffering through job losses. I will never ever contemplate a vote for the LNP after this debacle.</p>
<b>192</b>	30/08/2013	<p>I do not see why politicians need any pay rise. They are telling the rest of us we live in austere times and we cannot have pay rises, even though the cost of living for all of us has gone up to the same extent, so why should they be special? They already receive allowances for many things that the rest of us do not. They knew the income level when they signed up. They should not be able to vote themselves massive pay rises while the rest of the population have to struggle. This country has among the highest percentage of politicians in the world. They are a massive burden on the country and are paid very large amounts relative to what others earn. They also get other advantages like massive Superannuation that the rest of us do not. Please stop these politicians from this 'get rich quick' scheme.</p>
<b>193</b>	30/08/2013	<p>Politicians receive far too much pay and allowances now for the work that they do. The new rises in pay which they were to receive was obscene. No person needs that amount of money to live. There are far too many politicians in Australia (Local Councils, State Politicians and Federal) No wonder the Country is going downhill, all pigs in a trough. Pensioners, unemployed, single parents etc all have to manage on a pittance. I am sorry but it seems that people now are just getting into politics for the money they can make and not for the good of the Country. They do not deserve any pay rise. When politicians want a pay rise, put the vote to the general public and see how much of a pay rise WE will grant them. Nil, nothing, zero. Put the money instead into Hospitals, schools etc.</p>
<b>194</b>	30/08/2013	<p>I recommend that a body be set up to review the income of the poorest in our society. I wouls put non self funded pensioners, those on new start allowance, and disability payments in that category. State Parliamentarians remuneration should then be linked to the decision of this body. If the poor get a pay rise then so do the parliamentarians. If they don't then the parliamentarians don't either. Also parliamentarians remuneration neds to be looked at in total includeing all their allowances and priviliges. a cash value should be put on non monetary benefits such as transport etc and the total remuneration should have a cap of no more than a multiple to be decided of the national average wage.</p>

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<b>195</b>	30/08/2013	<p>Politicians do require specific remuneration arrangements, but being cognisant that it is taxpayer money - the public purse is paying.</p> <p>My view is: Align the base aggregate with public service award, and pay rise for that are aligned. eg Public servants get 2.5% so to Politicians receive 2.5% to the base aggregate only.</p> <p>The allowances are only increased with CPI per year - currently at .4% Allowances are standardised across all public service and what is used is open to public review.</p> <p>Travel allowances are kept at what the public would call reasonable (not what the politicians believe is reasonable)..daily flights (costing taxpayers per excess 100K a month) to normal work is not reasonable. It would be cheaper to rent a 1br Unit in the city during the week.</p> <p>The electoral allowance should go to an approved electoral account - not personal accounts, where it can be used for electoral expenses and transparent to the electorate.</p> <p>I think the public would be more accepting of the politicians remuneration if it were more open to transparency(and unacceptable use of allowances was appropriately dealt with) rather than the hype on the news! My views</p>
<b>196</b>	30/08/2013	Private company employees don't receive any income or benefits once they are not working in their position so why should MP's? MP's earn more than they deserve as it is and should go and get another job when they leave as the rest of us do.
<b>197</b>	30/08/2013	I was recently retrenched from my job of 23 years --against my will, and despite all my efforts. This was supposed to be a cost cutting idea. How can you now award yourselves huge pay rises, so far way above that offered for the rest of the Qld public service? There is something awfully wrong with this picture, in my view.
<b>198</b>	30/08/2013	Given the degree of cynicism and apathy towards politics current in the populace, I believe change to the current remuneration levels is overdue. Politicians have a demanding and onerous job...but so do many others in the community. They enjoy many perks and allowances. I believe their remuneration should be pegged at a generous percentage above the current "average" wage,( whatever that is, presently ). Candidates should be drawn to the position by desire to serve their country and improve the general lot of the community. I DO NOT hold with the commonly quoted view that "if you pay "peanuts"(?!), you get monkeys".Recent history has brought that viewpoint sharply into question. There needs to be a lot more emphasis put on the pre-fix,"The Honourable.....".
<b>199</b>	30/08/2013	I understand that politicians may work hard, some much more than others. Some not much at all. When remuneration is being taken into account we need it to consider the actual time that politicians are at work and actively working for their constituents. They need also to be considered against the remuneration that they might receive in a Private Company (and highlight this) so as the general public can see they are getting good value for money. At present I think the Premier's Income seems to be a bit inflated considering what we see being done, or maybe there are too many out there who are

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		underpaid.
<b>200</b>	30/08/2013	<p>Submission on the issue of the remuneration of Queensland MPs and former MPs.</p> <p>[personal information] As requested, I will address the questions as posed in the Discussion Paper. The decision to become an MP is a personal one, and there is no reason why any person should be treated differently as an MP of Queensland to a Cleaner, Teacher, Doctor, Company Director, Garbage Collector, or Unemployed person. To treat an MP and their remuneration any differently only goes to support the notion that they are above or better than those people for whom they were elected to serve.</p> <p>1. In considering the role of a Queensland MP, do you believe an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation), and some expense allowances associated with performing the role of a MP? Please explain your answer. Salary of salary and Expenses should be reimbursed up to a pre-determined level, as would be the case for the significant majority of wage and salary earners in Queensland. It is not appropriate to combine the two, as the Discussion paper outlines, expenses vary depending on the size, location and demographic of the individual electorate. There is no real reason to treat an MP of the Queensland Parliament different to the citizens of Queensland.</p> <p>2. If you believe there should be expense allowances, what sort of expenses should be allowed for? Please give examples. Expenses allowances are appropriate, up to a predetermined level, which the tribunal should set. Postage costs to communicate with electors, travelling, meals whilst away from your region and other items are currently reimbursed would be considered acceptable.</p> <p>3. How do you think the Tribunal should ensure that allowances are only used to meet the reasonable expenses of an MP and are not regarded as a substitute for salary? As any salary or wage earner is required to do by their employer, all expenses should be reimbursed through a central body where records of all expenses are required to be kept and produced.</p> <p>4. What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant in determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities? MP's are elected to serve their community, and as such should be in touch with a wide variety of constituents, including those less fortunate than others. MP Salary has been set, determined and adjusted for years, so given the current salary, all increases should be tied, and set in accordance with either the percentage increase in the Old Aged Pension, or the percentage increase of the national minimum wage.</p>

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		<p>5. Is there anything else about MP remuneration that you think is important for the Tribunal to take into consideration? MP's often receive intangible benefits during and especially after their terms of office, which are the result of their selection and election by the voting public. In many cases, those in higher office receive ongoing benefits, and exceptional superannuation benefits, not afforded to the average wage/salary earner. MP's are elected to serve their constituents, and as such should view their role as an honour and not a cash grab at the expense of taxpayers.</p> <p>I also disagree that MP's should view their role in relation to their political party, as their political party did not elect them – but the citizens of their seat in Queensland elected them. A political party is purely a way of organising likeminded citizens to project a common agenda – one which rarely serves the ideals of 100% of citizens.</p>
<b>201</b>	30/08/2013	<p>In considering the role of a Queensland MP I do believe an appropriate remuneration structure should be a direct salary with SOME expense allowances associated with performing the role of a MP. I do believe however that the current remuneration levels are excessive and are not commensurate with the value that most MP's are adding to our nation.</p> <p>The expense allowances should cover the reasonable transport and accommodation costs that are directly associated with their activities as a MP. I do NOT accept that MP's should think that they should stay in the very best hotels and travel top class. MP's are supposed to be working for and representing the people and ultimately it's the working population that pay their wages through the taxes they pay.</p> <p>The Tribunal should ensure that allowances are only used to meet the reasonable expenses of MP's by having stricter more 'austere' standards for expenses. It should not be so easy for MP's to just 'add it to the tab' so to speak. There needs to be greater accountability on the MP's to show that their expenses are reasonable.</p> <p>I believe MP's need to show more accountability for the work they do so their direct salary is COMMENSURATE with their performance. MP's should be able to show where they have directly improved or made positive change to the communities they are representing. They should be required to prove that they are carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities. Teachers for example are expected to show their performance has met or exceeded the educational requirements. Therefore MP's should be required to prove their worth.</p> <p>The Tribunal should also take into consideration the blatant mis-use and abuse of expense allowances and privileges by MP's in the past.</p>
<b>202</b>	30/08/2013	<p>Surely a Government that requires all of its workers to "consider the governments financial position before receiving a pay rise" cannot morally give themselves a pay rise when times are as tough as they are claiming when withholding staff payrises! This is assuming that this government has any morals! Maybe all Queensland government ministers pay should go up the same percentage as they are awarding their workers with the same loss of conditions they are forcing us to accept also. My current pay offer is actually going to be a pay cut if accepted(forced upon us by the IRC) Any Minister who thinks they deserve a pay rise while ripping off their staff in the name of AUSTERITY should be embarrassed to show their face in public if not scared for their life. NO POLITICIAN PAY RISE!</p>

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<b>203</b>	30/08/2013	<p>Thank you for your invitation to provide a submission in regard to the Tribunal's review of the remuneration of Members and former Members of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland.</p> <p>As a result of my long term political involvement at both organisational and parliamentary levels I do have strong and deep rooted views in those matters.</p> <p>I well recall as far back as the retirement of Sir Robert Menzies the ongoing controversy in regard to parliamentary Members remuneration - driven always by the media in one form or another. Try as government may to isolate itself from direct involvement in setting the remuneration of all Members, government and non-government, there has always been criticism of the government when independent recommendations are accepted and decisions made.</p> <p>As I recollect it the last effort by government to achieve such isolation, and one with which I had some involvement, was at a time when the recommendations of State-based independent adjudicators still failed to alleviate media-driven public disquiet and criticism.</p> <p>The solution adopted by the Queensland government at that time was to relate the remuneration for Members of the Legislative Assembly to that of Members of the House of Representatives: again determined independently but without any possibility of the Queensland government being accused of interfering in the process. In adopting that course it was believed that any criticism of the level of remuneration could not be directed at the Queensland government.</p> <p>The establishment of your Tribunal would seem to indicate that belief, and hope, was excessively optimistic! However I remain of the opinion that such method of review is both fair and relevant in a State such as Queensland.</p> <p>On election to the parliament I believe a Member enters a form of Employment Contract with remuneration, including travel or other benefits, as defined under the Member's Entitlements Handbook at that time. In my opinion any reduction of that remuneration during the term of that Parliament would be a breach of the "employment contract".</p> <p>If a decision is taken to change Members' remuneration, and that of former Members, it should be signalled before an election for the following Parliament so that Members and potential Members are aware of the terms of their "employment contract" if re-elected or elected. Potential candidates for election should have that knowledge so that they may determine whether or not to offer themselves for election. The degree to which remuneration plays a part in that decision making process would obviously vary from candidate to candidate but in some respect it must be a consideration.</p> <p>In my own case I was aware of the remuneration, including entitlements, for Members and former Members and had an expectation that these formed part of my "employment contract" with the people of Queensland through the parliament.</p>

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		<p>As a former Member, in so far as cash remuneration was concerned, I chose to access my superannuation entitlement [personal information]. However if I had chosen the latter I would believe it would be a breach of contract for any government to amend the basis for that payment.</p> <p>In the [personal information] since I became a former Member I have only once availed myself of my travel entitlements; but I consider those entitlements are just that and any moderation of them would be a breach of the contract entered into with me at the commencement of the [personal information].</p> <p>Details of former Members who do avail themselves of those entitlements are a matter of public record. No doubt some make more use of them than others and that has always been the case; but I believe that all present former Members should remain entitled to the benefits existing at the time of their election irrespective of whether or not they take advantage of the entitlement.</p> <p>May I add that, although I would hope a decision to seek to serve in the parliament is based on many considerations as well as salary and entitlements, the fact remains that remuneration for those who are responsible for carrying out the duties of a Member of the Parliament should be such as to ensure those Members are not disadvantaged salary-wise in comparison to other fields of endeavour.</p>
<b>204</b>	30/08/2013	<p>I can't understand why politicians can force cuts to public services and public servants whilst allowing increases to their own remunerations.</p> <p>The first politician to say "We will lead by example and cut the number of politicians and our remunerations and benefits, then we will make the equivalent cuts to public servants and services" is the politician who deserves my vote. Until then, none of them deserve my vote, or anyone else's vote.</p> <p>It is immoral of politicians to make cuts to public services without making cuts to their own services and entitlements.</p>

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<b>205</b>	30/08/2013	<p>I submit the following with regards Remuneration of QLD MP's being conducted by the Tribunal.</p> <p>I Submit that:</p> <p>Publicly elected Queensland Public Servants have their Salary and Wage remuneration increases determined by averaging the increases awarded to non publicly elected Queensland Public Servants covered by collective bargaining arrangements. The collectively bargained Agreements to be used to establish the increase percentage shall be the last collectively bargained agreements as at 30 June of the year in which THE Salary and Wage increase for publicly elected Queensland Public Servants is entitled for appraisal.</p> <p>The period for which the increase will apply To publicly elected Queensland State Public Servants shall be determined by the average of the periods covered by the collectively bargained agreements of non publicly elected Queensland Public servants used to determine the current Salary and Wage percentage increase.</p> <p>I also submit that the tribunal should after review set the initial Salary and Wage benchmarks for Publicly elected Queensland Public Servants.</p> <p>and</p> <p>This review shall also include the revision of any allowances, benefits or remuneration, other than Salary and Wage,paid in relation to being a publicly elected Queensland Public Servant to determine any appropriate variations. This revision of allowances, benefits or remuneration, other than Salary and Wage,paid in relation to being a publicly elected Queensland Public Servant shall reoccur at every second Salary and Wage review for publicly elected Queensland Public Servants.</p> <p>I also submit that in relation to Superanuation and ceasation of being a publicly elected Queensland Public Servant that all Publicly elected and non publicly elected Queensland Public Servants come under the same Superannuation rules and guidelines.</p> <p>I further submit that all remunerations paid to publicly elected Queensland Public Servants already take into account the importance of the office held.</p>
<b>206</b>	30/08/2013	My wife says they dont deserve a pay rise any greater that the average for the rest of QLD. I agree with that..
<b>207</b>	30/08/2013	Please stop the pollies from being so greedy with our nations wealth! Don't take the mickey out of the people who support you. We all need jobs and as such, a right to live comfortably! My mum is on an Aged Pension after working all her life and paying taxes, for everyones comfort, what are you giving her? Get it right please, we're losing faith in you!
<b>208</b>	30/08/2013	Politicians pay rises should be linked to the core public service. After all, politicians serve the public just like core public servants.

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209	30/08/2013	We have the highest paid politicians in the world, and it was done by fiscal creep. Whilst we, the ones doing the real work, were getting one and a quarter percent wage increases since the eighties, politicians were getting whatever they wanted as their increase. Sometimes it was as high as twenty five percent per annum. I feel that we now need to give them a fifty percent decrease, at least, to bring them back into line with what workers have been "given" for the last three decades.
210	30/08/2013	<b>Confidential</b>
211	30/08/2013	Politicians are elected individuals that are given the job of "doing the best FOR THE PEOPLE". If I as a public servant got a pay cut and did not get the CPI nor should any governmental official. NO WAY SHOULD THEY RECEIVE ONE MORE DOLLAR THAN ANY OTHER PUBLIC SERVANT'S INDEXED PAYRISE. If it is good enough for the professional service industry of teachers, nurses, firies, ambos than it is good enough for all including all government paid officials.
212	31/08/2013	Politicians pay needs to be retained to CPI increases only. The current pay rate is sufficient remuneration for the roles politicians undertake. The additional salary sacrificing and benefits they receive within the parliamentary building (meals etc) should all be taken into account when assessing their total salary package.
213	31/08/2013	an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation), and minimal expense allowances. All other expenses should be claimed through the tax system (tax return) just like wage and salary earners for example, claiming uniforms or specific clothing to perform, fuel and vehicles should be salary sacrificed. Just giving an money as an allowance is a psuedo salary. There should be an expense allowance but it should only be for emergency use where the need to benefit the community constituents in dire situations is necessary. It should not be for paying to go to a restaurant to entertain anyone by paying for food, alcohol and other drinks or activities. The Tribunal should ensure that allowances are only used to meet the reasonable expenses of an MP by creating a special section in the tax system for their expenses. Just like any other tax payer it needs to be a suitable deductible amount and scrutinized by the tax department. An important benchmark in determining the pay of a politician is linking it to productivity. They need to have an accountability process where their performance is measured against outcomes, that is performance pay. Their pay can be linked to how well the economy is going and the factors that affect it, for example , the level of unemployment, whether or not they have keep within the budget, etc. Finding the true value of the job that is done by a politician is paramount. The pay of teachers, nurses, police officers, etc. is locked in at 2-3% per year based around agreed productivity and performance, why can't politician's pay follow the same process. Society does not see how they can make claims for pay increases that are more than the yearly average wage. Surely using that money to employ more people would be of more value. The value placed on what they do and the far reaching affects of their decisions is out of sync with their pay. They are paid far too much for what they really do.

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<b>214</b>	31/08/2013	<p>I must be in the minority – I actually think politicians should get a pay rise (pay peanuts, they say you get monkeys. With a better salary hopefully we can attract better candidates for elections rather than the nim nats we get at the moment.</p> <p>If they all took the pay rise – only 2 (premier and deputy premier) would be paid more than a Magistrate (\$317,000 p/a) and only one would be paid more than a District Court Judge (that is the premier) but he is paid less than a Supreme court Judge. So those who are elected into power to make the laws and take the responsibility get paid less than those who interpret them and have no responsibility to the community – doesn't seem fair to me.</p> <p>A final point is that it is easy to point the finger at Pollies and say they do not deserve to be paid more. I know of a back bencher who ran for office 3 times before successfully winning a spot and is left with a massive debt as a result which will need to be paid off over many years – probably longer than he will be in office. So he is not making money out of this venture – even with a big pay rise – why he does it is beyond me.</p>
<b>215</b>	31/08/2013	<p>In response to the Discussion Paper, I submit that current salary packages for MPs are unnecessarily complex and unreasonably generous. Base salaries are, in many instances, grossly inflated by up-front and hidden benefits, regardless of the extent to which these are genuinely earned.</p> <p>MPs salary packages are out of line with salaries, wages, pensions and allowances enjoyed by the majority of their constituents. At the same time, parity with salaries of MPs at national (and possibly international) levels should be taken into account.</p> <p>As the gap between wealth and poverty widens in this and other 'first world' states, it is essential that ALL incomes derived from the public purse are subject to regular review, and adjustment when warranted. In Australia, at present, a single pensioner is paid \$21,000 plus relatively meagre allowances. I submit that for MPs to be paid between 10 and 20 times that amount is utterly obscene and indefensible. History is littered with examples of the inevitable consequences of such inequity.</p> <p>Australia has, to date, prided itself among nations on being a just and equitable society; the land of 'a fair go'; of 'a fair day's pay for a fair day's work'. Sadly, it is fast becoming an international joke; a land of 'everyone for themselves'; of 'whatever you can get away with goes'.</p> <p>In order to be taken seriously, our elected representatives must lead by example. How can we expect developing countries to heed our advice on any topic, from climate change to social justice, when our politicians and others in positions of privilege demonstrate unmitigated greed and self-interest?</p> <p>I humbly beseech members of the Tribunal to return a modicum of decency and equity to the distribution of our common wealth.</p> <p>[personal information]- Concerned Constituent</p>

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216	31/08/2013	<p>Politicians should get the same pay rise as Qld public servants ie 2.2 percent.</p> <p>Both serve the people of Queensland.</p> <p>I see no reason to align their pay to federal politicians and give them this outrageous Increase</p>
217	31/08/2013	<p>Considering that they have at least half the year off they are grossly over paid. In the real world people have an annual performance review. Why not pollies. If that review happened before a panel of voters it would be no surprise if they would ever get a payrise.They get a raft of allowances and entitlements. Superannuation must be dragged down to the national standard a la 9%. Why do they get to make the rules which don't apply to them.</p>
218	31/08/2013	<p>I wish to provide the following submission with respect to the Tribunal's consideration of a possible increase in the salaries and allowances paid to MPs. In particular, the following comments are provided in response to questions 4 and 5 of the Tribunal's discussion paper.</p> <p><u>Queensland's financial and budgetary situation</u></p> <p>Since its election in March 2012 the Government's constant message to the people of Queensland has been that the State is facing a severe financial crisis. In an address to the Queensland Media Press Club on 8 May 2013, for instance, the Premier stated, <i>"There is a reality, frankly, that people need to get used to and we have been saying over and over and over again, just how much trouble the state of Queensland's finances are in and sadly it pains me to say today that still, some people don't understand, and I use the word carefully and soberly, how desperate our situation is."</i><sup>1</sup> Over the last 12 months the Government has made wide ranging cuts to services and programs and has terminated the jobs of thousands of Queenslanders on the basis that they could no longer be afforded. Also, in late 2012 the Government introduced legislation to amend the <i>Industrial Relations Act 1999</i> to require the independent Queensland Industrial Relations Commission to give consideration to prevailing economic conditions and the State's financial position when determining public sector wages and employment conditions.</p> <p>If the State's financial situation is as dire as what the Government claims it to be, then as a matter of policy it is essential that the Tribunal should similarly consider prevailing economic conditions and the State's financial position when determining MPs' salaries and allowances. That the Tribunal is able to do so was confirmed by the Premier in his Introductory Speech to the <i>Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal Bill 2013</i> about it providing the Tribunal with <i>"broad methods of inquiry"</i> and the Attorney-General with his assurance during the parliamentary debate on the Bill regarding the <i>"pretty broad"</i> powers of the Tribunal to inquire into and inform itself of anything in the way it considers under clause 28 (now section 28 of the <i>Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal Act 2013</i> [QIRT Act]).<sup>2</sup></p> <p>Using this standard any increase to MPs' salaries and allowances should be consistent with the quantum currently proposed for the general public sector. On this point I also note that the Premier has reportedly undertaken previously that there would be no pay increases for MPs until the public service pay rise issue was resolved.<sup>3</sup></p>

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		<p><u>Community expectations</u></p> <p>Again in line with section 28 of the QIRT Act, as a matter of general Tribunal policy any increase to MPs' salaries and allowances should be consistent with community expectations. When the Government announced last July that MPs were going to be awarded a 42% pay increase it sparked a major public furor. After all, the Government had spent the previous 12 months telling the community that the State was facing a desperate financial situation which it said justified cutting important programs and services and terminating the jobs of thousands of public servants. Judging by the extent of the public's concerns about this issue – which have been vindicated by the Government's subsequent actions in response – it is fair to say that the 42% pay increase proposal did not align with community views and expectations. Indeed, the scale and intensity of the public's dissatisfaction with the proposal was strongly indicative of an underlying sense of inequity, disconnect and inconsistency in terms of what the vast majority of MPs seemed to be prepared to accept for themselves and what they expected other Queenslanders to accept.<sup>4</sup> If sacrifices are necessary, which is the Government's oft stated position, then the community would expect MPs to lead the way.</p> <p>In summary, with respect to any proposal to increase MPs' salaries and allowances regard needs to be given to prevailing economic conditions and the State's financial position – on numerous occasions including up to the present the Government has stated that Queensland is facing a precarious financial situation. As well, any increase to MPs' salaries and allowances needs to be in line with community expectations for what is reasonable in the circumstances – back in July when the Government announced its intention to increase MPs' salaries by 42% a public outcry ensued for reasons including the proposal's inconsistency with the extraordinary sacrifices that the Government had been expecting many other Queenslanders to make. In accordance with section 28 of the QIRT Act, the Tribunal needs to consider such factors in its deliberations regarding any increase to MPs' salaries and allowances, now and into the future.</p> <p>I trust the above comments are helpful to the Tribunal in its deliberations.</p> <p>1 Source: &lt;<a href="http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/premiers-speech-to-the-queensland-media-press-club-20130507-2j5sw.html?rand=1367920507786">http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/premiers-speech-to-the-queensland-media-press-club-20130507-2j5sw.html?rand=1367920507786</a>&gt;  2 Premier's Introductory Speech, Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal Bill 2013, Queensland Parliamentary Hansard 6 August 2013, p. 2291; Attorney-General's response to an amendment moved by the Opposition to clause 30 of the Bill, Queensland Parliamentary Hansard 8 August 2013, p. 2552  3 Source: &lt;<a href="http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/queenslands-89-mps-could-be-in-line-for-big-pay-rise-after-government-in-breach-over-not-paying-them-enough/story-e6freoof-1226650476479">http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/queensland/queenslands-89-mps-could-be-in-line-for-big-pay-rise-after-government-in-breach-over-not-paying-them-enough/story-e6freoof-1226650476479</a>&gt;  4 It is noted that a small number of MPs, mainly from the non-Government side, openly expressed strong reservations and reluctance about the proposal and its appropriateness given the Government's program of wide ranging cuts to public sector services and jobs.</p>

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<b>219</b>	31/08/2013	<p>Submission: Remuneration for Queensland politicians</p> <p>Submitted via website 31 August 2013</p> <p>My primary concerns rest with the hypocrisy of a Queensland government that is prepared to fast track its own salary increase while at the same time using its power through legislation and the courts to delay for more than a year a fair cost of living adjustment for public sector employees.</p> <p>This smacks of self-interest and reinforces a perception the Queensland government does not value its public sector workforce.</p> <p>My desired outcomes from this remuneration review are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a principle is put in place that public sector employees and politicians are treated in an equivalent manner regarding remuneration adjustments</li> <li>• the need for fair, regular cost of living remuneration increases is accepted for both public sector employees and politicians</li> <li>• these increases are awarded in a timely manner, with no long gaps creating financial stress</li> <li>• in the current situation there is appropriate backdating of a fair, equivalent cost of living adjustment for both public sector employees and politicians and this should be put in place as soon as possible.</li> </ul> <p>In terms of the specific questions in section 3 of the Tribunal's discussion paper:  For Questions 1-3: My view is that politicians should be paid a salary that is completely separated from any expense allowance and there should be no way that a politician can personally retain any part of the expense allowance as a salary subsidy.  Each politician should be allocated a separate annual operating budget which they are not permitted to overspend. At the end of each financial year all expenditure is audited against clear guidelines for allowable expenditure items. Any unspent funds are returned to consolidated revenue. Any unpermitted expenditure must be covered personally by the politician.</p> <p>Q4 Benchmarks: The salary levels previous to the recent outrageous pay rise were more than generous and should be the benchmark. Any increases should be annual and based on CPI.</p>
<b>220</b>	31/08/2013	<p>This may seem too simple but simplicity is the key. As mentioned in the discussion paper the remuneration must reflect present and modern day environment and I like to discuss what may not only encourage other types of people to enter politics but introduce a family friendly environment into the job. I believe a MP can do a 9 to 5 type job. I believe they can work in an office or home office and stay within their electorate and attend parliament; committees and maybe departments while in their own electorate. The technology (NBN) is there - just need to be innovative - public servants are asked not to travel but videoconference for example. So in saying this allowances SHOULD be kept to the minimum. Everything done in an office - all tied in state leased buildings - even a home office can be state leased - fixed term and conditions. Using technology such as skype eliminates the need to travel to Brisbane for parliament. Telephone expenses can be tied in State owned mobile phones - phone calls then can be tracked. Murdoch had no problems doing this. Computers need to be rigged so their use can be tracked. State leased cars can be used with log books and work diaries for out of office appt's both counter signed by members of public (or JP) who are happy to be held accountable - this ensures transparency. Allowances only paid out if able to track the purpose to a MP responsibility witnessed by a member of public (or JP) as above mentioned. Wage increases inline with CPI. Back benches get the base salary (happy with \$138,000) and extra responsibility should go up in 3% increments. Holding max of 3 positions or being paid a max of 9% otherwise that MP will not</p>

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		<p>be able to do a 9 to 5 type job. Being tired, exhausted, overworked is NOT in the best public interest. We don't expect our state doctors or long haul drivers working long hours - we shouldn't expect our MP's to either.</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity</p>
<b>221</b>	31/08/2013	<p>I do not agree with the current Payrise for Queensland politicians. All other Queenslanders have been told to pull in their belts and can't even get a 2.2 percent rise. I believe the polities should be getting the same percentage they give the public service. They get lots of extras free travel overseas and in Australia good superannuation for the rest of their live. The average person is having all their benefits taken away including salary sacrificing. There are 2 rules here one for the polities and one for the rest of us. As fair as the extra money they get for their electorate they should be audited to check how they spend it and made accountable. Should have specific guidelines on how it is to be spent.</p>
<b>222</b>	31/08/2013	<p>Politicians as public servants should get the same pay rise % as public servants across the board. The proposed raise is ridiculous and does not reflect reality.</p>
<b>223</b>	31/08/2013	<p>Politicians' pay should be linked to the median wage of their public, rather than that of other politicians. Linking their pay to the median would encourage growth to be evenly distributed, and there is no evidence to support the assertion that having higher wages improves the quality of politician. Rather, having a less impressive salary and rewards package would encourage people to join purely to benefit their state, rather than their bank balance.</p> <p>Wages should be indexed to cost of living increases across the public service sector (2.6% per annum, according to NATSEM), thereby depriving unions of their main axe to grind.</p> <p>a "miscellaneous allowance" that exactly equals the total yearly wage of someone on the minimum wage is an affront to those working for minimum wage.</p> <p>There should be no additional salaries for formal roles, taking on the mantle of Premier or portfolio minister should be seen as a solemn duty, not an opportunity to double one's pay.</p> <p>Travel costs should come from a Member's wages, rather than an additional account. These should be granted the same tax status as work-related travel expenses of non-politicians.</p> <p>I can see no reason former Members should be granted allowances</p>
<b>224</b>	31/08/2013	<p>Politicians should not expect a pay increase of any more than the CPI, everyone else has to fight just to get the CPI pay rise. Politicians should also have the 42% pay increase that was granted by the Newman government removed. Politicians need to have an independent tribunal made up of ordinary workers to gauge politicians pay increases of the CPI only. Politicians should only get a pay rise if and when they deserve it this means keeping inflation down and improving the: economy, jobs, health etc.</p> <p>Politicians earn more money than most other people in this country they are greedy and need to be kept honest.</p>
<b>225</b>	31/08/2013	<p>I do not believe there should be a pay rise than just the yearly pay rise to keep up with CPI. And they should be subject to some types of performance review to see how they have improved living standards for residents!</p>

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226	1/09/2013	I wish to submit my opposition to the proposed increase in politician wages in the Qld Government. The rate proposed is well over any CPI increase and is in direct opposition to the policies of the government of the day to reduce government spending at any cost. There has been a substantial culling of intellectual property through the reduction in the government workforce leaving the state vulnerable. The money spent on politician wages would better serve upskilling existing staff and business principles development.
227	1/09/2013	I propose that the salaries of public servants and politicians be linked directly. If public servants get a pay rise, say 2%, that is exactly how much the politicians can get as well. This way we would avoid long and hard battles between public service unions and governments about pay rises. Of course, we would first need to have a public discussion and an agreement about the ratio between salaries for each position. Another suggestion is that politicians' salaries be connected proportionately with the state/federal economy. If the economy is doing well and we have more funds in the budget, their salary should be better and vice versa.
228	1/09/2013	This is an absurd amount of money just for a pay rise and to think of all those public servants who lost their jobs and just this pay rise alone could pay for someone to have their job back and here we are trying to get a mere 2.2%.
229	1/09/2013	As public servants parliamentarians should have any pay increases linked to other state public service employees. Eg linked to not Federal MPs or judges but the average pay increase awarded to the Qld public servants, ie teachers/nurses/paramedics/police. Thanks
230	1/09/2013	<b>Confidential</b>

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<b>231</b>	1/09/2013	<p>Parliamentary Salary Review</p> <p>I wish to formally object to any increase to Queensland Politicians pay rise to bring them into line within 5% their federal counterparts. Queensland has 20% of the Australian population.</p> <p>The LNP Government came to power in 2012 &amp; implemented an austerity program based on the “need” to bring Queensland’s budget back into a surplus. They have been in power for just over 12 months &amp; during that time we have been constantly harangued about the economical state that the previous government had left our state in, a state of “emergency”.</p> <p>Upon their installation into government the LNP was advised that the moratorium was in place &amp; the matter needed to be addressed as a matter of legal necessity. At that time it placed it on a back-burner, until such a point that it was just summarily paid.</p> <p>As a part of the LNP austerity measures for the state, the state is now aiming to implement all pay rises for public servants, teachers, etc be performance based. If their performance is excellent, their salary is raised accordingly. As such I believe that the same system should be implemented for Queensland politicians, no matter their party persuasion.</p> <p>I am a Gold Coast constituent &amp; based on my own experiences I do not believe that there are any MP’s worthy of a pay rise, they are yet to do or implement anything that benefits the Gold Coast nor Queensland.</p> <p>The decision to enter political life is not an easy one, but it should not be financially rewarded when the performance is lacking. A review of all Queensland MP’s would result in poor to average performance ratings I believe.</p> <p>14,000+ public servants have had their positions made redundant (polite terms) – any fiscal savings resultant should not be handed over to members of the Parliament. There can be no justification for that.</p>
<b>232</b>	1/09/2013	<p>I really don't understand why Members of Parliament keep getting wage rises. I live on half of what they get for their Electorate Allowance, I don't think that is fair as I'm not the only one. Myself and a lot of other people would love to get just part of their rise in pay. After Mr. Newmann sacks all those worker and now he wants more money he has got now as he has sacked so many people. Mr. Newmann I don't think you will get back as the Premier. Help the needy. Please don't give them anymore money as they don't deserve it. Is there any way that we can stop paying for the member of parliament that don't even work anymore, they just use all our money to travel around the world. It's not fair and Their are just greedy.</p>

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233	1/09/2013	I don't believe politician's should have a stipulated amount of money for an 'allowance' because it is too easy for that system to be abused and taxpayer monies end up being wasted. I believe remuneration should be a set amount equivalent to a wage; this wage would be expected to adequately cover the cost of living for MP's and their immediate family - as is the case for every other Aussie family. MPs should have free access to a vehicle and a staffed office i.e. MPs should be provided with adequate resources to fulfill their role. However, politicians should have to validate the need for any other expenses (air-travel & catering expenses), and such expenses should initially be paid for by the MP and reimbursed after the event - like most other Aussie workers are expected to do. I expect MP wages to be in line with the remuneration experiences of the majority of other Australian workers e.g. if \$2000/wk is currently deemed to be a 'high' wage for the average Australian, then that amount should set some limit on the amount paid to politicians. In determining MP wages, I would also like to see some reference to the basic Australian wage e.g. MP wages should be capped at no more than 5 times 'the basic wage' because, if MP's find that level of funding to be inadequate, then they would also gain some insight into how Aussie workers on 1/5 of their wage would likewise be struggling to make ends meet. I expect MP remuneration to have some identifiable connection to standard wages for average Australians.
234	1/09/2013	If a 2.2% pay rise as offered by the current Queensland Govt is good enough for one section of public servants, then it should be good enough for elected politicians who are, after all, just temporary public servants themselves. Also, as the current Queensland Govt chose to legally overturn previously agreed work conditions with its employees, it should be easy enough for them to do the same thing again when it relates to the present legislative position re their own salaries.
235	2/09/2013	I am appalled that this State Government was/is even thinking about giving themselves a huge payrise! How hypocritical! In the last 12 months they have sacked so many public servants and approved 2.2% pay increases for public servants, but think it is OK to reward themselves with huge pay increases. I have no respect for this State Government whatsoever as a result of this! Do the right thing and support only a 2.2% pay increase for all State Politicians.
236	2/09/2013	Using the MP Remuneration Discussion Paper question numbers:  1. Yes, to a point, as long as these can be properly policed. Any who abuse this system should have their allowances removed or reduced. 2. Travel, phone, and any other quantifiable allowances. The Miscellaneous allowance should be abolished as it is too easily abused. 3. As above, and the presentation of ALL receipts. 4. Their experience, qualifications, and amount of effort in assisting the community. Perhaps a community feedback evaluation of their work might be helpful in this regard? Too many just sit back and do the minimum required to maintain their position. 5. Not at this stage as I do not have enough detailed information or time to comment.
237	2/09/2013	It would be hypocritical to award a pay increase above what is being offered to other public servants. you at the present are trying to take away from paramedics a loading when they aren't able to have a meal break. this clause is in there so that management make sure they get a break. you told lies when senior ministers said they couldn't stop it. the only reason it was stopped was because of peoples outrage.

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<b>238</b>	2/09/2013	<p>In my opinion, the Tribunal should have certain guidelines that it must follow during its deliberations prior to reaching its decision. These guidelines should include that the Tribunal must consider recent decisions relating to pay increases that have been granted to any of the following - public servants in Queensland, any recent increase to the minimum pay scale within Australia, any increase to the pension within Australia, any increase to the DFRB relating to ex-servicemen of Australia.</p> <p>The pay scales of prominent leaders around the world eg PM of Great Britain, PM of New Zealand, President of the United States of America etc.</p> <p>The number of voters here in electorates in Queensland compared to the voters in the above mentioned countries should also be included in the calculation.</p> <p>Any decision recommending paying anyone here in Queensland more than what the President of the United States earns will be rightly received with well deserved ridicule. We don't have to follow trends in other States and we don't have to set trends for them to follow.</p> <p>In my opinion, the heads of the various departments in Queensland are paid too much and don't get me started on University vice-chancellors. With the extremely generous superannuation schemes for public servants and politicians, the taxpayers are being unfairly taxed to provide a select band with benefits far beyond the grasp of those forced to pay them. I also have concern as to whether those making the decisions of remuneration tribunals make overly generous decisions as somehow they benefit from the final decision as well.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
<b>239</b>	2/09/2013	Please limit the politicians' pay rise to the same limits they've placed on Queensland public servants- 2.35%.
<b>240</b>	2/09/2013	I do not support pay rise for Qld elected representatives. The current Qld government has made it very clear throughout his term that budget tightening is required and has made widespread cuts to essential community and health services on this basis. It is not justifiable to then allow pay rises for those in power. Politicians were aware of pay levels when they run for government and should not have an advantage over citizens by not having to comply with cuts and budget tightening.
<b>241</b>	2/09/2013	<b>Confidential</b>
<b>242</b>	2/09/2013	I wish to advise the Tribunal that I would like to see our remunerations and entitlements remain as is

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<b>243</b>	2/09/2013	<p>I request the Tribunal be mindful of community expectations when making it's determination.</p> <p>It is expected that the notion of 'relative worth' be applied to this decision.</p> <p>The CEO of the Bank of Queensland does not receive the same remuneration as the CEO of the Commonwealth Bank, nor does the CEO of a medium sized mining company receive the same remuneration as the CEO of BHP.</p> <p>The peers against whom Queensland state MPs must be evaluated are MPs in NSW and Victoria.</p> <p>A NSW MP represents 50,000 electors, a Victorian MP represents 40,000 and a Queensland MP represents 30,000.</p> <p>The NSW budget is \$62b, the Victorian budget is \$50b and the Queensland budget is \$40b.</p> <p>The current base salary for a NSW MP is \$144,000 and a Victorian MP is \$141,000.</p> <p>The Tribunal should also be mindful of the flow-on effect to local government councillors.</p> <p>The community would anticipate the Tribunal maintain relativity.</p>
<b>244</b>	2/09/2013	<p>One would hope that the tribunal will be mindful of the levels of remuneration in other states based on the representative base and the ridiculous wages currently paid to Local Councillors.</p> <p>All wages and salaries should be relative to some baseline representing responsibilities and accountability. At present there appears to be no such linkage.</p>
<b>245</b>	2/09/2013	<p>TO THINK THAT 1 PERSON CAN BE PAID OVER \$45 AN HOUR OF EVERY HOUR IN A YEAR IS WELL OUTSIDE THE NORMS OF SOCIETY.</p> <p>IF WE ARE TO MAINTAIN A TRANSPARENT DEMOCRACY POLITCIANS WAGES SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN 75% ABOVE THE AVERAGE WAGE.</p> <p>AT NO STAGE DOES IT STATE THAT TO BECOME A POLITICIAN IS TO BE ENTITLED TO MORE THAN SOCIETIES NORMS.</p> <p>THEY ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM THE GENERAL POPULATION AND REMUNERATED AT THE SAME AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC.</p>
<b>246</b>	2/09/2013	<p>Queensland MPs, it is recommended be remunerated on the same scale and timing as state public servants. MPs should also demonstrate why they deserve any further pay increases and go through bargaining agreements to trade off their entitlements for consideration for future pay rises. MPs should be leading the way in showing how to make cost savings to Qld taxpayers by reducing regular increased pay rises. Qld cannot afford these pay rises. Could the tribunal reveal how the state can afford the MP</p>

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		pay rises if they are not aligned with state public servants. MPs and former MPs cost the taxpayers millions of dollars each year, and seek the tribunal to consider the affordability in making frequent pay rises to MPs. I recommend in keeping with restraint on public servant pay rises, that the tribunal supports aligning future state MPs pay increases and on the same scale with state public servants.
<b>247</b>	2/09/2013	Politicians pay rises should follow public servants pay rises, we are being asked to accept 2.2% with less conditions than previously, this is what politicians should be offered.
<b>248</b>	2/09/2013	I believe that the pay rise for parliamentarians should be no more than the rise given to public servants. The previously proposed pay hike (for Qld MPs) was disgusting, and this tribunal should take into account the community expectation that politicians should lead by example when it comes to salary provided. It should also be noted that the electorates of State Parliamentarians are significantly smaller than their federal counterparts, additionally State Parliamentarians are placed under significantly less scrutiny than federal Parliamentarians with both smaller electorates and smaller media markets holding them to account.
<b>249</b>	3/09/2013	It's indefensible that politicians are getting enormous pay increases while thousands of workers are either losing their jobs or at best receiving cost of living pay rises. In addition, politicians receive substantial benefits and allowances. They are supported by their party in so many ways. There's no need to pay them the equivalent to that received by the leader of a small country. Their weak excuses that it's not down to them and they 'have to' take the increases just don't have any credibility. Laws are changed every day to further their aims, they can certainly change the law regarding pay increases if they want to. Their pay increases should be set to cost of living like the rest of us and their benefits and allowances should be greatly decreased.
<b>250</b>	3/09/2013	<p>Thank you for giving me the opportunity to present a submission to the Independent Remuneration Tribunal.</p> <p>I will take this opportunity to make a submission in two parts, the one dealing with Former members such as I and the second dealing with suggestions for the remuneration of Future Members of the Queensland Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>Part One.</p> <p>When I resigned from the Parliament in [personal information], I received the following entitlements as part of my retirement package.</p> <p>[personal information] I received a Gold Railways of Australia pass. This entitled my wife and me to travel first class by rail on any Australian Railway in the country. There were no limitations on the number of journeys taken or destinations. The Pass covered sleeper accommodation where that was appropriate. It did not include meals or refreshments all of which were the responsibility of the traveller. I consider that I should continue to receive such travel in spite of the fact that many rail lines and passenger services have been privatized by various Governments.</p> <p>Secondly, because of my service I received an annual business class air pass for my wife and me to any destination in Australia, New Zealand or Papua New Guinea. This too I believe should remain for those such as I who have qualified for the pass.</p> <p>Thirdly, I received a [personal information]. The scheme into which I joined, allowed me to take not the whole entitlement but to leave in the Fund an amount that was called, I think, a 'spouse's' fund. On my death my spouse is to receive a fortnightly sum equivalent to 62.5% of that of the salary of a Private Member. What has happened to that portion of my original Superannuation Fund is unknown to me. [personal information]</p> <p>Fourthly, I still can have use of the Parliamentary Library for research purposes.</p>

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		<p>I regard these conditions as my retirement package and do not believe that any subsequent Government should be able to change any of them.</p> <p>Part Two.</p> <p>The remuneration given to a Member of Parliament is often trivialized by the media and the work undertaken by a conscientious Member is grossly underrated. To attempt to strike a fair salary is quite difficult. The salary should be high enough to attract the most talented of candidates but should not be so high as to attract only those who see it as an easy way to making an easy living. Nor should the salary be such as to encourage a person to make a life-time career of being an MP. I have the view that there should be a finite number of terms that a Member should serve before being deemed ineligible to seek re-election. I know that that is contrary to the Westminster system but I believe that our Parliaments would serve the community better if there were not MP's who stayed on and on.</p> <p>There must be an element of community service in every Member of Parliament and that cannot be quantified.</p> <p>From my experience as a Member of a rather large electorate, there are no set hours that a Member works. To properly service an electorate the Member must operate an Office, travel extensively within the Electorate, read widely, participate as fully as is possible in the life of the Electorate, be prepared to study carefully all pieces of Legislation that come before the Parliament and be prepared to travel widely to seek out new and competing ideas. There are no set hours or periods of recreational leave and neither ought there be . Therefore the remuneration must reflect that.</p> <p>I cannot with my resources, offer a monetary figure to suggest. As my background was Education, the field into which I returned on my resignation from the Parliament, I would look at the salary of the Principal of the large Secondary School as a yardstick and suggest that a private member should receive a salary somewhere in the vicinity \$20 000 above that of the Principal. That is purely an arbitrary suggestion as I have no other yardstick on which to base a suggestion. There is probably a Public Service Classification, similar to that of an Assistant Under Secretary that would also suffice as a standard.</p> <p>The Member has placed upon him/her an enormous financial burden from the many groups within the Electorate. The demands on an MP of a small metropolitan electorate are miniscule compared with those who represent the large widespread rural electorates. Whereas the City MP has usually few primary and secondary schools, few sporting organisations, community groups all calling for financial support, the rural MP has all those multiplied in each small town and centre throughout the electorate. If one compares the demands on the time of an MP representing, say a small electorate such as Ashgrove for example with an MP representing Gregory, Warrego or Cook, one quickly comes to the conclusion that the people of the larger electorates have much less chance of actually seeing their Member than those of the small compact electorate. As a result, whilst the salary of each MP must be the same, there must be an adequate allowance paid to the Member of a large far flung Electorate to adequately recompense for the extra demand made on him/her to enable that electorate to be serviced properly. This can be achieved as has been the practice in the past of giving an allowance based on square kilometres or could be achieved by providing extra secretarial services and offices. As the most common means of travel in the vast areas of Queensland is air travel, adequate allowance must be given for the provision of charter air services. However if a Member only flies to the various towns, those living away from those towns still miss out and so an adequate vehicle allowance must be considered as the roads on which the MP has to travel are seldom paved and a vehicle can become worn out in a very short time.</p>

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		<p>I am aware that the current Parliamentary Superannuation Scheme is more generous than that of when I retired and that there is no spouse component. The life of an MP is very hard on the MP's family and I believe it only fair that there should be some component recognizing the sacrifice that families make when one of their members is an MP.</p> <p>As a Member of Parliament is a Law Maker, recognition must be given to the high responsibility embodied in that undertaking. As a Lawmaker, an MP must be made aware of the various nuances of the way Legislation is framed and be fully aware of the need for scrutiny of the Subordinate Legislation that sets the Legislation into force. Therefore the professional assistance that is provided for each Private Member must be of the highest standard. At present Private Members are given an office, equipment, a Secretary and another officer. That other officer should, in my view, be a person skilled in the legislative process and be a skilled researcher so that the MP can receive a measure of independent advice on the various pieces of Legislation coming before the Parliament. For our system, especially in Queensland that is unicameral, to be really democratic, expert, independent advice must be made available to each MP.</p> <p>Whilst the employment of staff for an MP's Office must always be the Member's responsibility, the Tribunal may consider setting out minimum qualification for the positions. In my experience, while it was always my intention to have my office open 9 – 5 five days a week, my Secretary was often called upon to be present much earlier and remain much later to accommodate the vagaries of the Office. At no time in the almost 15 years of my term was the Office closed except for Public Holidays. Temporary staff covered for my permanent Secretary during her Annual Vacation.</p> <p>Summary: In arriving at a fair remuneration for Members of Parliament, the Tribunal must have a clear view of the responsibilities of Private Members so that they can conscientiously serve their Electorates. The salary must be such as to attract worthwhile, experienced people and the support given must be of a very high standard. That standard should be protected by the Clerk of the Parliament's Office so that an MP is not pressured to take some 'Party Hack' in as a sinecure. The superannuation scheme should reflect the temporary nature of an MP as there are not many other jobs where the incumbent has to seek re-employment by public election every three years.</p> <p>I would be happy to meet with you should you believe that I can be of any further assistance to the work of the Tribunal.</p> <p>P.S. A signed hard copy will be forwarded by mail.</p>
<b>251</b>	3/09/2013	<p>If politician want us to take seriously that we need to tighten our belts, pay more tax etc, then they need to show that there is not one rule for them and another for us. Therefore, any pay rise they receive, should be the same as anyone else in society. For instance, my annual pay rise for the next 3 years is 2.5%. When the politicians accept this kind of pay rise, then we may be able to start respecting them and believing a little bit (tiny bit) of what they are saying. The present situation of our leaders reminds me of "Animal Farm", They are a living example of that great book, every day!!!!</p>

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252	3/09/2013	In this current economic climate does it not make sense that our elected representatives lead by example. As a 38 year career Queensland public servant I am seeking only a 2 per cent pay rise for myself. I'm not against paying our elected representatives. but only in line with community expectations. I'd rather increase the remuneration of our emergency services people such as fire & rescue, ambos and police. I believe we would get better "bang for our buck". Give the MPs only 2 per cent like the rest of the public service.
253	3/09/2013	How can it be justified that one person be paid over \$400,000 a year.. But nurses, etc are losing their jobs. Some people are just too greedy. That would pay more then 8 people, and they would live very comfortably!
254	3/09/2013	it is wrong
255	3/09/2013	It is unfair , unjust and not warranted by the premier and other politicains. any government which cuts 14000 jobs in its firts term can` t justify such a excessivepay increase. its inconceivable they would even think they should. disgusting abuse of power. the world and especuially Queenslanders are watching and won` t forget.
256	3/09/2013	I find it outrageous that Campbell Newman has sacked thousands of hardworking Queenslanders and still expects to keep his 42 per cent pay rise!  Campbell Newman opened up public submissions about the pollie pay rise right in the middle of the federal election – he hoped nobody would notice.  What's even more outrageous is that, while he's taking home 42 per cent more, he's refusing to budge from his measly 2.2 per cent offer for Ambulance Officers.  If Campbell Newman believes MP's past and present deserve a pay rise, it should only be as much as he insists other government workers accept.
257	3/09/2013	I am absolutely not happy that PM Mr. Newman wants to keep his 42% pay rise! I have to work shifts as many others in the public sector and we got offered a 2.2% increase on the one side, on the other side the acceptance of this offer would also mean that we would lose a lot of other entitlements. At the end of the day, this is not fair at all and PM Mr. Newman should consider and think about his actions in regards to this matter!
258	3/09/2013	I am a single parent who works very hard in education, to hopefully make a difference to our future generation, but I only earn about \$33,000 per year. This is much less than the proposed pay increase that MP's are hoping to award themselves. It is disgusting and insulting to the people who basically gave them a job in the first place. shame on you!!
259	3/09/2013	No politician should receive the proposed payrise when the rest of Queensland workers are being treated with such disdain by this government. 2% for us - 2% for you Mr Newman.
260	3/09/2013	How can the politicians justify such a jarhead pay rise when other queenslanders are doing it tough. The premier is cutting jobs left right and centre, nursing staff, paramedics and fire officer are being told to accept a pay rise beneath the inflation rate, whilst politicians are accepting a \$40k a year pay rise. Which us backdated! This is disgusting and a insult to all Queenslanders

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261	3/09/2013	Why should Campbell Newman give himself a pay rise when he is putting thousands of people of work. I could be out of a job this time next year and don't know how I am going to be able to pay my bills.I am a school cleaner, in my early 60's and don't know where else I will get a job at my age. My daughter is having great trouble being able to finish uni so that she can get a decent job because her payments have been stopped. Campbell Newman is only worried about himself and doesn't have a clue how the other half lives.
262	3/09/2013	With the huge amount of money that you are giving yourselves for no apparent reason except GREED. Why dont you and band of theives give the money to the homeless and to aged care which has seen homes closed down and homeless increase under your tyreny.Be fair Mr Newman
263	3/09/2013	The payrise should be the same as all other govt employees not 42%
264	3/09/2013	No big pay rises for politicians, keep them inline with the ret of the public service employees
265	3/09/2013	Pay rise for politicians should be refused, low income workers & pensioners have not received n increase so why should politicians. Cost of living pressures are not being addressed by those in government.
266	3/09/2013	Campbell Newman has sacked thousands of hardworking Queenslanders. Now he wants to keep his 42 per cent pay rise? He wants to be paid more than Barack Obama?  That's \$400,000 a year!  I want to say Newman he just isn't worth it!!!  Campbell Newman opened up public submissions about the pollie pay rise right in the middle of the federal election.  He hoped nobody would notice?  While he's taking home 42 per cent more, he's refusing to budge from his measly 2.2 per cent offer for ambulance officers.  IF, and it's a big IF, Campbell Newman deserves a pay rise it should only be as much as he insists other government workers accept!
267	3/09/2013	IF, Campbell Newman deserves a pay rise it should only be as much as he insists other government workers accept.
268	3/09/2013	Why should any of the pollititions get any pay rise they dag over 14,000 people only give a minamul pay rise of 2.2 percent to paramedics and other government workers so why should they get so much little Nepolien Newman is not worth more than what the president of the U S A what a joke he was a joke as a mayor and he is even more so now he and the other pollies don't deserve any more than what they are receiving now they were elected to look after the people of Queensland not [inappropriate content] the state and ignore the people they were elect by the people for the people don't give them anymore !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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269	3/09/2013	It is only appropriate and equitable that any pay increase considered for Queensland MP's be in line with what is offered to other employees of the Queensland Government (Public Servants, Police Officers, Ambulance Officers, Nurses, Doctors and Fire Fighters, etc.). The same criteria and considerations that are applied to the remainder of Queensland Government employees for determining remuneration must be applied to equally to Queensland MP's for the purpose of determining any fair wage increase.
270	3/09/2013	I never know from one year to the next if my job is safe because our state has so many financial issues. With so many people in crisis how can you possibly agree to such a ridiculous amount of \$\$\$\$ for yourself when you make so many people unemployed. Its criminal.
271	3/09/2013	I have no objection to a fare pay rise but 40 odd % is ludicrous. When emergency service personnel are getting less than 3% and they are putting there lives on the line every time they go to work, no politician does that. Teachers and educators who look after our most precious position are in the same boat. Politicians get real and stop using loop holes to feather your own nest.
272	3/09/2013	Mr Newman and his parliamentary members can have their exorbitant pay rise when he affords the same % pay rise to ALL government employees.  How disparaging to offer emergency services 2.2% and to trade all entitlements, then award yourself 48%+ for sacking hard working Queenslanders! What a disgrace.  This man is too scared to even front emergency service workers yet when he finds himself in trouble he will be the first to call. Thankfully the emergency service personnel have more integrity than our Premier and will come to his aid.
273	3/09/2013	You want to lower our wages, and give more to yourselves????  I'm a Paramedic and work my butt off each day saving peoples lives. I do shift work, am sleep deprived, expected to up-skill without any monetary offering, continually go without a meals and miss out on important family events for the sake of my community -- don't insult us with your huge bonuses and take it away from the rest of us.
274	3/09/2013	Government workers in healthcare are loosing their jobs in qld and hospitals are taking massive cuts resulting in suboptimal care for our patients- the poorest of poor who already struggle to get the healthcare they need. Instead of this money helping to save the lives of people in our community it is going to the pay packets of MPs. This money should be used to fund healthcare staff and improve care for the sick in our community. We struggle to cut back evey dollar only to see it go to increasing a politicians already inflated salary. This is a disgrace!
275	3/09/2013	no politician is worth \$400,000 a year
276	3/09/2013	I don't believe that MP should get the pay raise at all, this money could be better used in out health, education which is letting down children with learning needs that don't fit in the brackets, police, medical service , fire department . Also help cost cut power, water which families are finding hard to pay.

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277	3/09/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* We need more Police.</li> <li>* We need the good paramedics we have to receive penalty rates because they deserve them.</li> <li>* We need more money to be budgeted for health.</li> <li>* We need Members of Parliament to be reviewed before they receive increases ... just like everyone else in the workforce.</li> </ul>
278	3/09/2013	I absolutely oppose Campbell Newmans 42% politicians pay rise and think its a disgrace that he thinks it is fair and reasonable in the face of his job cuts and pathetic "pay rise" offered to emergency service workers.
279	3/09/2013	Totally unfair that the Campbell Newman state government can be allowed to award themselves with such a massive 42% pay rise . SHAME ON YOU NEWMAN , SHAME !
280	3/09/2013	<p>The pay rise you have been given is many times the rate of inflation and the cost of living and seems grossly unfair to me when you object to sections of the working community such as Ambulance personnel asking for 2% approx'.</p> <p>What happened to a fair go for all?</p> <p>[personal information]</p> <p>School Cleaner</p>
281	3/09/2013	You're not worth it Campbell- you do nothing for QLD! How's about you lose your pay rise and give more to those who actually do something- like paramedics!!!
282	3/09/2013	As a teacher aide, I fought hard to "earn" a massive payrise which increases my weekly by \$20. A chunk of my hard-earned pay also goes towards my taxes, which Mr Newman seems to think he should receive as a pay increase. If the workers in the state are only worth and additional 2-3% to keep pace with inflation, then our politicians should also only be receiving the same increase - and they would still get a bigger chunk of the pie than the workers.
283	3/09/2013	No pay rise for polities
284	3/09/2013	<p>Campbell Newman has sacked thousands of hardworking Queenslanders. Now he wants to keep his 42 per cent pay rise? He wants to be paid more than Barack Obama?</p> <p>While he's taking home 42 per cent more, he's refusing to budge from his measly 2.2 per cent offer for ambulance officers. IF, and it's a big IF, Campbell Newman deserves a pay rise it should only be as much as he insists other government workers accept.</p>
285	3/09/2013	In my humble opinion politicians are paid more than enough for the work, in inverted " ,they put their hands up for. I am not interested in how they justify their call for more pay, let them take lessons in how to manage the wages they currently get and start to live simply like so many other working people in Queensland. The more they take out of our taxes and rates the less there is to spend on essentials like road maintenance, footpath maintenance and hiring appropriate staff to select suitable trees for our footpaths instead of unsuitable species with destructive roots, and several other negative aspects to their being planted on narrow suburban footpaths. As to our State politicians, again I believe they are paid a good wage for the work they do and have not shown to me by their words or deeds that they deserve a wage rise. Do you know I have stopped using public transport because I get overcharged every time I use the train? Why not offer senior citizens free off peak travel and see if you can swing any votes to

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		your" plight".
286	3/09/2013	<p><b>1. In considering the role of a Queensland MP, do you believe an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation), and some expense allowances associated with performing the role of a MP? Please explain your answer.</b></p> <p>The appropriate remuneration structure and package should be the same as it generally is for other public servants.</p> <p>That is, a base salary plus allowances. However, the allowances that seem to be given to politicians are excessive. For example "A Miscellaneous Allowance" of \$32,355 a year is ridiculous. What is the possible justification of that?</p> <p>Considering this miscellaneous allowance in the context of my remuneration package. I get a base salary of less than an MP and I also get an allowance because I spent tens of thousands of dollars of my own money to get a masters degree in Health Science. My allowance for this, \$3500 a year. In the recent EB negotiations, the Queensland Government has indicated that they will take this allowance away from me.</p> <p>So if I lose my allowance (that I paid approximately \$20,000 of my own money to get), then equally, the MP's should not receive their "Miscellaneous Allowance".</p> <p><b>2. If you believe there should be expense allowances, what sort of expenses should be allowed for? Please give examples.</b></p> <p>Firstly, the allowances that should be allowed, should be spelled out specifically, not given a title of "Miscellaneous".</p> <p>The acceptable allowances should include, items related to performing work as an MP. However, I believe that there are some serious breaches of this with our MP's.</p> <p>Example:</p> <p>Travel Allowance and Accommodation – Travel and accommodation allowances should not be paid as an allowance. If I am to perform a presentation in Cairns, I have to apply to my line manager and seek travel funding to attend. When I receive funding, I am given the cheapest flights available that get me to that function on time. I do not get business class tickets for flights that cost so much more than economy tickets. I equally don't get a deluxe suite at the Hilton. I get a room at a hotel that is on the Queensland Governments approved hotel lists.</p> <p><b>3. How do you think the Tribunal should ensure that allowances are only used to meet the reasonable expenses of an MP and are not regarded as a substitute for salary?</b></p>

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		<p>By spelling out what each allowance is for and by having it only be spent on what it is designed for.</p> <p>The electoral allowance should be only spent on items related to working in your specific electorate. This could be governed by the issuing of a credit/debit card so that spending can be tracked and the MP held accountable.</p> <p><b>4. What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant in determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities?</b></p> <p>Firstly, bench marking State MP's against federal MP's is not appropriate. The first point for benchmarking should be other states with in Australia.</p> <p>However, some sensible reasoning needs to be applied here. It is not appropriate for state politicians to be increasing their salaries in the presence of severe cost cutting measures for the state simply to have their salary reflect those of interstate politicians.</p> <p>I guarantee that if our state politicians are given the significant pay rise that they have been reported to receive, then they will lose the next election heavily.</p> <p>Benchmark the pay rise against outcomes. If the Queensland Government can deliver a surplus budget, return the state's credit rating and maintain strong economic growth, then they should consider a pay rise, for a job well done.</p> <p><b>5. Is there anything else about MP remuneration that you think is important for the Tribunal to take into consideration?</b></p> <p>Please consider that the current remuneration package (including allowances), is sufficient for them to live off very comfortably.</p> <p>I currently deliver bread, that is donated by my local bakery, to people in my electorate that can't afford bread because they have either lost their job or just don't get paid enough for the amazing work that they do.</p> <p>How can the Queensland Government think that, in the presence of this type of desperation of people and families of Queensland, it is appropriate to give themselves such an enormous pay rise.</p> <p>It is simply unethical.</p>

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287	3/09/2013	Mr Newman, we as a Queenslander, expect that we are all held accountable to the same rule. The dire need that all people employed in Queensland were to tighten their belts to reduce our deficit and debt. As a group, we have embraced this theology and accepted minimal wage increase, below three percent. This is also behind the cost of living increase. It is totally unacceptable the the leader of our Queensland State give himself a 42% wage increase. It is criminal and all Queenslander should be able to object. No! do not increase you wage, only by 2.2% as you have demanded from the working class.
288	3/09/2013	Mr Neumann if you want a 50% pay rise you can! If I can have a 50% pay rise! you are no better than I am and so far all you have done is sack a lot of mums and dads that have family's and mortgages that are now struggling. How about putting yourself in there places. Oh that's it you don't care about anybody but yourself. God I hope one day you end up on the dole then you will know how it feels to be [inappropriate content].
289	3/09/2013	You should be ashamed of yourself thinking you deserve this kind of pay increase. Just remember one thing: "you are stealing from the poor". With all the unemployed, homeless and pensioners living on nothing, you think this is fair? how do you sleep at night. Maybe you should be considering sharing a large part of your outrageous income with them!!
290	3/09/2013	You are not worth a pay rise of 42% Campbell!!! And you are only offering other QLD Govt employees 2.2%, do you really think you are worth 39.8% more!! What a joke you and your cabinet are, greedy selfish people with no touch with reality, shame on you!!
291	3/09/2013	The QLD economy has slowed since the LNP gained office. They have put 12000 people out of work. Many others have also lost jobs, job security, paid hours in a trickle down effect on other industries. To my way of thinking this has been appalling economic mismanagement and does not warrant a pay increase. In addition to this, the sly deals, the jobs for the boys/girls and their children has brought the QLD government into the greatest disrepute since the pre-Fitzgerald days. During this whole period this government has failed to take responsibility for their greed, trickery and mismanagement. At every turn they have blamed the previous government. so no lets not award them a pay increase. In terms of governance, ethics and morality they are in a state of negative productivity and as such are totally undeserving of the positive endorsement as represented by a pay increase. If in fact this state is in the dire economic situation which Mr Newman has claimed, we cannot afford to allow this pay increase. So where he is limiting front line employees to a 2% pay increase because that is all that can be afforded then that is the maximum increase which should be payable to politicians but only where they can demonstrate an increase in productivity or in their case a positive and effective governance - for all Queenslanders - not just their own close friends and family members.
292	3/09/2013	Politicians should have pay rises capped by the wages policy they apply to their workforce - like the 2.2% offer on the table for paramedics.
293	3/09/2013	I do not believe any politician or state employee is worth a 42% pay increase - stick to the 2% - 3% pay increase all other levels of state employees are paid.
294	3/09/2013	No to any state politician getting a pay rise - you have sacked workers - the state can not afford you.

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295	3/09/2013	I am a Liberal supporter who is regretting placing you in a position of power. I understand the benefits of privatization, but a double edge sword, cuts both ways. Your ruthless approach is not what I voted for. It is hurting far too many "PEOPLE". Then comes your obscene pay increase, while at the same time you expect everyone else to work for less. Shame on you, shame on me.
296	3/09/2013	It is morally reprehensible for the state politicians to receive such a huge payrise while the current government has made extremely harsh cuts in the public sector. I work at a school and those cuts have caused hardship to many of the support staff and made it harder for us to help the students. These politicians are already on a very comfortable salary and it will not affect their standard of living. Many government employees cannot say the same for themselves after their hours and even position of employment have been cut by these same politicians.
297	3/09/2013	You aren't worth an extra cent and they aren't in circulation . Get real wake up and smell the roses.
298	3/09/2013	No Campbell Newman doesn't deserve a 42 pay rise .No way
299	3/09/2013	If he wants a pay rise than he needs to make sure all other public servants get the same % increase as well.
300	3/09/2013	If he wants a pay rise than he needs to make sure all other public servants get the same % increase as well.
301	3/09/2013	What makes you think your worth so much. I certainly hope you are removing your entitlements. If you really represent the people of the state then surely you should lead by example, instead of taking from the people for yourself.
302	3/09/2013	If he wants a pay rise than he needs to make sure all other public servants get the same % increase as well.
303	3/09/2013	If he wants a pay rise than he needs to make sure all other public servants get the same % increase as well.
304	3/09/2013	It is very apparent that most Queenslanders are not in favour of paying obscene levels of pay to their elected representatives. Their pay should be similar to that of people who perform similar duties within the community, like ministers of religion, social workers, council workers, union delegates and public servants. Additional payments should be based on reimbursement for costs associated with their parliamentary duties, and limited by reasonable maximums as decided by the tribunal. Travel costs should be only paid for dedicated parliamentary travel at the least cost of available options, including rail. Superannuation should be same as community standards currently 9%. After they retire or are unelected, all payments and perks should cease immediately, as is the case with all other normal workers.
305	3/09/2013	I will keep my submission short, I feel that the questions in the discussion paper fail to realise the deep feeling in the community about this issue.  Firstly I believe that the payrise of a politician should be tied to any movement in the basic wage. Alternatively it could be tied to the CPI applied to the pension. The third option is to the minimum wage increase negotiated for any government Department. The payrise should be limited to one of these.  I am concerned at the reduction in electorate allowances that has occurred. The recent obscene payrises should be revoked. Electorate allowances are the means by which members communicate with their constituents. Reduction of the electorate allowance reduces the ability of a member to service their community. This is unacceptable. I recommend a reversal of the recent payrises and a reinstatement of electorate allowances.

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306	3/09/2013	My job with Telstra was sent to India, how about we send Campbells job overseas, they couldn't do any worse than what he's doing now. And for the pay rise, it's a BIG NO from me.
307	3/09/2013	We all work hard for our money but Mr Newmans pay rise is twice as much I get in a year. I work hard for my \$22.00 an hour without any perks plus I put more of my own time just I can do my job better. His pay rise would pay for two teacher aides in the school that I work at, where are given more and more jobs and less hours to do it in. How about a fair go for everyone.
308	3/09/2013	If you are to earn \$400 000 a year then there should be no entitlements for remuneration. .
309	3/09/2013	I think he should give his pay raise to the Ambulance members who deserve it more than him as their job is more dangerous than his
310	3/09/2013	No way does Newman deserve the pay rise not eve 2'.2
311	3/09/2013	Campbell Newman is not worth \$400.000 a year. What about thinking of the low income earners and giving them a decent pay rise instead of feathering his own pocket. People are just surviving, I bet he is living the high life. I would like to see him survive on \$35,000.00 a year
312	3/09/2013	Hi, I've just had a skim through the members entitlement handbook and several other PDFs.  Frankly I'm amazed that so much money is thrown at our politicians, it's practically a kid in a candy store budget with a large variance between the min and max for allowances.  The Allowance to members should be capped at \$40k per year and the Miscellaneous Allowance should be reduced to \$15k per year.  Travel Allowances should be made available on a case by case basis with a reasonable cap applied to avoid unnecessary waste of tax payer funds.  I also do not believe that state ministers of any level should receive a total salary and allowances greater than \$180k per year.  I would rather see a tighter and more fiscally responsible government than an increase in pay and allowances. Especially when the money could be better spent on health.  So in conclusion I do not support a pay increase for Queensland MPs.
313	3/09/2013	Any decision made re State Parliament Salaries has the flow on effect on Local Government. I suggest when deciding on Salaries, the PEOPLE responsible for PAYING the wages should have a SAY into the amount and not a small select tribunal. Do any of the select tribunal employ staff? Also Unions play a part but the BOSSES come first. May I suggest a Dairy Farmer, Vegetable Grower and a Small Business Owner be part of the Salary Tribunal. Also, is it possible to change the Federal Law that has resulted in causing Queenslanders great concerns especially as our financial situation is not healthy? Look forward to your reply. Thanking

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		you,
314	3/09/2013	As a tax paying citizen I feel very strongly about the MP application of remuneration. As an employee my wage is decided upon by my employer and as per my EBA every three years and usually goes up according to the CPA app. 3% if I am lucky. Essentially the citizens of this country via their tax pay the wage of the MPs so we deserve a say on what they should receive or at least an independent board not of the governments choosing should, maybe the Governor General could choose it. But considering all the cutback and the state of the QLD economy it is a complete and utter joke even to the most uninterested citizen that Campbell Newman would even consider a pay rise of even the lowest amounts let alone one to that exorbitant level- it is a slap in the face to the people of QLD and just speaks to me of greed. If you wish to use any of this material please only quote first names. Thankyou
315	3/09/2013	Index the state politicians salary to the emergency service workers of Queensland.  If 2.2% is what the state government is offering the Ambulance officers in the current bargaining period, this should also be the rise the premier receives.
316	3/09/2013	I do not agree with your 42% pay rise especially as your government department just removed all my long service leave as a casual on a hidden clause somewhere within the industrial relations act without any mediation or consultation. Oh you also asked for the time used on long service leave to the cost of \$6000 even though your own department okayed the leave. No Mr Campbell I do not agree with feathering your own nest while you take from me
317	3/09/2013	Mr Newman, you have been given a democratic mandate to cut costs & implement economic rationalism & this should be applied equitably to all payments relative to the CPI & productivity assessments, thus politicians have no justification or right to such an inequitable pay rise. Do the morally & ethically responsible thing & reject this excessive 42% pay rise. Of those Queenslanders that pay your salary, most cannot earn such an amount of \$400,000 in a decade.
318	3/09/2013	Mr. Newman you were a little Hitler in the Armed Forces, nothing has changed your still so fare up yourself it is beyond belief. You remind me of the Frank Sinatra song "Ill do it my way. "I would not vote for you if they gave me \$1,000 dollars
319	3/09/2013	Campbell is not worth it. Nor is his side of government.
320	3/09/2013	Please set a personal example of fiscal responsibility and limit politicians pay increase to the amount that our life saving ambulance officers will receive.
321	3/09/2013	While the rest of the state are tightening their belts the politicians should lead by example and accept a 2.5% increase in line with other government employees. It appears that politicians are out for all they can get rather than governing the state and leading by example and I strongly oppose this wage increase.
322	3/09/2013	You have no heart mate..
323	3/09/2013	I submit that politicians pay increase should be in line with the CPI.
324	3/09/2013	Cambell Newman does not deserve a pay rise! The only use of him would be a speed hump, fortunately for him I would never do that. He has done so much damage to schools and hospitals let alone the damage to Universities in Queensland! Shame he lied about all of his promises! Wish I had the opportunity this weekend to vote against him!
325	3/09/2013	I oppose the 42%pay rise for politicians. No one's position justifies this increase, especially when other frontline workers get little or

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		no pay rise, and you sack 12,000 workers.YOU ARE NOT WORTH IT!!!!!!
<b>326</b>	3/09/2013	<b>Confidential</b>
<b>327</b>	3/09/2013	I submit that the politicians pay rise be no more than anyone else in the community. At the present 2% seems to be the going rate and as far as I'm concerned this should be all these people receive. If Queensland is as broke as we are to believe then either they take this amount or they are all just liars and don't deserve any rise at all.
<b>328</b>	3/09/2013	Mr. Newman, I know that you believe that you are working harder than any other person in Queensland, BUT you and your colleagues are not. There are many people from many walks of life performing many and varied jobs who are all working hard and working long hours. I believe that any pay rises that politicians receive should be on par with the rest of the work force. FAIR is FAIR What is good for the goose is good for the gander.  Politicians should be leading by example .. The current example is rather poor.
<b>329</b>	3/09/2013	As A paramedic I find it hard to believe that Mr Newman and his parliamentary colleagues are getting a huge pay increase and I am expected to take a pay cut. I work shift work and deal with death, despair, and abuse. Come on road with me for a month, will I be happy to exchange places and pay with you. Still enough said, I voted for you last time - I WILL NOT FORGET.
<b>330</b>	3/09/2013	This pay rise is far too much for the lies backflips that the current politicians do. Take a look at your worth and compare it to other industrialised countries. Maybe we could save a fortune and sack all state politicians and have 1 government Australia population 25 million 3 tiers of government UK 75 million 2 tiers of government who's kidding us here what a saving we would make Like you said Newman when you chopped into the public sector shut up and take it
<b>331</b>	3/09/2013	What makes you think you can cut thousand of jobs in Queensland public sector and thousands of dollars in funding but then turn around and give yourself such a huge pay rise. I got a 2.5% pay rise this year. That is about as much as you deserve if any. You are destroying our state and have no morals!!!
<b>332</b>	3/09/2013	Mr Newman, do you realise and can you easily live with the fact that the increase to MPs and former MPs is more than I actually earn in a year. I am a single mature woman and have a mortgage to pay as well as rates and other financial commitments the same as you, but I have to do it by struggling week after week to make ends meet. Personally I would feel an absolute heel if I were you. I trusted you to look after me, I work hard and part of my taxes go towards your wages. YOU HAVE LET ME DOWN BIG TIME. I FEEL TOTALLY BETRAYED AND DISGUSTED.
<b>333</b>	3/09/2013	I do not believe, that in the current financial climate (as is often referred to by the Qld State Government) that 42% pay rise for an MP's is fair or just.
<b>334</b>	3/09/2013	I believe that politicians are entitled to no more than other government employee's and should be on a similar rate. The excess money should be filtered back in to the hospital system.

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335	3/09/2013	MP are just glorified Council workers who have won a popularity contest and only make decisions on what will benefit them and not Queensland. They should be paid the same amount as other public servants.
336	3/09/2013	There is no way to justify that you deserve such a massive pay rise.You are not worth as much as the President of America.For all the damage you have done to Queensland you really deserve a pay cut or to be removed from office.We never voted you in but we will vote you out!
337	3/09/2013	Queensland members of parliament do not deserve the mooted 42% payrise especially while they squabble with Queensland health professionals over basic EB negotiations. I voted for Reg Gully at the last elections but I will not be voting LNP next state election if they authorise the pay increase. Very greedy guys.
338	3/09/2013	I find it incredibly poor form for politicians to be seeking such a large scale pay increase at a time when governments generally advise employees that 2.5% increase is all that can be afforded during such times of fiscal stress. This is not leadership that resembles any variety of integrity.
339	3/09/2013	<b>Confidential</b>
340	3/09/2013	It seems that if Qld is in the financial difficulty that the current state government says it is, then we all have to pull in our belts. Government leaders need to lead by example to have the respect of its electors. This means that MPs should have a salary increase comparable to what it is offering the state public sector/servants.
341	3/09/2013	Link politicians pay to the percentage increase in the average weekly earnings for working Australians as published by the Burueau of Statistics. Do this annually. No need for a Tribunal and people should not complain as this would seem fair and reasonable.
342	3/09/2013	All politicians wages increases should be the same as public servants - approx. 2%
343	3/09/2013	To take a 42% pay increase at a time when the Government has caused the jobs of thousands of people by claiming that Queensland is broke financially,shows that Campbell Newman and the other Politicians of all political Parties are only interested in lining their own wallets. If the people of Queensland have to "bit the bullet" to raise the money to to reduce the States debt, then Politician's can play their part, as this would reduce the debt by over \$5.000.000.00.
344	3/09/2013	Campbell Newman has committed to reduce costing and I have been informed he wants to have 42 per cent pay rise  Campbell Newman opened up public submissions about the politicians pay rise  As a hard working employee in the private sector I don't believe this is right considering  he's taking home 42 per cent more, this should not be allowed and I oppose his submission If....  Campbell Newman deserves a pay rise it should only be as much as he insists other government workers accept.  Thank You

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345	3/09/2013	i wouldnt trust you as far as i could threw you ,why dont you try living on low income trying to make ends meet you dont care who you put out of work because you dont have to worry were the next dollar is coming from . everyone needs there jobs i would like you to live on a single unemployment payment and see how far it goes and who knows you may realize how hard it is and the pensioner how hard it is for them if i dont have a job well i cant afford to live were i live now .cant afford a car to pay rego, insurance, petrol ,pay for funeral plans you dont have to think of any of this as you get big money. i think get of your ass and see how the low income people live .
346	3/09/2013	Mr Newman has slashed millions from budgets, forcing departments to do more with less. All sectors have been effected. 14000 cut from the public sector. Teacher positions have been cut, and class sizes have increased in schools. Health has lost nurses, and surgery categories have been fudged to cover up the mess. Paramedics, fire fighters, public servants and others have been forced into arbitration, afraid of losing existing entitlements. Staff specialist and consultant doctors are set to lose up to 33% of their salary if the private proactive allowance is scrapped as has been promised... if every other aspect of the public service is being offered 2.5% or less, Mr Newman and other MPs can certainly expect no more. Given all the cuts, and threatened reductions in pay and conditions, perhaps a decrease is in order. If we are to live in a democratic society, maybe a democratic approach to politicians salary would give the impression of equity and transparency, rather than self-interested, nepotistic, corrupt dodgy-dealing that we experience now.
347	3/09/2013	If you were serious about improving the QLD economy, you would forgo a pay increase in 2013. I'm having to work harder than ever before because my work place is not re-hiring, due to the slowed economy and company but backs.
348	3/09/2013	The government is there to serve the people that put them in place, not themselves. Emergency services are loosing experienced staff which affects the standard of patient care. Pay them what they are worth.

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349	4/09/2013	<p>Hidden Entitlements -----</p> <p>Section 5.3 of the Member's Entitlements Handbook states that former MPs and their spouses who have satisfied certain conditions are entitled to free annual flights (even first class over 3 hrs) and unlimited free rail travel in Qld and Australia for the rest of their lives ! This is outrageous !</p> <p>Qld Taxpayers should not pay these costs for people who are not even doing the job any more !</p> <p>In the interests of fairness in representing the Australian people, this needs to be abolished immediately.</p> <p>If you take this lifelong benefit into account when looking at the total salary package then they are earning thousands and thousands of dollars more than what their actual salary states. This 'hidden' unquantifiable benefit is very underhanded.</p> <p>Pay Rises -----</p> <p>MPs are often making decisions regarding the payrises of public servants. Often their argument is "Qld can't afford it" or "we need to save money". If what they say is true, then MPs also cannot afford payrises.</p> <p>MPs payrises must be linked to the payrises of public servants. For example, if public servants get a 3% payrise, then so do the MPs.</p> <p>It is disgusting when MPs deny public servant payrises on the grounds of "Qld Debt", "reducing costs" etc and then are awarded a payrise themselves !</p>

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<b>350</b>	4/09/2013	<p>1) MP's are currently paid a salary and allowances, but times have changed and I believe that it is time it changed for politicians. They should get a salary and no more. They are paid more than anyone else in the community with no set job, no certification or justification or benchmarks.</p> <p>2) No more allowances. Everyone else must meet their expenses from their salary and so should politicians.</p> <p>3) Don't believe in allowances for politicians.</p> <p>4) As it would be hard to find benchmarks for politicians, one way would be to link their wage to the GDP of a country or State. That way they could never be paid obscenely more than the country can afford.</p> <p>5) The LNP came into power talking up Qld's debt, and subsequently sacked many public servants reduced health budgets and closed the futures for many Queenslanders', at the same time, the first thing they did on being elected was accept a pay rise, the current obscene amount being their second in increase in 2 years. As they accepted their increase, they were in court stopping an interim payment for existing public servants. All the current public servant EBA's have been limited to as little as 2.35%..with the government citing debt etc.....so why is there one rule for everyone else and another for politicians?</p>
<b>351</b>	4/09/2013	The pollie pay rise is ludicrous and should not be a 42% pay rise, pay freezes has happened all over qhealth without backpay
<b>352</b>	4/09/2013	Mr Newman, I don't believe it to be fair that you think it's ok to keep the pay rise and yet allow others to lose their jobs all in the name of funding cuts and revenue raising. This is a false economy. Putting myself and others like me out of work for the sake of saving money is not right, nor is it fair. I am a respected member of the community and a proud family man, how can I hold my head high if I have no job.
<b>353</b>	4/09/2013	Mr Newman, I say a very loud no to the large payrise you and your fellow politions are awarding yourself. At the hands of you and your government you have slashed and burnt many jobs, ruined folks supers, cost people their homes and their futures yet you wish to accept a payrise well above anybody else in the public sector. How is this fair. I believe a leader should lead by example not set one set of rules for all of us and one for politians. And please dont hide behind the excuse this is labors doing. Be man enough to take blame. What happened in the past is simply that, the past. You fight hammer and tong to stop everyday folk like ambos extra from gettin a 2.2% payrise yet what does yours equal to??? I go to work everyday worries sick for what my future holds as a school cleaner. Eighteen years I have been a proud cleaner and member of my schools community. How would you feel if everyday you went to work with the threat of loosing your job over your head. Trust me its no way to live. Taking away my job at my cuurent age of 50 will loose me my home. There will be no retirement for me at 58 let alone my super being the amount it should of been with 8yrs to go. With my husband we bought 5acre patch of paradise. Built our home from scratch and plan to live out our lifes there but at the flick of a pen you could take that all away. And you want people to support your payrise. You are kidding right? Not a chance.
<b>354</b>	4/09/2013	Pollies deserve 2.2% just like they are giving evryone else. This is an obsene amount of money they are getting and it just makes a joke of our system!!!

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355	4/09/2013	<p>1. Yes I do believe that a combination of direct salary (incl. superannuation) and some expense allowances should be the structure, however I think that the dramatic pay increase that is being suggested is an insult to Queenslanders who have had little or no pay increase in years as the economy is poor and also to the people who are now unemployed due to budget cuts etc.</p> <p>2. I believe that there should be a set amount of expense allowances, they need to be clarified and defined as to their purpose, and the benefit to the community that is being travelled to needs to be stated.</p> <p>3. There needs to be a base amount of expenses allowed (a standard package) of what is considered reasonable business travel, business class flights, 3 star accommodation. With a reasonable meal allowance. Naturally there needs to be an entertainment allowance but this would need to be transparent.</p> <p>3. Expenses need to be transparent, base package to be minimum of travel expenses (accomm, flights, transfers, meals) entertainment and gifts need to be on top of this package and must be accounted for.</p> <p>4. Territory covered, how many travelling days are needed, if emergency travel is needed it must be transparent.</p> <p>5. CPI and unemployment rates need to be the guideline to wage increases. It is unjust that huge job cuts are made whilst politicians hold out their hand for dramatic pay increases</p>
356	4/09/2013	Campbell Newman, You should be ashamed to take that massive payrise when there are other Queenslanders who are doing it extremely tough. After sacking thousands of your fellow Queenslanders do you really think your worth the payrise. You are arrogant and cocky and you are now hated by the people who put you into government. Your job has a time limit too Campbell Newman!
357	4/09/2013	How dare you believe your own worth is to those amounts.. Who do you think you are?? You belittle other people's credibilities and job worth's and took jobs which means income which means worth unnecessarily away from huge numbers of people- giving them a job worth of a big fat 0 and you believe you deserve and are worth \$400000 + per year????? Get off the merry-go-round and start living in reality with true respect for human beings...
358	4/09/2013	I cant believe that this person thinks he is worth as much as the President of the USA. How can MPs sleep at night knowing that they are [inappropriate content] the average work while accepting such a huge pay rise themselves.
359	4/09/2013	If, and a very big IF, you deserves a pay rise it should only be as much as you insists other government workers have to accept.  Paying yourself \$400,000 a year! Is un Australian and totally unfair
360	4/09/2013	Would like to show my disgust in the Newman government with the 42% pay rise. Why would you increase your pay when the current incompetent government are sacking 14000 plus public service people. I'm appalled by this government and should be investigared by CMC

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361	4/09/2013	Campbell Newman doesn't deserve a pay rise because he has done nothing but cause heartache for some people rh ones he sacked. Why should he live in luxury when there are those who are srtuggling on the lousy wage that they get. Maybe politicians should try and live on some of the wages that the low income earners get they wouldn't survive or know how to.
362	4/09/2013	I would like to propose that base salary of all MP's is linked to the public sector award. Once the original levels are set, any future pay rises are linked to that of the public sector.  This removes all of the politics by both political parties and the unions in future.  I do not object to a reasonable increase to the current base pay.  By linking base salaries to the public sector award, the tribnal then only needs to rule on allowences in furture
363	4/09/2013	I am not in favor of the pay rise for members of State Parliament being higher that the present pay offer to public servants.The present rproposed rise for state members od Parliament is an insult to the people of Queensland during times of cut backs.
364	4/09/2013	There's no way any politicians in this country deserve any pay rises. Look at the facts: Cost of living - Dramatic rise. Normal people Pay rises - Pathetic. What do politicians actually do to deserve to get paid at all, other than lie to the people and line their own pockets. You should all be ashamed to get take any payments at all!
365	4/09/2013	Campbell Newman should have the same pay rise that is offered to other public servants if that is 2.2% then it should be the same for politicians. the 42% he wants for himself is betraying the very people he is supposed to serve.
366	4/09/2013	In my humble opinion, people who choose to work in public service should be paid a fair and decent wage and accordingly on qualifications, skill and experience.  However the 42% pay increase sought by Mr. Newman far exceeds what is considered fair and reasonable. When employees are fighting for cost of living pay increases of 2- 3% they do not expect their Premier to be seeking absurdly differential treatment.  I invite you to consider whether the 42% remuneration sought by Mr. Newman is in the best interest of all Queenslanders.
367	4/09/2013	You're just not worth it...
368	4/09/2013	Campbell newman should take a pay cut how dare he!
369	4/09/2013	Politicians should only receive 2% pay rise
370	4/09/2013	Campbell Newman does not deserve a pay rise of 42% ..... I am not sure anyone deserves such a jump in pay ..... if anything it should only be as much as he insists other government workers accept such as the measly 2.2 per cent offer for our hard working ambulance officers, who day and night are out in the community seeing sometimes the most horrific things imaginable, I just don't see how 42% is justified for Campbell Newman.
371	4/09/2013	Campbell Newman should get the 2% wage rise he gives all other government workers and no more.

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372	4/09/2013	It is simply not fair that the MPs get a payrise when they won't raise the wages of others.
373	4/09/2013	Im a hard working allied health worker and cant even get a 3% payrise , and am having various allowances for education and training taken away , why you cant see how wrong it is to take a 42% payrise , yet your doing this to hard working front line health workers is stunning to say the least!
374	4/09/2013	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The remuneration should be results driven. At the moment it does not matter whether you are a good representative of the people represented or a bad one. As in all jobs the rewards needs to be result driven. Expense allownaces should be realistic keeping in mind what is allowed under taxation guidelines.</li> <li>2. Expenses should be those directly related to the performing of the job that they were elected to do and a budget should be prepared and submitted for approval as is done by all private and government business operations.</li> <li>3. Budget preparation will solve most of these issues at the moment the current model is open to outright abuse and strict guidelines need to be in place because human nature is to take advantage.</li> <li>4. Remuneration should be on a performance scale where top class members are rewarded for the effort that they put in to the job. Everyone should start on the base rate and then performance criteria could be set and a members constituents could be polled to gauge individual member performance. All business today is results driven with rewards given commensurate to the results achieved.</li> <li>5. I have always said that the life of a politician is unbelievable. If you were elected and did nothing for 3 years other than show up to Parliament then there is nothing that can be done. There is no accountability other than at election time. Rules are broken and money is misused but the perpetrators are allowed to repay the money over and over and get off the hook by just claiming that a mistake was made. This shows that the guidelines are not there and the ones that are in place are not enforced.</li> </ol>
375	4/09/2013	I do not agree that pay of MP should increase - especially not by 42% as has been reported. The men and women in parliament are already receiving a ridiculous paycheck while hard working Queensland families struggle on a quarter or a third of this income. I am a full time, diploma qualified child care worker and I earn less a year than the 'Miscellaneous allowance' granted yearly. This is disgusting that a reasonable pay rise has even refused to paramedics yet this ridiculous pay rise for parliament members and the MP is even being discussed, let alone considered. Lets show some common sense.
376	4/09/2013	It is disgusting that a politician will receive a 42% pay rise when public sector jobs are being axed and we continue to be told that we are in an economic crisis. a 42% pay rise is simply a slap in the face for ordinary Queenslanders. You just decided for me how I will vote in the next state election if the pay rise is accepted.
377	4/09/2013	<p>I strongly disagree with the remuneration of Queensland MPs and former MPs. They should not receive this money when they are unwilling to offer other public sector workers fair and just pay rises.</p> <p>Sack public servants to find the money for our pay rises, seems to be plan by the Liberal Party.</p>
378	4/09/2013	<p>There is no valid reason for Mr Campbell to receive a pay rise when he is asking everyone else to cut their budgets and help relieve the state debt.</p> <p>Lead by example is what should be happening to gain the respect and support of the public.</p>

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379	4/09/2013	Mr Newman is not worth \$400,000. Why should a premier be paid more than the American president. Why should a premier be paid over 4 x the amount a Paramedic gets for putting their lives at risk and having to have the responsibility of people's lives in their hands day in day out. I think it is ludicrous the amount all politicians get paid what do they actually do all day to warrant such pay.
380	4/09/2013	After reading the Remuneration Tribunal discussion paper and recommended further reading, I wish to make my opinion known. I agree with the way the MP remuneration package currently works. I agree with MPs receiving a direct salary and also having some expense allowances, as the more duties a MP performs the more expenses they are likely to incur and therefore should be reimbursed. Reading the scale of allowances currently offered seems fair and reasonable in its current format. I would prefer that the Independent Remuneration Tribunal ensure allowances are used to meet expenses and not regarded as a substitute for salary. In view of the current economic climate and the fact that the government has cut jobs and offered low pay increases to government employees, I think that MP should only be offered the average of government employees' increases. E.g. if Teachers received 2.7% increase and Ambulance workers are offered 2.2%, MPs would receive a 2.45% salary increase. Instead of Queensland government MP's salary increases being linked to Federal increases. Queensland government MP's salaries should be linked to increases the government of the day pays its workers. I believe pay rises and job losses to base employees would be easier to accept if the general public could see MPs accepting the same.
381	4/09/2013	I do not support the pay rise to the Premier.
382	4/09/2013	<p>With the figures given, that with an increase in remuneration the Premier would be receiving approximately \$400,000 p.a. This would put his income at approximately 7 times the average weekly income as stated by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Instead of putting politicians above corruption, it has put them above the issues that Queenslanders struggle with, the everyday living expenses. The Government is out of touch with the majority of Queenslanders. Their electorate do not see them unless it is a publicity event, and receive very little assistance/advice when it is asked of them. Decisions are made that increase the earning and profits of politicians yet make it harder for the average Queenslanders to live. An example is the recent discussion on the Solar Feedback Tariff. The impression given by the media was that only the wealthy had solar and were ripping off the rest of Queensland, yet the truth is far from that and a lot of very low income earners had sacrificed to install solar and were about to be penalised for sacrificing.</p> <p>No the current MP holds little to no value for the majority of their community, as the MP is no longer there to serve the community and the best interests of Queensland, but has turned things around so the community and Queensland are there to serve the interests of the MP.</p>
383	4/09/2013	<p>The Newman government, through changes to the IR system have required the QIRC to consider the fiscal circumstances of the state in determining wage increases. I believe that should be a guiding principle in awarding MP pay increases also.</p> <p>Similarly, the Newman government has sought to limit pay increases for paramedics and other hardworking public servants to 2.2 percent. The tribunal will struggle to find that the value of an MP has increased 40 per cent while the value of a paramedic has not increased in real terms at all.</p> <p>Therefore, the tribunal should overturn the Seeney 42% raise, and replace it with a 2.2 per cent increase for the next three years.</p>

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384	4/09/2013	Any pay increases for MP's in this economic climate is rude and abhorrent especially as many workers in Queensland, as well the rest of the country have lost or will lose their jobs in the near future due to financial unsustainability. Why should Campbell Newman receive a pay rise when he himself has placed hard working Australians in financial crises in the dole cues? There is going to be a revolution in this country against the hypocrisies among MP's and their remuneration packages because the people can already see the great divide between the have and the have nots. Campbell Newman is supposed to serve the people of this great State and respect the office that the title of Premier holds, not take from the people and bring a vile reputation before the office. Newman is not a Statesman and he knows it. It is very obvious he is out to feather his own nest as is quite disgraceful the way he treats people. We see his behaviour and attitude all the time in the media, so smug, dismissive and uncaring towards those with less than himself. One day when he is not the Premier and he is just like everyone else, where is he going to live? Leaving a trail of destruction in your own backyard is hardly honourable. If Campbell Newman receives a pay rise as suggested he will be provoking the Queensland public into shame upon the ideals of what the title of Premier holds, "Making a difference for OTHERS" not for oneself! Campbell Newman's behaviour is disgusting, and the people at random I speak with never own up in his support. I believe the people of Queensland are very ashamed that a character like Campbell Newman should represent the good people of Queensland. Do us all a favour and resign because the office of Premier should be held by a man or woman with the highest integrity and not be drawn down by some mafia style societal capitulation.
385	4/09/2013	Politicians should be paid the same % increase as they give to the public service. After all politicians are public servants. I think it highly hypocritical of a Government to seek a massive pay rise in the face of court intervention to try and limit pay rises for Ambulance officers (people who actually do something for the community). Until they reinstate all of the services they have slashed under the guise of fixing the economy, Politicians in Qld do not deserve a massive pay rise. They already are paid enough!!
386	4/09/2013	START living in the real world Greedy man!
387	4/09/2013	I do not believe the politicians are entitled to any remuneration. Until they reinstate all sacked public servants, community workers, all health services that were cut under the current state government then a pay rise by a taxpayer and voter as myself is not acceptable. If they can find money to give themselves a pay rise then they have the money to repair the damage from the horrific cuts they have done health services and the people that work in them.
388	4/09/2013	Why when you are cutting other services through out the state do any of you deserve a 42% rise. If you are true about getting this state sorted accept a realistic percentage.
389	4/09/2013	<p>1. In considering the role of a Queensland MP, do you believe an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation), and some expense allowances associated with performing the role of a MP? Please explain your answer.</p> <p>A salary and some expense allowances is a fair and reasonable approach as there needs to be an appropriate incentive to become an MP and to attract a high calibre of representatives and to allow for reasonable costs involved in performing these duties.</p> <p>2. If you believe there should be expense allowances, what sort of expenses should be allowed for? Please give examples.</p> <p>The only expenses that should be allowed for are administrative costs incurred in directly performing the role of an MP (telephone,</p>

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		<p>computer expenses, printing costs etc); travel when directly related to undertaking the role of an MP (with a limit of business class air/rail travel and limited travel for partners included throughout each year when there is a prolonged absence of the MP from home (&gt;1 month) and therefore allows a visit by their partner); and meals and accommodation (4 star limit) incurred during the conduct of their role. Costs involved in entertainment of clients/allies or advertising for the next election etc should be met by their party funds not the taxpayer.</p> <p>3. How do you think the Tribunal should ensure that allowances are only used to meet the reasonable expenses of an MP and are not regarded as a substitute for salary?</p> <p>Costs should be claimed on a reimbursement basis or as a forward projection that is then substantiated by receipts. Only expenses that can be substantiated by receipts should be allowed (i.e. the same rules that apply for the rest of the public service!).</p> <p>4. What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant in determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities?</p> <p>The base salary should be reasonable and reflect the responsibility of an MP as well as attractive enough to secure quality candidates – ranging from \$150,000 to 250,000 pa depending on their seniority. Superannuation in line with other public servants should be paid. Expenses should be limited to those directly attributable to their role as an MP, be substantiated regularly and the “Miscellaneous” expense and Electorate allowances should be abolished.</p> <p>5. Is there anything else about MP remuneration that you think is important for the Tribunal to take into consideration?</p> <p>The MP’s recent pay rise of 42% has not been earned and far exceeds what the Qld Government expects other workers to accept. They refuse to offer more than 2.2% to workers such as Paramedics, Firefighters etc who work 24 hours a day 7 days a week and are paid less than most other states &amp; they argue that the tax payer can’t afford more. How can we suddenly afford such a massive pay rise for the MP’s when there has been no increase to their productivity?</p>
<b>390</b>	4/09/2013	I do not believe Campbell Newman is worth a \$400 000 salary.
<b>391</b>	4/09/2013	<p>I do not support the QLD polititions accepting a payrise larger than what other government workers are being offered. Campbell Newman does not need a 42% payrise.</p> <p>The previous government’s decision to delay the payrise was an economically responsible decision which benefitted the whole state of QLD.</p> <p>Premier Newman needs to go back to representing the people of QLD, not ripping them off.</p>
<b>392</b>	4/09/2013	i am against the high pay rise for politicians, they won't give others the same offer why should they get 42% give them a 2% pay rise like they expect the rest of government employees to take.

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393	4/09/2013	<p>In response to the Tribunal Discussion Paper, Question 4 "What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant in determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities?"</p> <p>1.The current economic climate; 2.Relative salaries and pay rises of other Queensland workers at this time.</p> <p>I strongly believe consideration for the current economic climate should play as vital a role in determining MP salaries and relevant pay rises as it has reportedly done for other community/public service workers in recent times.</p> <p>MP's may play a valuable role in our community, but the wages and pay rises they receive should not grossly exceed what other government workers in Queensland are being asked to accept at the same time.</p> <p>For example, a pay rise equating to approximately 40% for politicians is unacceptable when other 'valuable' Queensland workers - including core public service employees, nurses, teachers, corrective services and police, fire and ambulance officers - are accepting/only being offered a maximum of 2-3%.</p>
394	4/09/2013	<p>I think it is absolutely disgusting that the politicians are willing to accept a 42% pay rise when in my profession we have been offered a 2.2% pay rise only if we agree to losing some of our penalties and am now going through a lengthy arbitration. I believe any pay rise they receive should be in line with other Queensland government employees.</p>
395	4/09/2013	<p>Queensland State Politicians pay should be directly indexed to all other public servants pay.</p> <p>I think there has to be a better way other than a % increase as well.</p> <p>Someone earning \$50 000 a year should get the same increase as the person earnign \$150 000. If the pay goes up \$80 a week both income brackets should get the same, otherwise the gap between he top paid and the bottom paid just keeps increaseing</p>
396	4/09/2013	<p>I believe it is ridiculous to think that ANY pollie deserves such a huge pay rise. They are continually telling Australians that "we are going to be in debt with Labour running again" yet they can give themselves pay rises for nothing. Stop fattening your own wallets are start increasing those who deserve it (i.e. administrators, education staff, nurses, etc.) Campbell Newman sacked thousands of hard working Queenslanders at the start of his term, and then gave himself and his colleges a backdated pay rise of 42%, it was un-nessessary and un-deserved.</p>
397	4/09/2013	<p>Our politicians are paid far to much money as it is. Reduce their pay so that they have to try and live on the same amount as a single penisioner and see how they like it and if they can maintain their physical health as well as mental health.</p>
398	4/09/2013	<p>I fail to see how you can justify why you should award yourself such a high payrise when other people put in as much time and energy as you do. Why is it that the pay rise offered to others is minute compared to yours? Don't you have a conscience?</p>

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399	4/09/2013	The MP's do not need a pay rise. The money should be used to give emergency workers and teachers competitive pay.
400	4/09/2013	<p>In response to the Tribunal Discussion Paper, Question 4 "What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant in determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities?"</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The current economic climate;</li> <li>2. Relative salaries and pay rises of other Queensland workers at this time.</li> </ol> <p>I strongly believe consideration for the current economic climate should play as vital a role in determining MP salaries and relevant pay rises as it has reportedly done for other community/public service workers in recent times. MP's may play a valuable role in our community, but the wages and pay rises they receive should not grossly exceed what other government workers in Queensland are being asked to accept at the same time.</p> <p>For example, a pay rise equating to approximately 40% for politicians is unacceptable when other 'valuable' Queensland workers - including core public service employees, nurses, teachers, corrective services and police, fire and ambulance officers - are accepting/only being offered a maximum of 2-3%.</p>
401	4/09/2013	How does the Government justify a massive pay increase, after cutting so many jobs? If the aim was to save money, wouldn't the first area to be evaluated be the politicians salary? You receive more than 2-3 people would earn in a year, no tax, everything paid for, maybe a salary cut is due not an increase. Or if you think your salary cannot be lowered maybe you should give up some of those governmental perks and start paying for expenses out of your pocket; since the people are paying for everything in a manner of speaking. It is time the Government is fully responsible to the people, full disclosure and accounting of expenditure. How is the peoples money being spent and why is it not being spent where it is needed. Millions of dollars spent on political machinations that could be spent on real problems, our soldiers being sent over seas at millions a day to fight or fix America's messes while they could be in Australia building for the poor, rural or indigenous people who need it just as much. Allied treaties are all good and well but putting our country into more debt while you cut needed jobs and ruin citizens is criminal.
402	4/09/2013	I believe this is an utter disgrace. Link politician pay rises to the core public service agreements.
403	4/09/2013	A miscellaneous allowance seems like an arbitrary automatic addition to an already high base rate of pay. Any pay rise for politicians should reflect the increment that the government generally imposes on its other employees via its wages policy which currently sits around 2-2.5%. A 42% pay rise in an economic climate that required the government to slash spending is totally incongruous.
404	4/09/2013	I find the increase in remuneration of the amount reported in the media to be exorbitant. Indeed, it is offensive to think that at a time when people in emergency services are being stonewalled into accepting a 2.2% raise, these politicians (of every stripe) have no qualms in agreeing to such a huge increase. Whatever happened to leading by example?

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405	4/09/2013	Sorry Sir you are not worth the same as the President Of America. He makes decisions not only about the USA but the world as well and you make the same for Queensland. So far all you have done is lay off 14000 workers and apparently their are more to come with the Department of Community Services. He is up front with his voters you only lie and deceive Queenslanders about their future while you line the pockets of private businesses and mates from all over Australia that are aligned to the Liberal party.
406	4/09/2013	No you dont deserve your payrise considering all those people that have no jobs because Qld cant afford it but you think you can have a 42% rise?????
407	4/09/2013	<p>Let me start by saying the current pay rise is ridiculously excessive and in current Government wage and spending restraints their rise goes against current Government and community standards or acceptance.</p> <p>General comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Remuneration packages for MP should be a fixed salary amount which included Superannuation amount and based on position held eg; Back bench, Minister , Premier.</li> <li>2. Expense allowance s should only be for travel (eg; air fares, Rail, or mileage if and only if they use their own car if they have access to Ministerial cars no allowance) Yearly limits should be set based on the Electorate size. <b>No extra</b> allowances should be paid to MP if they are on Parliamentary Committees as this should be part of their job)</li> <li>3. Expense allowances should only be paid upon providing a receipt, (nor receipt then a Stat Dec) however in most cases payments should be made direct to company providing the travel eg: Qantas or QRail up to the maximum yearly allowance. MP should not be eligible to retain Frequent flyer miles as these points should go to the Qld Government pool which can be used to in lieu of paying for MP flights. (However flight value would still go off Yearly allowance for that MP). Hotel/motel expenses should only be claimed if receipt or invoice provided and MP. If private accommodation provided then minimal meal allowance to be provided.</li> <li>4. Benchmarks – Qld MP salary should not be benchmarked to other State or federal MP salaries it should be base lined on senior Qld Government CEO/DG salaries (eg 20% above DG max salary) increases (in salaries only) should be based on the same % increase given to Qld workers or Public servants as this is the arguments government state the Qld economy could afford. Being an MP is a privilege they are employed to look after their electorate and if Ministers are head of Departments “they are not running a company it is government so it should not be based on Company salaries or salaries outside Qld. Increases in allowances should be set at yearly CPI rate.</li> <li>5. Tribunal should over turn the last MP pay rise, as this is totally unacceptable and does not reflect the value the community places on their MPs and especially does not reflect MPs current responsibilities</li> </ol>
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409	4/09/2013	I am disgusted that Campbell Newman has chosen to go ahead with this wage rise at such a time. It is absolutely hypocritical to sack workers one minute and expect the working public to graciously grant him an exorbitant wage rise. Shame, Mr. Newman, shame.

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<b>410</b>	4/09/2013	<p>I am making my submission to you on this topic, as I feel very deeply about it.</p> <p>My 1st point is What has any current member of this parliament done to warrant any increase in salary? Sacked 14000 public servants. Hired friends and family at outrageous salaries in positions none of them had earned.</p> <p>They have done nothing but cry about how tough they have it, yet never fail to increase costs of public utilities i.e. water, gas and electricity.</p> <p>Their leader has a problem dealing in facts and truths.</p> <p>A Government is meant to work for the good of the people not to the detriment of the people.</p> <p>In my humble opinion these creatures should be paying money back to the state for misrepresenting themselves at election time. Each and every 1 of them has their nose in the public money trough for 1 purpose only. To get more for themselves.</p> <p>Where are our Leaders in Road Building? In improved housing for the disadvantaged? A leader whom will advance the cause of all Queenslanders. A leader who will see to a fairer distribution of our states massive wealth.</p> <p>You won't find them here.</p> <p>Why does the Deputy Premier need to charter a plane to take him to Thangool airport or which ever airport he travels to? If he actually drove on the highways of his electorate he might be inclined to do some road building himself.</p> <p>I believe he should be made repay every cent above what an ordinary flight from Brisbane to Thangool would cost the normal person. Also they should be paid on performance. Newman would be getting millions for his tear jerking carry ons. Springborg the same for his Monty Python like statements. No paye rise for these creatures until they actually accomplish something that builds all of Qld and makes it a better place.</p>
<b>411</b>	4/09/2013	<p>MP's need to accept same % as our emergency workers.mthey also need to be performance evaluated before any further or future increase be considered</p>
<b>412</b>	4/09/2013	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Independent Remuneration Tribunal.</p> <p>As representatives of the [personal information] seek to influence the tribunal on this matter.</p> <p>Accordingly, we respectfully tender the attached research to assist the tribunal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member's salaries, additional salaries and allowances for Australian states and territories;</li> <li>• Table of comparative parliamentary statistics (i.e. structure, no. of lower house electorates, no. of lower and upper house members, total enrolled electors and average enrolled electors per lower house electorate);</li> <li>• Historical development of electorate allowances paid to members of parliament;</li> <li>• Qualification requirements for superannuation for members of parliament 1970 - 2007.</li> </ul> <p>We trust the information provided will support the tribunal's deliberations and final decision.</p>

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		<b>Northern Territory</b>	The basic salary of Assembly members is tied to the annual rate of increase in the salary of NT Public Service (NTPS) employees.	\$138,953 <sup>3</sup> from 16 August 2012	\$133,047 <sup>4</sup> from 1 January 2011	\$272,000	Electorate allowance (varies from \$32,037-\$84,688 depending on electorate); Travelling allowance; Travel cost allowance; additional

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		Tasmania (Legislative Assembly)	<p>Premier's press release, 21 June 2012, states that legislation will limit increases in MPs' pay to 2% for next 2 years. The <u>Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 2012</u> (Tas) repeals and replaces the 1973 Act. It breaks the existing nexus with the basic salary of federal MPs.</p>	<p>\$118,466<sup>7</sup></p> <p>from 1 July 2013</p>	<p>\$136,236 from 1 July 2013<sup>8</sup></p> <p>115% of basic salary</p> <p>Schedule 4 of the <u>Parliamentary Salaries, Superannuation and Allowances Act 2012</u></p>	\$254,702 from 1 July 2013	Motor vehicle (\$14,423); Electoral allowance (varies from \$28,848-\$48,081 depending on electorate); Committee sitting fees (% of basic salary); telecommunications allowance (increased for certain offices); entertainment allowance for certain office holders (% of basic salary); Away from Home Travelling Allowance; Bass Strait

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		<p>2007</p> <p>The <i>Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1970</i> was repealed in 2007 by section 26A of the <i>Superannuation (State Public Sector) Amendment Act 2007</i>. The repeal of this Act was more technical in nature, rather than a substantive change in policy. The provisions of the repealed 1970 Act were inserted into Chapter 9 (Parliament 70 Category) of the <i>Superannuation (State Public Sector) Deed 1990</i> (current version) by the <i>Superannuation (State Public Sector) Amendment of Deed Regulation (No. 1) 2007</i> - Subordinate Legislation 2007 No. 139.</p> <p>Section 4 of the <a href="#">final version</a> of the <i>Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1970</i> (as at the time of its repeal) set out who the Act applied to:</p> <p><i>4 Application of Act</i></p> <p><i>(1) This Act applies to and in relation to—</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>(a) any person who is a member at the commencement of this Act and to whom the Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Fund Act 1948 applied immediately prior to that commencement; and</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>(b) any person who becomes a member on or after the commencement of this Act and before the commencement of the Superannuation Legislation Amendment Act 2004, part 4; and</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>(c) any widow, female dependent and child or children of any person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b).</i></p> <p><i>(2) This Act does not apply to or in relation to a person who becomes a member after the commencement of the Superannuation Legislation Amendment Act 2004, part 4, unless the person—</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>(a) was a member immediately before the commencement of the part; and</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>(b) has not, after the commencement of the part, ceased to be a member at any time before again becoming a member.</i></p> <p>Qualification requirements under ss 17, 17A and 19 were not amended between the 2004 amendments and the repeal of the <i>Parliamentary Contributory Superannuation Act 1970</i>.</p>

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414	4/09/2013	This pay rise for the pollies is indecent, outrageous and offensive.
415	4/09/2013	Campbell Newman most certainly does not deserve a pay rise. How can he sleep at night knowing the thousands of people has put out of work. God help Queensland!
416	4/09/2013	I disagree with 42% pay increase to MP's and premier. I think the pay increases must be reasonable. 42% pay increase is just not reasonable. I am aware that all the services are getting 2% pay raise as a result of depts as per premier. If this is the case i think premier should set himself as an example for the entire state. Also if he gets 5- 6% pay raise that may sound reasonable but 42% is just not acceptable. public will loose in ever falling trust of ruling govt.
417	4/09/2013	As a public servant I have not had a pay rise in many months because my politicians told me the state couldn't afford it. It is both unfair and a very poor example for Qld politicians to take the pay rise because they say it is legislated. The government had no trouble changing the legislation to remove public servant conditions. People would respect the politicians more if they practiced what they preached and changed the legislation to remove their pay rise. Since the tribunal must now take the state of the Qld economy into account when considering such pay rises, it would be only fair and right to deny the politician's their large pay increase at a time when the government is encouraging austerity. Surely this increase goes against the Commission of Audit report and against what is right for this state. Please don't grant this pay rise for decencies sake.
418	4/09/2013	I don't believe Qld state politicians require a pay increase of any amount under the current financial situation. Whilst the govt is laying off staff, it is improper to give themselves a pay increase of any amount.
419	4/09/2013	You are as useless as a hole in a boat.
420	4/09/2013	\$400,000 a year does seem extremely inflated considering that people are losing their jobs. I would always hope that our political leaders would lead by example and be magnanimous with accepting a lower pay. Truly disappointing! I concede that their job is a difficult one but so are Doctors, Paramedics, Nurses who have all had their attempt at reasonable pay rise knocked back with dictatorial precision and apathy.
421	4/09/2013	Mr newman do you worry about the little man, the one who pays your wages how are we getting along on stragle street i dont get a big pay cheuke , i live from week to week think about us for once
422	4/09/2013	Newman you are trying to give yourself a pay rise so you can retire early and sit back and not worry .Not so the rest of us we may have to work after 65 years of age because we no longer have money or hours to work and we have to do harder work to get anywhere No pay rise for any MPs until workers get their pay rise and some surcurity for jobs

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423	4/09/2013	<p>Members of parliament work hard for their electorate, and while they need funds to do this job properly, I believe that the current rate of pay and entitlements is sufficiently generous.</p> <p>Given that the majority of our citizens are being urged to be fiscally prudent, Aussie politicians (already amongst the best paid polities on the planet) ought to lead by example and not expect or accept any pay increase(let alone the obscene 40% that is proposed). Public servants getting sacked left, right and centre while a privileged few at the top get a massive pay bump?This is obscene and unethical. Health workers like ambos dealing with pay cuts while those at the top of the political chain feel justified to stick their hands in the kitty? Serving as a member for parliament is a privilege and, with the power that accompanies this position, comes great responsibility.</p>
424	4/09/2013	<p>I would like to submit my sincere objection to the (backdated) pay increase for our politicians and especially our leader.</p> <p>I would like to voice my utter dismay at the blatant hypocrisy re the pay increase Queensland politicians are going for. If our government is genuine about cutting cost then that should be the same for all public servants, this is no more than 2.2% This even being an issue is totally unacceptable. Mr Newman is losing all credibility this way, instead he and his government should be setting an example.</p> <p>If government can reject pay increases for government workers, government workers ought to have the reciprocal right to determine pay increases for our elected representatives. Do as I do would have to be the motto here.</p> <p>A very disappointed and outraged Queensland citizen,</p>
425	4/09/2013	<p>Nobody should ever get a huge pay rise unless they are living well below the poverty line. If normal workers can only get 1 or 2%, then that is all the politicians should get. Anything more than 2% will cause massive backlash from ordinary workers and voters. The time has come for politicians to listen to the public all the time not just before an election.</p>
426	4/09/2013	<p>Do not give politicians pay rises. They are very well paid as it is. Their income levels are not at any middle-class rates of remuneration! Enough is enough! If any pay rise is granted, base it on productivity or on the electorate's vote for such.</p>
427	4/09/2013	<p>I think that the pay for politicians is an outrage, when an economy is not going well then pay should decrease accordingly as is the same on the farm for a farmer or a small business. Being a small business owner myself, I am not even getting a wage at the moment as my small business is not taking enough to pay me, I am doing all I can, as the state government does to turn this around, so that I can get a salary.</p> <p>Surely the State politicians could set the example and do the same.</p>

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428	5/09/2013	<p>Thank you for your letter of 21st August 2013, and for the opportunity to respond to the current review of remuneration of Members and former Members of the Queensland Parliament (MPs). I accordingly provide the following:</p> <p><b><u>Introduction:</u></b> I refer to <b>Members Entitlements Handbook 5.3.1.</b> <i><u>Purpose and Disclosure :</u> Former Members of Queensland Legislative Assembly who have been elected on 3 occasions and served a minimum of 7 years shall be entitled to commercial travel benefits</i> <i><u>Amount of Entitlement :</u> Former Members who qualify for commercial air travel shall be entitled to one return flight each financial year</i> <i><u>Spouse Travel :</u> Spouses of former Members who qualify for commercial travel shall be entitled to one return flight each financial year (there is no requirement for the spouse to travel with the former Member)</i></p> <p>There are similar provisions for spouses relating to interstate travel under 5.3.2. and rail travel (Rail Gold Pass) under 5.3.3.</p> <p><b><u>Submission:</u></b> There are former Members whose spouses are no longer able to travel, and who wish to do so themselves but do not wish to travel alone or, due to age or infirmity, should properly be accompanied for health or safety reasons.</p> <p>I therefore submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- that a new provision be included to allow for a former Member, over the age of 80 years, whose spouse is no longer able to take up the travel entitlement, to designate a family member or carer instead of spouse to accompany him/her on travel under this entitlement</li> <li>- To prevent abuse of this suggested new entitlement, some verification (i.e Statutory Declaration or Medical Certificate) could be required (a) in respect of the unable-to-travel spouse, and possibly (b) in respect of the necessity for the former Member to be accompanied</li> <li>- In qualifying for such a provision, there would be no entitlement or provision for a relative or carer to travel separately from the former Member</li> </ul>
429	5/09/2013	<p>The government has laid off public servants, sold assets and reduced operating budgets for government departments to reduce queensland's debt. Please do not proceed with this ridiculous pay increase, spend the money on improving the state of queensland for all queenslanders.</p>
430	5/09/2013	<p>The Premier should take home a less than 3 per cent pat rise unless he can match it to ALL other PUBLIC EMPLOYEES - after all that what he is - a PUBLIC EMPLOYEE!!!</p>

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431	5/09/2013	To consider the pay rises politicians are claiming at this time when they are also advocating fiscal restraint and maintaining less than cost of living pay rises for public services employees is frankly obscene. Politicians are frankly not worth this. perhaps they ought to consider the US constitution where it was first of all considered that citizens should perform their public duty of political office and receive NO pay for this.
432	5/09/2013	I am totally against any increase in Queensland MP's and former MP's salaries in this economic climate where jobs are being cut, savings made and wage increases set at a minimum, if anything at all. I think that if MP's believe that they deserve a pay rise, it should be in keeping with those of other residents of Queensland not 42%. I believe that it is hypocritical that they can award themselves this amount of remuneration where, as a Paramedic, I am unable to get a cup of instant (not expensive) coffee at hospital in the middle of a night shift due to cutbacks in funding and I am offered a 2.2% pay rise at the loss of other penalties.. One MP's pay rise would more than pay for the basic necessities for the whole state for several years. It is arrogant and just plain wrong!
433	5/09/2013	What are you doing? At least try to be a better man!
434	5/09/2013	I am so angry when I read stuff like this how do you sleep at night bad enough people are loosing jobs they ask for small pay rise you say no but you think you are worth it wake up smell the coffee start thinking about people really struggling and give us all a decent pay rise

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435	5/09/2013	<p>Is this submission worth the time?</p> <p>A Tribunal created by a politician who in creating the dilemma, now seeks others to salve his conscience? Cynicism 101.</p> <p>A government of the day has the right to act as it sees fit on behalf of the community/State. MP's should be a reflection of society.</p> <p>1. As a health worker, my role description/occupational duties are constantly evolving. This rate of change probably exceeds the changes experienced by politicians in general.</p> <p>However for the past thirty years whilst my remuneration has been on par with CPI, and constantly bench marked and scrutinised by government, no such scrutiny exists for politicians in this State. Percentage wise their increase in remuneration for years has been well above other public servants, not just the current government.</p> <p>2. As a public servant, and as an example, within my professional arena, interstate counterparts with similar responsibilities have been remunerated well above Qld pay rates as long as I can remember, yet State MPs have used the legislative legacy of Joh's day to enjoy wage rate rises in line with Federal politicians. Where do political pay rises reflect societal values here?</p> <p>3. We need to attract intelligent people to represent the State. However, most politicians are silent and the current house is full of members who have only acquired their seats due to a massive electoral back swing. Politicians need to be bench marked and evaluated against KPI's like every one else. A massive 40% this time is certainly at odds with societal trends, one which no business would/could tolerate.</p> <p>4. Legislating away other peoples lives was done in the bat of an eyelid. Yet, legislating away an anachronistic cash cow which serves self interest causes a dilemma?</p> <p>All the above sounds like moralising, which isn't what the Tribunal is about.</p> <p>The questions will the Tribunal solve this problem with integrity, and having done so, be able to prevent the outcomes being white washed?</p>

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436	5/09/2013	<p>I find it most offensive that politicians are to receive large pay raises when they already receive a very generous salary package. If there major concern is how much money they are receiving, then they have completely the wrong motivation, just the sort of people we DON'T want!</p> <p>And the poor excuse put forward for the last attempt at a whopping 42% increase just doesn't wash with the public, Do you really think we are such fools ?</p> <p>Since they already receive a generous pay package the only increase they should get is CPI only.</p> <p>And it should be for everyone not just the top end of town.</p> <p>I'am very passionate about this, and also very annoyed about the very obvious greed displayed.</p>
437	5/09/2013	<p>I feel that all political pay rises are obscene given that all other workers and particularly those in the essential areas such as health workers, police, teachers and emergency service workers have to fight to get a measly 2 - 5% and politicians get far in excess of this because both major parties agree to it.</p> <p>I also feel that it is grossly unfair that MPs are able to access their super on leaving the government when all the rest of us have to wait until retirement.</p>
438	5/09/2013	<p>This is hypocrisy of the highest level, I am expected to accept 2.2 % and MP s get 40% apparently some are more equal than others, won't be voting for you again. My wife and I both work in health she is a nurse and I am a paramedic. It's just intolerable that we have to accept the burden of cut backs and yet state MPs are exempt and can be paid excessively more. You dont seriously think people will forget. Can't wait for the state election.</p>
439	5/09/2013	<p>Politicians form the Queensland Government. Public servants implement Queensland Government policy. So politicians and public servants are integrally linked in serving the Queensland public. It is only proper then that Queensland politician's pay is dictly linked to public service pay, with the same tribunal setting the same pay rises for both.</p>
440	5/09/2013	<p>The wage increase is atrocious for QLD current and former ministers. It is a disgusting request by these ministers in general but even worse now when we are still in the throws of a GFC and the repercussions being felt with many QLDers having lost their jobs or suffering hardship over the past few years. Normal Private sector workers are lucky to get at CPI payrise and the Newman Government wont conduct fair negotiations for the Core public servants to give a fair payrise and maintain decent work conditions. If you do not see that is completely unfair, unjust and unethical then you are telling QLDers that they are valueless and the ministers jobs are of more worth when compared to other workers, especially people saving lives.</p> <p>I REJECT THIS PROPOSAL OF RENUMERATION FOR THE MINISTERS THEY SHOULD HANG THEIR HEADS IN SHAME ESPECIALLY OUR PREMIER, IT IS DISGUSTING TO REWARD YOURSELF AT THE EXPENSE OF THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING.</p> <p>THE CURRENT QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT LED BY CAMPBELL NEWMAN IS DISCGRACEFUL. THEY HAVE DONE EVERYTHING WITHIN THEIR POWERS TO DESTROY THE LIVELIHOODS OF ALL QUEENSLAND EXCEPT THEMSELVES AND THEIR MATES.</p>
441	5/09/2013	<p>It's absolutely unbelievable that any politician should be even considering a pay rise in the current climate. We are so understaffed we can't take annual leave for more than 12 months and I will be livid if Campbell Newman allows pay rises,,and I will remember it come the next election! Likewise Any cuts to frontline health services.</p>

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442	5/09/2013	<p>as i'm a worker for the education department (support staff) i feel that mr newman has not benefitted anything (that is helped QLD out at all, by increasing the debt that we're in), instead he is trying to give himself a \$150 000 pay rise, we all know that mr newman is only looking after himself here and not the low income earners, mr newman and mr abbott are only going to sack people from there jobs and so that there pockets can weigh down a little more, so i most definitely will not be voting for either mr newman or mr abbott, how are they going to create more jobs when they are only going to ber putting people off, we don't need people like that in our government</p>
443	5/09/2013	<p>I believe that the politicians are getting TOO HIGH a wage for the work that they say they do but cannot prove and that it should be reduced substantially (by half at least), however you, the so called 'independent tribunal', established only after the public backlash, won't do this as you are puppets put in their by the [inappropriate content] of a Premier Newman and will not go against them or any politician.</p> <p>Secondly, all Queensland politicians salaries should be aligned to the public sector wages outcomes which in effect reflect the increase in the cost of living. Why should Queensland politicians get such outrageous wages compared to many other Queenslanders who work just as, if not harder then these [inappropriate content] (as you can see I have a low opinion of these so called 'honourable' members of parliament).</p> <p>Salaries received by all politicians should not be compared to or linked to the salary received by other politicians outside Queensland including the Federal politicians, who I also believe get paid way too much for the way that these idiots carry on. Queensland politician's wages should be determined against Queensland community standards and be set according to what the community thinks and not just by selected puppets of the politicians in disguise as being independent.</p> <p>If they are to be increased, then again the wage component should be raised to the same amount as to the public servants wages increase as these raises are linked to reflect the increase to the costs of living and not what a politician and or so called independent tribunal thinks.</p> <p>In general any wage increase should be measured against public opinion and opposition to the hikes that are being proposed and or granted by you, the independent tribunal, who also aren't held accountable to the public for the decision you make.</p> <p>In the case of electoral allowances, then if they must be kept be kept separate to the politician's wages, if kept. These should never be increased at the whim of a politician or the puppets put in place to decide this (ie you the tribunal) nor considered as a substitute for a politicians salary.</p> <p>These funds must be fully accountable for as these so called trust worthy members of parliament have been found out misusing and misappropriating monies. Additionally, if the electoral allowances are spent then additional funds should be made to come out of the wages received by the politician as many other workers don't receive such generous amounts to travel around. As it is, I believe that many of the politicians don't serve the community but only the party line. It doesn't matter what the public thinks or wants as all politicians will only follow what the party wants and or the leader of the party (this is so wrong)</p>

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		<p>Any funds spent as part of the Allowance should be scrutinised by public servants and be made publically available so that all Queenslanders can see how politicians are spending public funds and what on. If any allowances received by politicians are misused then the politician should be charged by the police, put in front of a judge and sentenced, so that they cannot become a politician ever again and never rort the public again. In fact any monies given to any politician for any so called work being undertaken as a politician (including trips overseas etc) should be made available to the public for scrutiny and that the politicians held accountable for such expenditure including the locality allowance. This also goes for any claim made by any politician for any allowance or additional funding that they believe that they are entitled to. If the public knew what they were really getting then and only then would they be really held accountable.</p> <p>In general, allowances should not be linked and or combined to the wages of politicians as politicians are out right liars, crooks and thieves and definitely people who cannot be trusted. This is why any monies given to politicians should be scrutinised by public servants and not only politicians and or the so called independent tribunal.</p> <p>Thanks you</p>
444	5/09/2013	<p>Queensland politicians base pay should be directly linked to that of public servants. In this way a pay freeze for the majority of public servants, such as the one happening now, will also mean a freeze for our politicians. Any increases could be argued as fair and equitable , while still proportionate.</p> <p>Establishing this link would also save the Government the considerable of running this tribunal.</p>
445	5/09/2013	<p>I earn \$32,000 a year. Come and live with me for a week Mr Newman, and find out just how we battlers survive.</p>
446	5/09/2013	<p>Pay and expenses should only be given for the time an MP is elected (e.g. superannuation) - once an MP has left parliament there should be no further remuneration at the expense of taxpayers whom do not receive the same (especially other public servants)</p> <p>Pay-rises should not exceed those of any other public servant.</p> <p>Expenses should be capped but not automatically paid - full disclosure of expenses should be required.</p> <p>Travel should be paid at the cheapest rate to encourage economy travel.</p> <p>Expenses should not be paid for "employing" family members</p>
447	5/09/2013	<p>Politicians should listen to their constituents. How socially irresponsible to accept such a ridiculous payrise. They do not deserve anymore than the rest of us-which is a big fat 0 if can-do and his LNP crooks get their way. Disgraceful behaviour to sack 14000 people to get your payrise. No amount of spin is going to change the general public perception of such a disgraceful act.</p>
448	6/09/2013	<p>You are as bad as Petersen we are now returning to a police state. LOOK AT YOUR LASTEST ACTIONS NAZI ACTIONS ON THE RAIL WAKE UP TO YOURSELF</p>

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<b>449</b>	6/09/2013	<p>while reducing public servants is to improve the QLD's state of economy, there is no amount of explanation that could justify 42% pay rise for the few privileged one. If the retrenched workers could continue to lead their family life, what moral justification do you have to help yourself to the till of the state? Your sneaky action, by travelling oversea while the issue has been put forward, or staging a "discussion" while the nation is obligated to cast their votes on election, your maneuvering proved that you care about the State of Financial health of Queensland AND above all, rewarding yourself, regardless the moral of your action.</p>
<b>450</b>	6/09/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</li> <li>• The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</li> </ul>

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<b>1021</b>	6/09/2013	<p>Thank you for your letter of 21 August 2013. [personal information]</p> <p>1. I don't believe in nor have I ever supported retrospective legislation in the past, therefore I wish to protect my entitlements and those of [personal information] my wife of [personal information].</p> <p>2.[personal information] .</p> <p>3. My records have a letter (copy attached [personal information]) of [personal information] from Qld. Govt. Superannuation Office, signed [personal information] Manager, Data Solutions and Reporting, Operations Q Super confirming receipt of my Confirmation of Personal Details Form, and also eligibility of my spouse,[personal information]. The last line of the second last paragraph states 'we will be advising you of your benefits on an annual basis from now on.' Please note I have not received any such annual advice</p>

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<b>1244</b>	8/09/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am sick the way Queensland MPs use legislation for their own benefit to increase their wage while the average worker is made to abide by MP's legislation they change to suit themselves. Queensland can not afford to pay MP's the extra wage and they should lead by example.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</li> <li>• The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</li> </ul>

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<b>1250</b>	8/09/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct salaries for MPs should be separated from allowances.</li> <li>• Direct salaries should be linked to pay increases for Queensland public servants as MPs are in essence public servants of Queenslanders too. The same arguments that the Queensland Government makes for increases to the core public service should obviously apply to themselves. That means no backdating and only 2% and only once the Queensland Government has given the core public service their pay rise.</li> <li>• There should be greater accountability on politicians regarding their use of electoral allowances to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</li> <li>• The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</li> </ul>

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1281	8/09/2013	<p>I propose any pay increase be linked to that granted to public sector employees.</p> <p>As with public sector those taking on the role of a politician do so to serve the community.</p> <p>Any increase above this rate appears self serving an in contempt of our communities.</p>

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<b>1282</b>	8/09/2013	<p>The salaries of politicians should be comparable with people who work in community organisations. It is not right to pay politicians based on salaries of people in the corporate sector, which has got out of control and is no real indication of getting value for money.</p> <p>Politicians should not be paid per hour of service. Plenty of people who devote themselves to working in the community sector are not paid for every hour they spend working there.</p> <p>That being said, politicians should be encouraged to manage their time to ensure an appropriate work-life balance that models a reasonable expectation for public servants.</p> <p>The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>Queensland politicians' pay should not be linked to Commonwealth politicians' exorbitant pay.</p>
<b>1283</b>	8/09/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is my belief that direct salaries for Queensland MPs MUST be separated from allowances for work within their electorates. All REASONABLE expenses MUST be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</li> <li>• The Tribunal MUST ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by INCREASING the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</li> <li>• The Tribunal MUST ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</li> <li>• To this end the Tribunal MUST consider the broader community's opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal MUST also recognise the broader community's opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</li> </ul>

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1286	8/09/2013	<p>We as the public do not authorise to give you a pay rise of this size. Teachers and other public servants did without in the last pay rises they had a pay increase less than CPI - so this is the standard - so this will be your payrise and not a cent more. Unfortunately you appear to think that you can do anything at any time - you are not a good politician - you are only interested in yourself and your mates and not the public, not the people. Greed, selfishness and self-interest is not what we the people want or expect or accept of our paid politicians. YOU and your cronies do not deserve and will not get the \$59000 or anything like this. There is no way you deserve this as you have caused an increase in unemployment and damaged our state rating. YOU are put in a position to help Qld grow and succeed but all I have seen you do is slash and burn and take and close down. AND of course look after your mates. NO TO PAYRISE. You are a public servant elected by the people to do a job for a limited time. Control for you to be given a payrise is in my hands and I say NO.</p>
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<b>1296</b>	8/09/2013	<p>I was fine with the MPs salaries prior to the increase. \$125,000 base salary is suitable for an MP considering they have their office and car paid for. As a company director of a business employing 220 people I am constrained by my bank to pay myself \$125,000.</p> <p>This would also align with the base level SES salary as well. MPs are not controlling a large sophisticated organisation. On the standard tests for position responsibility of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) decision making,</li> <li>b) budgetary control, and</li> <li>c) staff management</li> </ul> <p>MPs rate quite low. Secondly, a state electorate is one third the size of a federal electorate. The connection between Federal MPs needs to be broken. It is far harder to service 100,000 voters than it is 35,000 in a typical state electorate</p>

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<b>1301</b>	9/09/2013	<p>I'm a public servant so do not wish to provide my surname for fear of reprisal.</p> <p>I believe the base salary provided to politicians is adequate, however think the electorate allowance needs to be accounted for better. I believe it is open to rorting by some less than honest MPs who believe it is a top up to their salary. In terms of salary increases from time to time, it should be equal to any increase the public service obtains, no more and no less.</p>

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<b>1322</b>	9/09/2013	<p>I simply want to express that I feel a 40% pay rise for our politicians at a time when most hard workers are struggling to get 2% is a national disgrace.</p> <p>I do not for one moment begrudge an MP a reasonable pay rise. They deserve it as most work hard, long hours to serve their constituencies, however 40-42% is too much.</p> <p>I was directly affected by the complete bodge up that the Queensland Health Payroll became and it hurts to see that skimmed over with nobody facing jail sentences, IBM being allowed to get away with their provision of a faulty system and then in the next breath, politicians awarding themselves a pay rise of such massive increase.</p> <p>It does not matter to us generally whether this is an overdue payrise. Please be sensible and give pay rises to our politicians in reasonable increments and do it honestly and openly so that there is some sort of accountability.</p>

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<b>1328</b>	9/09/2013	<p>Remuneration needs to be productivity based similar to effective private enterprise arrangements.</p> <p>Politicians should be payed a relatively low base salary with adequate expense allowances. They could then qualify for a bonus based on improvements in service delivery to the community and the attainment of specific financial goals.</p> <p>Likewise the superannuation arrangements need to be brought in line with private sector arrangements where superannuation is accumulated and the funds receive market returns. The funds are made available at the end of their working lives, like everyone else.</p> <p>Double-dipping where an ex-politician receives a generous pension payment but still works for the government in some role (such as diplomat or trade commissioner) should be outlawed immediately.</p>

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<b>1347</b>	9/09/2013	<p>politicians remuneration at the moment is probably in excess of the capabilities of them. Any form of increase should be in line with the CPI. For any other increase /bonus there should be KPI's that they should achieve and to make them accountable for their actions. These massive increases are wholly unjustified considering half these politicians rarely attend parliament and they are totally unaccountable for their actions which in the very near past have cost the taxpayer billions of dollars. On top of everything else their over generous tax payer funded pension should be reviewed ie not so generous and make it more like what we mere mortals receive at the age of 65, not from when they retire or are kicked out</p>
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1352	9/09/2013	I think that if they get a pay rise so should all the PEOPLE on a PENSION as we can not live on what we get. I would like to see the GOVERNMENT live on what we get a fortnight and pay all their bills i think it stinks what we get
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1373	9/09/2013	<p>• <b>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary.</b> I work for Queensland Health and in the past 'Option A' was added to our salaries as an easy way to bring overall remuneration in line with other states in an effort to attract staff to the region. My colleagues and I have been unfairly villified in the press as rorting the system on account of this. Your government is now attempting to removing or reducing the 'option A' allowance in line with this principle. If you believe this to be an appropriate course of action you must lead by example and apply the same principle to your own salaries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>• You are also public sector workers and as such your wage increases should be in line with those apportioned to the rest of us. Your work is no more valuable than ours.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</li> <li>• The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</li> <li>•</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</li> </ul>

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<b>1379</b>	9/09/2013	<p>Parliamentarians are Public Servants employed by the people of Queensland and should be treated the same as a Public Servant employee ie wage increments and superannuation. Yes Parliamentarians should receive a good wage but it should be all inclusive, just as a normal employee would have their salary inclusive of all entitlements. Superannuation should be on the same scale and conditions as a normal Public Service employee. Just because a Parliamentarian is elected does not mean conditions of employment should be greatly different. Presently there are far too many perks and discrepancies and this is what puts the general public offside. Parliamentarians are elected on good faith and should treat their election with respect instead of - 'well that is my entitlement'.</p>

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<b>1387</b>	9/09/2013	<p>Nobody begrudges politicians appropriate wage rises. The current issue is the gross difference between what public servants were offered (2-3% on average) and what politicians are going to receive.</p> <p>Surely, it is possible to push through some kind of legislation, so that such a measure cannot go forward. It is hypocritical to argue that the state's economy cannot sustain even reasonable pay rises for teachers, police, fireman etc, yet it can sustain this huge increase to politicians pay.</p> <p>Furthermore, the thousands of public servants who lost their jobs, must feel this injustice even more stingingly. Sometimes it is more important to do what is seemingly most "right" for the good of the people, not just what is legislatively "right". Politicians need to step up and do the ethically right thing and legislate against this pay rise and the issue of retrospectivity, or all public servants' future pay rises should be linked to parliamentary pay rises, or the reverse situation could also be considered - link politicians pay rises to that of the public service.</p>

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		<p>Being an MP for the state of Qld should be considered an honour as those people who are elected to parliament have been given one of the greatest gifts that the people can give and that is their voice. That being said the people who serve should have adequate remuneration, but this has to be put in context (please see Q4)</p> <p>Direct salary including superannuation as a total fixed compensation package is fair for those who serve in an executive role, but this must be kept in line with community expectations who want value for their money, as ultimately we the taxpayers are those who must furnish this package.</p> <p>2. If you believe there should be expense allowances, what sort of expenses should be allowed for? Please give examples.</p> <p>Regarding allowances, in the past these have been shown to be susceptible to rorting and some MPs have faced criminal sanctions, but allowances are a necessity for them to effectively perform their role. What I would ask the tribunal members to keep in mind is that an MP who represents a small inner city electorate does not require the same allowance as an MP who serves a western QLD electorate. Distance and representation should be a deciding factor as those of us who do live in a rural area still need access to our elected representatives even if this comes at a higher cost and has to be subsidized by the Govt.</p> <p>Obvious examples would be fuel and travel, resources to run an electoral office and people to staff them. Accommodation and meals should be capped at a certain amount per day so this is not abused. If an MP takes on more responsibility then of course the allowances and remuneration should reflect this, but if that extra responsibility is related to political party work then that should be funded by the party itself, not the QLD taxpayer.</p> <p>3. How do you think the Tribunal should ensure that allowances are only used to meet the reasonable expenses of an MP and are not regarded as a substitute for salary? It is my belief that allowances should not and cannot be used to “top up” a salary. In my submission I would ask that all MPs allowances are subject to the scrutiny of the Auditor-General of Queensland at the end of each financial year, and all money spent must be accounted for with receipts or tax invoices. Any leftover allowance is placed back into general revenue.</p> <p>This would keep the spending transparent, stop MPs from topping up their own salaries and calling those people who use this practice to account. Unexplained spending equals theft from the public purse and there needs to be vigorous checks and balances in place that are stronger than what we have now, and a zero tolerance policy on those who abuse it.</p> <p>4. What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant in determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities? The practice of tying members pay to those of their federal counter parts needs to be reviewed. Govt is NOT a business and In reality as MPs serve their electorates, they are public servants and in my opinion the tribunal members must take this into consideration when making their decision. Therefore I would submit that MPs be paid along the same structure as the public service and have the same wage rises as the core public service agreement. 2.5% of an MPs base salary is a lot more than say an AO3 so it does keep it in perspective in the eyes of the public.</p> <p>5. Is there anything else about MP remuneration that you think is important for the Tribunal to take into consideration? I think that after hearing the present government say how much debt we have and how poor our state is, the decision that this tribunal ultimately makes must be in line with community expectations and standards. A 43% pay increase when some MPs are earning \$150000 per annum is obscene, when 14,000 public sector workers have been retrenched and services have been cut</p>

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1445	9/09/2013	<p>MP s wages may need to be looked at perhaps in a sense of performance. I beleive they should get no lifetime pensions as it a job of honour not off financial gain or else the greed factor comes in. Currently there seems to be a lot off corruption in a sense of big business and government lining their pockets out off self interest and financial gain. This is a public servant job and needs to be remembered. The general public is paying their wages and making similar work and lifelong sacrifices . Bring back transparency and regular auditing off governments. How can an mp spend \$155k off our money on flying overseas, dining whores and gets no disciplinary action but instead runs for senate. Yet if the public puts a foot wrong we are swiftly dealt with. If it was to be a figure then I'm not sure as they have to many perks to add in it. They don't need to be chauffeured in expensive cars and the list goes on. They are and need to be reminded, a servant of the people.</p>
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1447	9/09/2013	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to make submission relating to the review of former Members of Parliament entitlements.</p> <p>There are two points I wish to make and the first one is that any changes in the law, particularly proposals to downgrade any entitlements as they stood at the time of the members retirement is tantamount to retrospective legislation, and as such is not considered either "good" or "fair" legislation.</p> <p>The second point I wish to make is in relation to what might be considered the main entitlements for members who have served 7 years and been elected on 3 occasions. These particular entitlements I refer to are the travel entitlements of the member and his or her spouse with 1 return air fare per member and spouse per annum plus rail travel on Railways of Australia. I would respectfully suggest that surely these entitlements</p>

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1449	9/09/2013	<p>All Allowances to be subjected to total transparency. Present situation open to abuse.            Big range on additional salary from \$8217 to \$143,499. Who decides on the amount of payment for the relevant roles.            In conclusion I am blown away by the salary, by so many allowances and if the super and pension are as generous it is time to say no to any further increase of remuneration in all forms for current and ex MP's. This government has sacked public servants to save money            We are constantly told "to live within our means" now it is time that this government showed that they are fair dinkum and took their own advice</p>
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1451	9/09/2013	<p>I am of the opinion that the salaries of Queensland MPs should'nt include allowances. Allowances for work within electorates must be kept separate so that it is used appropriately. Accountability for how allowances are used needs to be increased, ensuring taxpayers' dollars are spent with their intended purpose.</p> <p>This applies to many industries as well as government, where allowances are awarded in line with salaries but the expenditure must reflect the payment. The value of Queensland MPs must be assessed against Queensland community standards and with no comparisons to politicians in other jurisdictions. Increases in salary for Queensland MPs should directly link to public sector wages, which are in line with cost of living increases in Queensland. Most agencies in the public sector have accepted pay rise offers at between 2.2 and 2.7%. I would prefer to see a pay increase of 3% for Queensland MPs, ensuring inflation of cost of living expenses is met. In general, the community opposes the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay, and a significant amount of opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary. Geographically, Queensland is a very large state and allowances need to reflect additional costs travel within regional electorates incurs. MPs use tax payers' money for these expenses, and as such the details should be publicly available on the Queensland Parliament website. Any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate should be included.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to give my input on a fair pay increase for Queensland MPs.</p>
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1453	9/09/2013	<p>I submit that politicians in our state get paid enough! they have access to a lot of entitlements beyond their basic salaries. they get extra remuneration for being on committees, and no doubt other sinecures less known to the general public. they enter the job knowing what the pay rates are and also have entitlement to access their superannuation once they leave or get voted out of office even if they are below the age when most people can not draw their superannuation. Maybe the better idea might be for our politicians to lay out at election time what remuneration they want for the next term of their office.</p> <p>also in general most government employees have to fight tooth and nail to get a rise NOT so our politicians.</p> <p>and as for the furphy promulgated by our politicians along the lines of "oh we have an independent review system in place", well is it not a fact that along the line somewhere it will be stacked with you do me a favour I will do you a favour at a later date. though I expect you will strongly disagree with my last comment.</p>
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<b>1463</b>	9/09/2013	<p>Politicians should receive the same cpi increase as what a regular employee would receive. I'm in public service and we get roughly 3.5% to 4% .</p> <p>I agree that they are entitled to a pay rise each year but it needs to be a smaller percentage.</p>
<b>1464</b>	9/09/2013	<p>Pay increase should be same as offered to all other public servants regardless of their position. Same across the board for every single tax payer funded position. Only the initial base pay should be different. So if level 8 is for example \$200,000 when they first take on the job then the pay increase is 2.5% across the board, then the longer they are in the role obviously the more they will be paid with every yearly increase.</p>

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<b>1468</b>	9/09/2013	My thought has always been that if we want intelligent, thoughtful, responsible people, with the knowledge of how to balance money (which is not totally theirs with which to play around), we need to pay them the remuneration which encourages people to take on the job the majority of the community thinks is waste of the community's time.
<b>1469</b>	9/09/2013	<p>Number of issues.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There must be some form of performance assessment annually for the political - not just an election every 3yrs. For example how many Bills have they submitted, How often do they attend the house, how reflective is their representation of their constituents wishes. This can be achieve by use of today's electronic media - constituents can advise MPs on how they wish them to vote on issues.</li> <li>2. Miscellaneous Allowance" of \$32,355 per year is ridiculous - what for must be specific.</li> <li>3. Salary must reflect the role. Premier is currently paid more than the US President. who has the greater responsibility.</li> <li>4. Entitlements have to go. Are now completely over the top. Reasonable expense are fair: phone, travel, office/staff cost. If they have to travel for business they should have to get to the airport by taxi not have a plane pick them up at their property in central Qld as per the Deputy Premier - rort.</li> <li>5. Salary scale should increase by percentages \$x for MP, \$x plus 10% for a minister etc.</li> <li>6. All expenses must be submitted and must be vetted and signed off by an independent accounting/authority firm. As per the corporate sector.</li> <li>7. The idea that a Position Description cannot be drafted is BS. One should be developed and implemented. If you can't do it I'll gladly engage somebody on your behalf who can.</li> <li>8. All MP's benefits should end with their departure: no free travel passes, superannuation should be in line with the average</li> </ol>

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		<p>Australian Worker 9% of their salary goes into a super fund and they can only get it once they reach retirement age. None of this pension for life [inappropriate content] after only serving 2-3 terms.</p> <p>9. Any breaches of the public trust by an MP, government official should carry a sentence double that handed down by a magistrate, judge or jury. Dishonest conduct by a government employee is unacceptable.</p>
<b>1470</b>	9/09/2013	<p>I think it is only fair that all workers, ALL workers, have their pay increases linked to the CPI.</p> <p>We are not a dictatorship, we should not suffer some workers taking advantage.</p> <p>In the instance of 'Public Servants (this title should be said slowly and the meaning understood)also get many extras, during office and well beyond that usual workers do not.</p> <p>Enough is enough..</p>
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1476	9/09/2013	I believe that any increase in the earnings and allowances of Qld State politicians should be restricted to CPI increases also provided to State Public Servants. The massive in increases proposed this year are ludicrous given the Government's efforts to reduce spending and public servant positions!
1477	9/09/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The ordinary people of this state are ADAMANTLY against any dramatic pay rises for politicians, a fact of which I'm sure you are all well aware, and come the next election, this will be a KEY ISSUE.</b></li> <li>• <b>To wilfully ignore the wishes of the electorate and grant large payrises not linked to public sector wages is simply an abandonment of your promise to faithfully represent the people of Queensland.</b></li> <li>• Would you be willing to sit down face to face with the families of the hard working and loyal public servants you have sacked in order to explain to them why you deserve such exorbitant rates of pay? Do you think they never worked unpaid overtime or weekends?</li> <li>• The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. In fact, the OPPOSITE!!! Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. You of all</li> </ul>

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1479	9/09/2013	<p>I do not believe that the rate of 42% is an appropriate scale of remuneration and is an insult to all tax paying Queenslanders.</p> <p>I strongly believe that they should be made to adhere to the scale available to all other Public Servants. That is 2.35%</p>
1480	9/09/2013	<p>I think 42% pay rise is a joke I think they should get 2.35% just like the rest of us public servants. I think they are over payed already. I would like them to try and live of my wage</p>
1481	9/09/2013	<p>I strongly object to 42% pay rise to polititons. I think the same rule they use for public servants should be use on there salaries fair pay rise for all same rule wherether you a pollie or public servant.</p>
1482	9/09/2013	<b>Confidential</b>

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1484	9/09/2013	Queensland MPs pay increase should be limited. And be on par with the Queensland Public Service. No more no less  A 42% increase is obscene and totally out of touch with public expectation
1485	9/09/2013	I do not believe that a payrise of 42% is in the best interest of QLD and is an outrage to All Queenslanders.  The pay rise should be in line with the pay rise offered to public servants and capped at 2.35%
1486	9/09/2013	I do not believe that this pay rise is necessary or justified. I believe that pay rises for state government MP's should be in line with public servant pay rises. If 2.2% is all the government can apparently afford for their "valued" employees, then 2.2% should be all they can afford for their MP's.
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1489	9/09/2013	<p>I agree that Politicians should get a good pay as they have a number of expenses to attend to. I do not agree with the rises they get, as it usually is overboard. Sometimes they money is bigger than the lowest paid worker in society. I would like to see their pay rises attached to the general worker pay rises. If the general worker get a pay rise of 2% then politicians should get a similar rise. They would not get a rise unless the general workers also got a pay rise. As for the gold cards they could be given but for a period of only 3 years after they leave parliament. This business that they get it for life is being too generous and should be stopped immediately.</p>
1490	9/09/2013	<p>MP pay rises should be in line with the public sector/service that implement their policies. So, when the next EBA commences, the result automatically confers the same percentage increase to the parliamentarians.</p> <p>Also, this means further reforms - consolidating the awards into one, rather than the public service vs public sector. Standard hours per day would also need to be aligned (7:15 vs 7:36).</p>
1491	9/09/2013	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An appropriate remuneration structure should be a pre determined salary with superannuation. Allowances for expenses is open to rort and should not be included.</li> <li>2. Anything that comes out of the MPs pocket in the course of their duties should be paid for by the taxpayer.</li> <li>3. By not pre paying an allowance. Making MP's use a corporate card, that requires justification of expenditure or applying to a finance committee for larger amounts.</li> <li>4. Experience and Qualifications. The longer someone is a Member, the more remuneration could be. If these people do not perform satisfactorily they get voted out. People do this job as a service to their community. They should be recompensed. However, the figures that are being quoted are way over the top for community standards. Index the functions to the role of mid to upper management in a private company and also factor in time off, other benefits and the fact that most can run their own firms, which means it can not be considered a full time job.</li> <li>5. Community Standards. In a time when the public is being asked to tighten their belts, the public service is being descimated and programs being cut all in the name of fiscal responsibility I find it the height of arrogance and folly that any politician is entertaining the idea of presenting themselves a pay rise. In the public and private sectors we all have to prove productivity gains or acheive higher qualifications to get pay rises. Politicians do not have to meet these requirements.</li> </ol>

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<b>1502</b>	9/09/2013	<p>I feel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</li> <li>• The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary. It is hypocritical of politicians to be cutting jobs and wages of hard working, necessary staff and then continue to line their own pockets.</li> </ul> <p>Thanks for your time.</p>

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1507	9/09/2013	I feel they should not receive a large pay increase. They already receive a large salary and should not get more than 2% increase if any. They are already out of touch with the general public and could not possibly understand the financial pressures we are under. Many of us do valuable work, eg nurses, but we do not receive large pay increases. Why should they be any different?
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1512	9/09/2013	<p>Think it is important to incorporate an Efficiency Dividend into the salary setting. Given the current deficit increases to be limited to CPI until the deficit has been cleared. At this stage increases of 10% would be appropriate.</p>
1513	9/09/2013	<p><b>Just a quick suggestion on the pay of politicians – as per the request in today's Courier Mail</b></p> <p>I feel the current system of remuneration should be changed to bring it more in line with what happens in the private sector which is what politicians are always comparing themselves with.</p> <p><b>The current system is at fault as:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Politicians receive their full salary no matter what the result of their decisions or actions.</li> <li>2. Often Politicians decisions are made out of political expediency or political advantage and the good of those being governed is not taken into account.</li> <li>3. Other than the ballot box there are no consequences for Politicians who mislead and lie to achieve or hold office</li> <li>4. There are virtually no consequences for politicians who rort their expenses, travel allowances etc</li> </ol> <p><b>My suggestion for a change to the way Politicians are remunerated is simple:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Their current package is abolished</li> <li>2. They receive a base salary that is significantly lower than the current level and hugely lower than the now scrapped 42% pay rise.</li> </ol>

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		<p>3. They receive a bonus that is based on how they have performed. For example if during the election process they promised to create 300,000 jobs in their term in office and they achieved this (excluding public service jobs) then they would receive a bonus. If on the other hand they fell short no bonus would be payable.</p> <p>4. If during their term a financial disaster arose such as the health department payroll scandal there would be a cancelling of bonus for all involved in the decision and process leading to the disaster.</p> <p>5. If they were shown to have knowingly lied during the election process or at any time during their term in office and it had negative consequences for the electorate then this would be sufficient for bonus cancelling.</p> <p>6. If it could be demonstrated that action was taken in parliament that was detrimental to the electorate but of political advantage to the perpetrator then this also would negate the bonus.</p> <p>7. If the financial health of the state at the end of the term was in excess (in terms of budget surplus, GDP, unemployment numbers, social good etc) of what was promised then there would be a sliding scale of <b>over</b> bonus payments.</p> <p>8. If any politician was found rorting his or her expenses or any other financial skulduggery then naturally their bonus would be cancelled no matter how good the other bonus factors had been.</p>
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1521	9/09/2013	<p>I read the article in the courier mail this morning and saw you were seeking additional feedback. I am 43 - I have 2 qualifications and I get paid \$54,000 per year. A politician's remuneration should be high enough that it compensates the demands on their family time etc. perhaps it could be performance related with key performance indicators factored in. For example - the 2 MP's currently in disgrace should not only be given no payrise they should be giving their remuneration back.</p> <p>If I had a photo of my [inappropriate content] online I would be terminated at once and have no salary. Not enough is done when a politician doesn't meet there KPI's - take Chris Thomson for example.</p> <p>If private enterprise is offering more salary for elected representatives then let them serve their term out then leave and pursue other positions.</p> <p>I think the current salary structure is adequate. They should receive CPI increases and could perhaps receive an annual bonus incentive based on politicians meeting there KPI's.</p> <p>Key Performance Indicators could be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- state debt</li> <li>- attendance at parliament</li> <li>- employment rates</li> <li>- surveys of their local community.</li> <li>- good stewardship of public funds.</li> </ul> <p>Finally 3 members I observe - Andrew Powell, jarrod Bleije and Peter Wellington Would be members I believe who deserve a bonus.</p> <p>However why reward everyone when not all members represent their electorate and state with decency expected by their electorate.</p> <p>If KPI's work in private enterprise could it be transferred to the public sector.</p> <p>I am happy to discuss this further as 2000 words is not enough space.</p>

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1531	9/09/2013	<p>I believe that an MP's remuneration should be provided under the same rules/regulations as those provided under the Fair Work Act for other Public Servants - e.g. teachers, police, etc.</p> <p>Salary should be just that - a Salary, all inclusive. This should be equivalent to other top-ranking Public service providers. Allowances should be for directly provable, work-related expenses only, e.g. representation.</p> <p>Other expenses, like travel, should be based on a Per Diem system, with amounts paid upon proof (i.e. an expense reimbursement). This way, expenses are capped and directly correlated to services performed - just like for the rest of the employed.</p> <p>Politicians should be employed under the same remuneration guidelines as the general population - with the 'Employer' being classified as (broadly) 'The People'.</p>

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1532	9/09/2013	<p><b>Re: Submission to the Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal</b></p> <p>Firstly, may I congratulate the Queensland Government for setting up this tribunal. The issue of politicians' salary and entitlements is an emotive one for the community and having an independent body to investigate and set more appropriate remuneration that fits in the modern world of the 21st Century is long overdue.</p> <p>I have chosen to address the questions raised in your discussion document as well as making an introductory statement.</p> <p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <p>I have a personal interest in this issue as I have in the past consulted to local governments on developing appropriate remuneration packages for Councillors so that it is seen at "arms-length" from the Councillors themselves and I strongly support this principle. When I used to do this work, initially I favoured a link to the Federal Remuneration Tribunal, using that as a basis to set local government political remuneration where such politicians were full time (mainly in Queensland). However, I became more and more concerned about the Federal process as it seemed to be out of step with community sentiment and I now believe strongly that the whole basis of remuneration needs to be challenged and reassessed. As an example, when the basis for politician's remuneration was first set up (particularly their generous superannuation entitlements), it was true to say that their uncertain job security warranted a more generous package at a time when most Australian's enjoyed long term job security. That world has now entirely disappeared with most Australians facing major changes in jobs and careers and indeed having to create portfolios of work over their working life. Furthermore, the Federal Tribunal has never considered freezing salaries and automatically adopts the principle that there should be increases based on CPI or other factors. This smacks of a lazy approach at a time when businesses expected their workers to deliver something in return for a pay increase. In a time of economic difficulties post the global financial crisis, a lot of small business owners have not increased their own personal remuneration and maintained long periods of stable remuneration so as to keep their costs to their consumers down. This discipline does not appear to be ever applied when considering politician's pay.</p> <p>There are a number of principles that I believe are critical to ensuring that the remuneration for our Queensland members of parliament is appropriate and will gain community support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognising the value of the role (your discussion paper is spot on here as it is a difficult role to quantify and place a market value on);</li> <li>• Building trust in the remuneration system; (it is in nobody's interest to have the remuneration questioned every time there is a change in pay);</li> <li>• A fair and transparent system that is open to scrutiny;</li> <li>• A system that is straightforward and easy to manage;</li> <li>• A system that is flexible and can be changed in the future without major difficulty (therefore ensure that base level entitlements are slit from others);</li> <li>• A system that does not need to be redesigned regularly and has stability for a longer term (although this seems incompatible with</li> </ul>

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		<p>the point before, it is about the design of the elements that I am referring to here, whereas the above point is about having the capacity to alter the quantum of individual elements when needed).</p> <p><b>Question One: In considering the role of a Queensland MP, do you believe an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation), and some expense allowances associated with performing the role of a MP? Please explain your answer</b></p> <p>My preference is to design a system that has a separate remuneration package from other expense allowances that I see are part of the tools needed to perform the function.</p> <p>In designing the base salary there are two options – one is to create a tiered salary structure with MLAs on the bottom tier, Committee members and whips on a second tier; Leader of the Opposition, Ministers and the Speaker on a third tier and the Premier on a fourth tier based on some assessed notion of work level; the other is to have a base salary for all MLAs with different salary allowances paid for specific roles. I have no views as to which is preferable, other than to make it as simple as possible and defensible.</p> <p>In terms of a remuneration package, I would suggest that the following be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Base salary;</li> <li>• Superannuation (with a system that is much closer to community norms);</li> <li>• Car for full personal use and managed as per the ATO rules; and</li> <li>• Salary sacrifice to enable packaging of other benefits such as school fees etc. with clear rules as to how this operates including no additional cost to the employer.</li> </ul> <p>In terms of the other allowances, I would prefer to see these as tools of the trade and managed separately:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to the government driver pool based on whatever rules are appropriate;</li> <li>• Provision of a mobile phone with all calls being paid;</li> <li>• Payment of a home phone rental and a percentage of all home calls;</li> <li>• Provision of appropriate digital tools such as ipads and computers and all communications being paid;</li> <li>• Provision of an electoral office and staff according to a formula relating to electorate size (both geographic and number of constituents);</li> <li>• Provision of a budget to run the electoral office which is managed according to standard budget principles and is also based on a formula relating to electorate size (both geographic and number of constituents) ;</li> <li>• Provision of a budget for travel and accommodation with individual expenses managed as per Tribunal rules; and</li> <li>• Provision of a modest budget to cover the quite onerous social obligations of an MP which does not need to be accounted for with separate dockets as per the travel allowances (e.g. buying raffle tickets at the local functions etc.)</li> </ul>

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		<p>aligned to some point in the executive managers (SES scales) and other roles to senior management functions. Other benchmarks might include larger NGOs managerial positions. It has always been a tradition for the Ministers to be paid at a lower level than their DGS and this should be maintained.</p> <p>More generally, there should be some comparative assessment against the median wages paid across the board in Queensland with some notional setting of a relevant quartile that could guide decision making on base salary. I would recommend not using the top quartile but perhaps the lower part of the third quartile as a possibility.</p> <p>Underpinning this needs to be a recognition that people go into public office for many different reasons and remuneration is not necessarily the primary motivation. It is neither necessary nor desirable to over pay our politicians, being cautious is a better option.</p> <p><b>Question Five: Is there anything else about MP remuneration that you think is important for the Tribunal to take into consideration?</b></p> <p>Decisions on how the annual cycle of review is determined and whether it is desirable to review annually or longer and the implications of this should be part of the tribunal deliberations as well as the general economic environment.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to put a submission to you. I would be happy to provide any more information if this could be of help or elaborate on any of my answers to your questions.</p>
1533	9/09/2013	As MPs are our leaders and should lead by example remuneration increases should be no more then awarded to the general public service in enterprise bargaining agreements. The current remuneration should be tied to the appropriate level in the Qld Public Service not to federal MPs rates.
1534	9/09/2013	Wages are to high and to lower wages it must start at the top so therefore I am against this wage rise
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1536	9/09/2013	I submit that politicians pay rises be linked to the public service pay rises. They are most definitely not work the money we pay them and I'm sick of my tax dollar funding 'welfare politicians' I'd rather it went to a struggling single mother.
1537	9/09/2013	<p>The remuneration for MPs should be linked to public service pay rises. If public servants are only worth a 2% pay offer, then those making that decision should be worth no more than that.</p> <p>Former MPs should not be eligible for increases in remuneration over the amount that they were eligible for during their last term in office.</p>
1538	9/09/2013	I believe all government salaries should be subject to Members attaining set KPI's reviewed every 6 months. Thats twice a year members salaries are reviewed against them achieving 6 set KPI's to asses what they have done for their employers the Tax payers. There would be a number of members that no one would know what they do or what they get paid for. 12 KPI's is one set task a month they must complete.How difficult does it have to be. !! THEY SHOULD BE ASSESSED BY AN INDEPENDENT BODY, not one paid by the Government.THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE AND WILL WAIT AND SEE HOW INDEPENDENT YOUR REVIEW IS.
1539	9/09/2013	<p>Thank you for the opportunity of presenting a submission to your tribunal.</p> <p>I have read the discussion relative discussion paper and, using your numbered questions, submit as follows;</p> <p>1. I believe an appropriate remuneration should include;</p> <p>a/ a <b>fixed salary</b> incorporating superannuation . The <b>salary</b> should be fixed for the term of the government i.e. until the next election and should be set by the tribunal taking into account CPI and productivity improvements only. These are the major considerations in all other salary and wage reviews and MPs should be no different.</p> <p>b/ <b>Superannuation</b> should be along the same lines as those enjoyed by the general public and should be fully funded i.e. contribution by Govt. should be restricted to that required by legislation (9.25%) and if the MP wishes they may then top up their super by way of salary sacrifice. This non- contributory superannuation must stop. It was designed in an era when politicians lacked job security. No one in the community or in public service enjoys job security any longer. Access to super should be along the same lines as the general public i.e. at a certain age (generally 60) and on retirement.</p> <p>2. Expense allowances are appropriate however must be <b>budgeted and tied</b> to the actual expense. Allowances should extend to funding their office (limited agreed staff, office expenses like stationery, postage, telephone etc.), Motor vehicle (one only and for their use only NOT family members) travel and accommodation for REGIONAL MPs. Overseas and even interstate travel by MPs and their staff and family's needs to be controlled. No longer should there be a right for them to travel so many times during their</p>

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		<p>terms of office. As for anyone else, such travel should be either <b>strictly and very transparently government business</b>, or paid for by the MP. It is the “sneaky” little perks of office and stretching of the truth that so rubs the wrong way and gives the poor perception of politicians evident today. More transparency and control is required.</p> <p>3. Allowances should be <b>budgeted</b> at the beginning of each year and outgoings then controlled by the Premiers office, or similarly high office, with full explanation of overspending required by each MP under threat of such overspending being payable by them personally. And this needs to be seen to be done not just given lip service.</p> <p>4. I would have difficulty coming up with benchmarks and would leave this to the tribunal. A combination of levels of pay enjoyed by other state MP’s (peer comparison) , public service pay scales (comparative duties) , a bit of common sense and an understanding of what the people of Queensland may be prepared to pay would be a start.</p> <p>5. a/<b>Transparency</b> is important.  b/ superannuation with its apparent lack of contribution by MPs and their access to it before retirement age is an ongoing concern and needs to be better explained and fully funded.  c/ access by MPs whether they be back benchers, ministers or Premiers to the perks of office after they have left needs to be curbed or removed altogether. They are all well remunerated while in office, they should not continue to be a drain on the public purse after they leave, sometimes in not such good circumstances.</p> <p>Thank you again for this opportunity</p>
1540	9/09/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers’ monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</li> <li>• The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians’ pay to Commonwealth</li> </ul>

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1541	9/09/2013	<p>I am a 56yo male Toowoomba resident. A small article in today's Courier Mail newspaper alerted me to the remuneration tribunal email relative to State MP salaries and the need to appreciate community expectation.</p> <p>It is a longstanding belief of mine that in the best interests of the state's workforce, MP (both State and Federal) salaries should be a set multiple of the basic wage. The incentive to effect an MP pay rise is then focused on first raising the average wage, and to achieve this local industry is likely to benefit (thereby building wealth for prosperity). This has the potential to refocus government on the interests of the electorate rather than cyclic and obscure party ideologies and other distractions.</p> <p>The definition of what constitutes the average wage is the only, but critically important, sticking point.</p> <p>For the purpose of constituting the MP salary, the average wage should be limited to the bulk of the workforce and specifically exclude the incomes of executive and corporate levels; and the mining industry (due to unrealistic comparison to most worker incomes). The wage should instead be based on that of labourers (not industry chiefs), drivers (not owners), mechanics (not engineers), nurses (not doctors) etc. I expect the Queensland average to be about \$50,000 pa. For example, if the MP salary was set at two and a half times that of a QLD worker (say \$125,000.00), then the average worker (voter) will have a more relevant perception of MP worth (money for value). This is more likely to avoid the present disconnect and favour a greater percentage of community interest in the respective MP's.</p> <p>I have raised this many times over the years but the only political party that thought this was a good idea was One Nation. If you think it has worth please contact me as I am more than happy to discuss. If not, I have at least given my two cents worth.</p>
1542	9/09/2013	<p>Essential to have a body totally independent of any government influence to set remuneration for parliamentary members to avoid the disgraceful and immorally large benefits allotted to them in times of financial hardship of the community as happened during Julia Gillard's term as PM &amp; also in Anna Bligh's term as Q'ld's Premier. Remember they are Public "SERVANTS" using taxpayer's money! All "SIDE BENEFITS" such as free or discounted travel , cars, drivers &amp; many other life long benefits for polititians should CEASE on retirement or sacking from their positions. They are well financially &amp; personally rewarded during their tenure &amp; it seems like stealing from the populace to be granted these benefits whilst SO MANY Australians are desperately struggling to survive. IT IS IMMORAL &amp; UNJUST!! They should remember that they are "SERVANTS OF THE CITIZENS" of this country.We should look after less fortunate citizens - pensioners, the ill,the disadvantaged of our land.</p> <p>There are many examples of the abuse of the monetary &amp; other benefits allowed to politicians .</p>

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<b>1544</b>	9/09/2013	I submit that the politicians do not continue to be paid nearly \$500,000 a year when they retire and they certainly do not make that in their careers. I think that they should earn no more than \$350,000 a year and the rest be put back into welfare to reduce poverty. Our children are becoming invisible to them and they are just greedy.
<b>1545</b>	9/09/2013	I do not have any real objection to politicians receiving a reasonable salary, but feel that any increase should be limited to that applying to the general work force. It is the various perks that I feel needs attention, particularly their superannuation entitlement, which is vastly over the top. When we look at any increase in salary we need to look at the total package they are receiving and the total cost to the taxpayer. In the past the case was made for the level of remuneration to be high due to the uncertainty of job security with the need to face reelection every 3 years, but that argument no longer applies just to politicians but to the work force as a whole as security is no longer there. As to ex members I would think that would be an insult to the public to back date any remuneration so they would have any entitlement.

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<b>1549</b>	9/09/2013	<p>In the Courier Mail dated Monday September 9 on page 13 there was a small article on how the Re-numeration Tribunal was calling for comments form the public on how politicians should be paid and that we have until 5pm on Tuesday to submit any comments.</p> <p>This appears to have been very sneakily done so that few people, and I am one, who would be aware of this review and be able to make a submission.</p> <p>Quite frankly, it is my point of view that, the tribunal themselves should be axed and Fair Work Australia should be the responsible government entity.</p> <p>All politicians pay rises should be part of the yearly review that Fair Work undertakes and any pay rise granted would be the same as given to all workers, not a cent more.</p> <p>This tribunal that awards our incompetent politicians with massive pay rises should be the first change. Fair work then should review all politicians pay and entitlements against the world standards and then seek comments from all stakeholders for their input.</p> <p>It is time for a complete change in how politicians wages and entitlements are administered.</p>
<b>1550</b>	9/09/2013	<p>You and your cronies are always lookun for ways to [inappropriate content] sole parents. How bout u look in the mirror. The \$\$ u earn for the [inappropriate content] job u do is obscene. How bout recognizin the grate hob we do</p>
<b>1551</b>	9/09/2013	<p>I agree that a politician has a difficult, often thankless job and may have to be available at all hours. In as much, I feel that they deserve a considerable wage and how that is established is not what I want to address. The point of rises in wages is where I would like to address. I am lead to understand that politicians are linked and if federal politicians receive a raise it goes down the chain through to local government. I may be misinformed and so the next point is moot. If that is the case, what makes a rise of x% satisfactory for a politician when they argue about a much lower rise for an employee with the same employer (Qld Gov) such as a teacher, police officer, nurse, fireperson. The arguement by the Queensland Government was that they couldn't afford a rise</p>

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1552	9/09/2013	Parliamentarian wage rises should be linked to those awarded to the Public Service.
1553	9/09/2013	Queensland MPs pay increase should match the increase that is being offered to public servants. They are also public servants and deserve no more than the 2.2% they are currently offering the public service. To give them any increase at all at the moment when they have sacked so many people causing them to loose they homes, go on centrelink handouts or just causing they family high levels of stress struggling to meet their overheads is a disgrace, so if you legally have to give the lying criminals anything, then don't let it be more than what they are offering the rest of the public service, especially since they are up there setting themselves up with businesses to line their pockets after they finish in government.
1554	9/09/2013	I don't mind the 42 % pay rise as long as they get rid of all the expenses accounts and the "golden hand shake for sitting and old M.P.'s. They have a good pay and an excellent super and that's more than any hard working person gets. And we all have to learn to live within our means.
1555	9/09/2013	I strongly feel that once a MP leaves Parliament, that he/she should only take with them what other employees take with them from regular employers.  We, as people in the State of Queensland, have to remember that there is a budget to keep to and to keep on paying ex MP's, it has to stop so money can be used elsewhere (infrastructure, etc)that require IMMEDIATE funding. MP's are currently earning WAY TOO MUCH as it is.
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<b>1557</b>	9/09/2013	<p>I am disgusted that the Queensland politicians have accepted a pay rise that nearly equals my annual salary as a Queensland firefighter. They have continually stated that in this economic climate we all need to tighten our belts. The United Firefighters Union of Queensland has been attempting to negotiate our EB agreement ever since the Newman Government came into power but has been continually stalled and the Newman government has passed legislation that is designed to impede the negotiation process. The government stated that legislation forced them to accept a 42% pay rise yet they simply change the legislation to impede the negotiations for a pay rise of about 3% for Queensland firefighters. Why don't they simple change the legislation that applies to their pay rise as they have for other Queenslanders and accept a realistic increase? The rules should be equal for ALL Queenslanders or are do they consider themselves superior to the rest of us. They should remember that they are public servants of the state of Queensland, as are we, and should therefore be required to abide by the same rules that expect the rest of us to abide by.</p>
<b>1558</b>	9/09/2013	<p>I feel that Mp's are already paid more then generously.  They should not get travel too and from Brisbane if they live too far away from their place of work, they should move closer or just not take the position. The same decision us ordinary people are forced to make.  They should not get the ludicrous allowances they get either. Too many times we read how these allowances have been abused. There should be More Accountability and regular Auditing of all expenses.  Ex Mp's, or Govenor Generals, Prime Ministers etc should not be given a wage for the rest of their lives, nor should they be given travel allowances, cars and even staff and offices... And what about their stationairy allowances, theres another rort..  Mp's should be paid on a performance basis. Ie, members like peter slipper and craig Thompson would be paid what they are worth and so would only ever had been paid an Entry level wage of just the Average Australian Wage.  So in your consideration you should use the stats too see how many Australians are on the Basic Wage and given that most Mp's performance is just average then they should start at the Average wage and keep the allowances, audited each year.  Superannuation and Pensions should also be inline with the Australian worker.. Why do Mp's deserve 15% superannuation when nearly all Australian Employers are hard pressed paying the Real Workers just 9%?  You want to know why there is such distain for politicians, its because of all the Rorting we here of, the Highly INflated wages and expense accounts, free travel and god knows what not..  In the interest of FAIRNESS, please scale it back, and maybe even put another freeze on wages until Emergency Services are given at least the measeley 2.5% increase these IMPORTANT members of society, providing The Real Services to Society Have to Protest to get the government to even consider to grant them..  Pay our Emergency services and Hospital Staff before you give these Fat CATs mo</p>
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1560	9/09/2013	<p>The remuneration of Queensland politicians must be seen by the tax payers to be fair. Their remuneration should be peg to whatever Fair Work Australia award workers under industrial awards. In addition Politicians receive other allowance that the average worker under an award get.</p>
1561	9/09/2013	<p>Parliamentary wages and conditions, are to be consistent with offers made in the Public Service. With the option to freeze Parliamentary wages if public sector wages are frozen.</p>
1562	9/09/2013	<p>MPs should receive a wage only and claim their expenses on tax. It has been shown in the past &amp; present that MPs have no hesitation spending tax payer's money as they seem to think it is their right. Relocation allowances &amp; other allowances after being voted out is plain ridiculous, no one else in the real world get such \$. MPs get a good wage and can afford to support their own relocation costs. MPs wages should be linked to that of the lowest paid person in the public servant. MPs claim to serve the public but are completely out of touch with people earning regular wages under \$60000 per year. These people struggle to pay insurances, rates, rego and utility bills. They have to pay their own transport costs to work and yet well paid polies wouldn't even know how to use the public transport system, relying on being driven around or using government cars. MPs need to get in touch with the real world &amp; the difficulties the public are facing. With their high wages, perks and super, MPs have no idea how regular people struggle and how their decisions affect the public. Their super should be the same as normal public servants and available to them at the same time as everyone else. Being highly paid doesn't mean that they will do a better job. A lot of public servants are paid under \$50000 and do a fantastic job and have considerable responsibilities. It would seem that in this time of financial difficulty and the mass sacking of public servants, pay increases for MPs shouldn't even be considered. We need people who want to do the job and who are not just after the money and perks. I don't receive any more money for being on the WH&amp;S committee or LCC I do it because I am committed to my job. Pay increases for normal people are lucky to be 3% MPs certainly shouldn't be anymore. 3% of their present wage is a lot more than 3% of my \$35,000 wage. Keep it affordable, get back to basics and inline with the public's wages. MPs pay &amp; perks r a huge public bill and need to be reined in.</p>

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<b>1563</b>	9/09/2013	<p>The current wages of political leaders is absolutely absurd. Including the retirement packages. This proposed 42% increase of pay is simply corrupt and in no way justifiable. Campbell Newman would be earning the same as the USA president, Barack Obama, which is \$400,000 a year!</p> <p>The QLD premier earning the same amount as the USA president? What a joke. Tony Abbott is on \$500,000 a year as Prime Minister, making him the 3rd highest earning leader in the world (Behind Singapore and Hong Kong). Kevin Rudd, Julia Gillard and the other 5 living former Prime Ministers would be on a PENSION of \$371,000 a year each. To put this in perspective the British Prime Minister earns \$250,000, and that's whilst he's in power! Compare this to the Age Pension for average Australian's which is \$20,000 a year. BUT, not only do former Prime Ministers get \$371,000 each per year, they also get a \$200,000 superannuation plus many allowances and entitlements such as free air travel for life, a car, office and staff.</p> <p>This money should be distributed to health, education, bettering the future of current Australians. Please do not allow this to happen. It is not in the best interest of the Australian people. We all need to work for what we get, giving people this much money for ensuring the Australian people are adequately treated is a paradox within itself. Thank you</p>
<b>1564</b>	9/09/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</li> <li>• The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</li> </ul>

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1566	9/09/2013	<p>MP's do need a wage plus super and they do ned to be refunded for reasonable expenses.</p> <p>Their wage increases should be in line with what other workers in the community recieve. Noone forced them into the position of being an MP. These people are leaders of the state and therefore should lead by example. if public servants have to have their wages increases depending on the state of the states finances then our leaders should be no different.</p> <p>Their superannuation should not be able to be touched until they reach retirement age the same as the rest of the workers. Their expenses need to cover their work as an MP, office costs, travel expenses, other geninue costs in fulfilling their duties as an MP. THere needs to be an accounting for the money they spend, if there is no reciept then there is no expenses paid or if money is given first they have to pay it back and that needs to be enforced. This is public money they are playing with and it seems they think it is a bottomless pit. Their expenses need to be open to public view.</p> <p>Number 4 is the tough one as the sit so few days now what are they really worth. What are they doing back in the office, how many hours are they there do they need to clock in and out so they are there at least 20 hours a week, I know they meet other people and they attend functions at night and this needs to be taken into account. One needs to look at the current member for redcliff to see where the current system falls down badly. He is being paid a generous amount by many peoples terms for doing nothing. You would hope at that level the honor system would work but it is always the few that wreck it for the many. At the present time I do not believe we are getting value for money from these people. How to fix it I am not sure, I wish you the best and hope you have the wisdom of solomon as you work through the issues.</p>

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<b>1568</b>	9/09/2013	<p>I do not have serious issues about the pay while in parliament, but do have major concerns about high superannuation and pension payments.</p> <p>In my view they should not get higher than 15% super contributions while elected and should only be able to access their super when they attain the same legal position afforded to all other Australians. As far as pensions are concerned, they should only last one term of government after they loose their seat. That goes for federal and state as far as I am concerned no matter what position is held. After all they are there serving the public not ripping them off.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
<b>1569</b>	9/09/2013	<p>Maybe they should be paid on performance and productivity. Have a base salary equal to the average Australian, with small incremental bonuses when agendas are completed and fully functioning with positive results for the good of the people. Any increases are in line with those that the rest of the Australian workers receive. No ridiculous payouts when leaving their position.</p>

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<b>1573</b>	9/09/2013	State Premiers should be paid in line with other politicians of other countries with similar GDP and tax schemes. Anything less is an abomination to fairness.
<b>1574</b>	9/09/2013	The Costello audit confirmed our dire financial straits so well summarized by Premier who said "We are Spanish broke". Consider the sacking of thousands of public servants and the cutting/slashing funding of various programmes. Now look at this salary increase for state politicians starting with over \$57,000 for a lowly back bencher. This increase alone is more than what a large number of Queenslanders earn in a year!!! To allow this increase could be perceived in various ways. Some may see it as politicians getting richer while the poor (who are their constituents) struggle. The arrogance of the French monarchy comes to mind here. The government is using the courts and spending large resources resisting a small pay rise for public servants! Recommending this politicians pay rise could allow the independence of this committee to be questioned by some if not the majority. This pay rise may be seen as greedy, opportunistic, perhaps arrogant and accepted by those who lack integrity. How would a good Christian religious politician accept this increase whilst being complicit in voting away workers rights and a pay rise for workers and as a backbencher mindlessly voting with the govt on every piece of legislation?? For our self proclaimed god fearing and religious premier and the entire LNP it might be seen as duplicity to accept this payrise. I have framed my comment in this vein so you the "Independent Committee" are alerted to how the public will perceive your committee and the LNP in particular if you endorse this payrise. We are "Spanish broke" We cant afford public servants small percent pay rise yet we can find money for this if you recommend it. In particular the possibility of the premier being paid more than the American president is a " Monthly Python' sketch but this is a real possibility!! "Yes Minister" and the view that you do not hold an enquiry unless you knew the outcome may be the public view of your committee if you recommend this increase. Condsider!!!

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1576	9/09/2013	<p>If Queensland politicians receive a 42% pay increase, Campbell Newman (The QLD premier) would be earning the same as the USA president, Barack Obama, which is \$400,000 a year! The QLD premier earning the same amount as the USA president? What a joke.</p> <p>A politician may have many responsibilities, but their core purpose is to represent and serve the people of their area. They are still a member of the Australian workforce and do not deserve preposterous pay rises such as that of 42%.</p> <p>Tony Abbott is on \$500,000 a year as Prime Minister, making him the 3rd highest earning leader in the world (Behind Singapore and Hong Kong). Kevin Rudd, Julia Gillard and the other 5 living former Prime Ministers would be on a PENSION of \$371,000 a year each. To put this in perspective the British Prime Minister earns \$250,000, and that's whilst he's in power! Compare this to the Age Pension for average Australian's which is \$20,000 a year. BUT, not only do former Prime Ministers get \$371,000 each per year, they also get a \$200,000 superannuation plus many allowances and entitlements such as free air travel for life, a car, office and staff.</p> <p>A pay rise of 42% for politicians is an absolute disgrace and insult to other hardworking members of the Australian workforce.</p>

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<b>1580</b>	9/09/2013	you all should be ashamed. to advocate yourselves such high salaries is inhumane

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<b>1581</b>	9/09/2013	<p>MP's pay.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. If the MP's get a pay rise? where do they get the money from as Qld state and Federal Governments are borrowing money every single day. I think the Governments will have to borrow MORE money, stick their pay rise in their pockets and we the tax payer will have to pay it back. I would love to borrow lots of money and have someone else pay it back as the MP's want to do.</li> <li>2. The government are paying you to tell them if they deserve a big pay rise or not? You need to be careful as if you don't give them the result they want, you may not get paid. MP's should only get a pay rise when the country and state have the money to give them. at the moment we don't have the money and therefore should NOT get a pay rise.</li> <li>3. The last Bligh Government left us all in massive debt with all working Queenslanders struggling. Now they want the working man and women pay back unnecessary loans so the MP's can get richer.</li> </ol>
<b>1582</b>	9/09/2013	<p>While you may want to comment in general terms, the Tribunal would appreciate your responses to the following questions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In considering the role of a Queensland MP, do you believe an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation), and some expense allowances associated with performing the role of a MP? Please explain your answer. The salary and expenses that Queensland MPs receive is fair, a combination of salary and expense allowances.</li> <li>2. If you believe there should be expense allowances, what sort of expenses should be allowed for? Please give examples. All MPs have an office and staff this allowance could go to their office for the purpose conducting electoral business. Examples of what allowances could be used for are postage, stationary, travel associated with their electorate (this could include vehicle allowance if a car is not provided), purchase of raffle tickets at functions</li> <li>3. How do you think the Tribunal should ensure that allowances are only used to meet the reasonable expenses of an MP and are not regarded as a substitute for salary?  If the allowance is handled by the office manager and the MP either shows receipts or allows the manager to take care of most of the basics such as postage. At the end of the year the manager could then submit a return to the auditor showing where the allowance was spent, with the auditor doing spot checks to ensure that the claims are legitimate.</li> <li>4. What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant in determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities?</li> </ol>

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		<p>A reasonable benchmark would be a senior public servant such as an AO8 with the MPs salary tied to that level, because MPs are often required to perform their duties at night or on weekends then an additional weighting or allowance should be added to reflect this such as 10-30% per annum. The final base salary for an MP should be no more then 3 – 5 % more than their present baseline salary.</p> <p>The allowances that are in place for being on committees and holding ministerial portfolios should also be retained at their present level.</p> <p>5. Is there anything else about MP remuneration that you think is important for the Tribunal to take in to consideration?</p> <p>MPs should only receive the same pay increases that public servants and government employees receive and no more. That is a fair and equitable way of giving MPs salary increases. Under no circumstances should MPs be awarded the suggested 40% salary increase.</p>
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<b>1585</b>	9/09/2013	<p>Renumeration of Qld MPs should be linked to the renumeration of Qld Public Servants. For too long has the MPs been given substantial pay rises, while the very same MPs are restricting the pay rises of public servants through legislation or otherwise. If the public servants who serve them can't be granted a pay raise then the MPs should not get one either. Both groups are intrinsically linked and are serving the public. The hypocrisy has to stop. Only after a public out cry, has the practice of linking Qld MPs pay rises to their Federal counterparts stopped.</p>
<b>1586</b>	9/09/2013	<p>This is ridiculous, you're meant to be a service to us, not use and abuse the system!</p>

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<b>1587</b>	9/09/2013	<p>Members of parliament should be responsible for their actions in what they say and what they do and what they promise and thus be paid accordingly.</p> <p>Why are parliamentarians paid higher, remuneration then any other professional when they are suppose to be representing the community members?</p> <p>It is stated that we in the community must live within our means, why then is a politician more privledged to eat 'eye fillet instead of mince meat rissoles'?</p> <p>Why should a politician be allowed 'first class health care when many in the community have difficulty receiving any health care'?</p> <p>It will only be a matter of time before violence will occur on the streets because of the inequity being demonstrated and promoted by politicians.</p> <p>The budget would come into line if politicians demonstrated leadership and lead by example rather than by 'empty words'.</p> <p>So I think politicians earn their wages ----&gt; no I don't. I believe when wages are set the politicians should be set in the same manner.... please do not tell me about working out of hours..... I already do and certainly earn approximately \$100,000.00 a year less at a minum.</p>
<b>1588</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I believe that politicians are all vastly underpaid. This is even more so when they also hold a Cabinet position. I have seen the hours they work, the disruption to family life, long periods away and lack of privacy. When wages paid to politicians is broken down to a 24/7 job, their pay is poor. No one really goes into politics for the money. If a politician worked for a bank or large company as a CEO or similar, they could earn millions. A politician in many instances has greater responsibility and earns a fraction of what they could in private enterprise. Their job is also insecure as they may leave a good secure well paid job to become a politician and if they lose their seat (despite the hard work they have done for their constituents and no fault of their own), they may not be able to secure a job as good as the one they left. Benefits such as long service leave, sick leave and the like would have been lost when they went into politics and they must start accumulating that again but in the case of LSL, would need to work for another 10-15 years before they would be eligible again. I also believe that any so called lurks and perks should be accepted by politicians within reason as long as they are not going to influence a decision or be a conflict of interest. Private enterprise affords many employees in higher positions many such lurks and perks paid for by the company or others and no one questions that. It is acceptable. I challenge any knocker of the wages paid to politicians or criticism that they do not work hard should ask their local MP (particularly if also a Cabinet Minister) to tag along for 24 hours and see if they could handle the pace, lifestyle, lack of privacy and family life; the constant need to be contactable 24/7 and the like. I believe they earn ever cent they get paid but how you set the pay and how you convince the public they deserve a decent rate of pay, I am afraid I don't know. I don't see the knockers lining up to run for Parliament</p>

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		<p>Allowances such as postage should be provided to interact with each constituent on an annual basis e.g. 30,000 enrolled constituents x 1 stamp. An account with Australia Post could be set up and Parliamentary Services could pay the account direct to an amount that would not exceed the expense outlined previously and not to be cumulative, payable quarterly or biannually.</p> <p>Mileage allowance based on the number of kilometres your car travels per annum for work purposes could be worked out. For city MPs I would suggest 50% of total kms travelled and 80% for regional MPs, for example.</p> <p>Cost of operating mobile telephones and iPads which are provided by the Parliamentary Service should be paid to a maximum limit for local and national calls only. The maximum limit should be sufficient to enable an average regional member to maintain contact with their constituency. International calls should be barred on these devices. The home telephone refund is reasonable at 85%.</p> <p>Other expenses involved in being part of the community such as community donations, sponsorships, memberships etc should be covered by the MPs salary and this should continue to be aligned with Federal Members' remuneration.</p> <p><b>4. What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant to determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities?</b></p> <p>Parliamentary responsibility and duties include governing the State for both the immediate and the long-term benefit of its citizens. MPs do this by proposing and promulgating laws through the Legislative Assembly, that govern the everyday activities of both the private and public sectors and this of course, has a direct or indirect impact on each MPs constituents.</p> <p>In order to produce a competitive environment in selecting quality candidates for election, the salary needs to be competitive compared to an executive officer in a private or public company, for example. This would provide a benchmark and is partially used in overseas jurisdictions I believe. On average an MP works between 100 and 120 hours per week and is constantly subject to public scrutiny. Their duties and responsibilities cannot be categorised or value rated due to the level of responsibility to their electorate and the Queensland Parliament, and the diversity and individuality of the high profile community role.</p> <p>An MPs salary could be linked to the private sector however I believe that public opinion may be against this idea.</p> <p><b>5. Is there anything else about MP remuneration that you think is important for the Tribunal to take into consideration?</b></p> <p>It is important that the salary of State MPs continue to be linked to their Federal counterparts due to all of the above reasons I have outlined. An MPs duties and responsibilities cannot be compared with any other occupation and there must be an external benchmark to gauge their remuneration levels.</p> <p>The level of community/parliamentary involvement required in the role is unique and therefore expenses vary according to the</p>

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		<p>nature of an electorate and the activities of an MP in their communities. It is impossible to set a standard allowance for the diverse range of expenses incurred on a daily basis in this role. Therefore an MP's salary needs to have the capacity to cover these expenses and this will be accountable through the Australian Taxation Office.</p> <p>Retired MP's superannuation needs to be linked to these processes also. As previously mentioned the sometimes short term nature of an MP's role, can prove a disincentive for a potential quality candidate. The candidate may have to relinquish a secure, well paid executive position in the private sector, for example, to take their chances within the parliamentary system. The public needs to have faith in their political system and the people who are elected to represent them with important legal issues which affect their families and their future.</p> <p>While the superannuation appears generous, there are many restrictions on having additional sources of income and investments during the term of an MP. Superannuation only provides long term adequate compensation for the public and parliamentary scrutiny of an MP's individual and family interests whilst an elected representative.</p> <p>I hope this submission assists the Tribunal to make fair and reasonable decisions in relation to remuneration issues for MPs and former MPs.</p> <p>Thank you for providing the opportunity to have input into this matter which will affect the quality of our parliamentarians into the future.</p>
1591	10/09/2013	<p><b>Queensland Government Remuneration Submission</b></p> <p><b>Executive Summary</b></p> <p>The base salary of \$137,149 appears to be appropriate amount of remuneration and any current and future increases should be restricted to yearly CPI increases.</p> <p>The annual additional salary should be rescinded, specifically \$8217 and \$21,168 as this appears to be double dipping. A MP is elected to serve their electorate interests so it would follow they would be on committees so to receive an additional payment for that role is flawed.</p> <p>Miscellaneous allowance of \$32,355 rescinded no accountability. Parliamentary Service provides office support.</p> <p>I provide tabulated details of items which I have identified which I believe need to be rescinded as they provide no benefit to the taxpayer.</p>

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		<p>I shall look forward to the tribunal's report.</p> <p>[personal information]</p> <p>10 September 2013</p> <p><b>1. In considering the role of a Queensland MP, do you believe an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation), and some expense allowances associated with performing the role of a MP? Please explain your answer.</b></p> <p>The remuneration structure for a Qld MP should be direct salary, base salary as per Schedule A (including superannuation) and a modest amount for 'out of pocket expenses'.</p> <p>Out of pocket expenses would include such things as parking and toll charges. Items which would usually be reimbursed through the traditional 'petty cash' process within most organisations. I note there is already of process for the reimbursement of such items.</p> <p>The role of a MP is to represent their community so the additional payment for parliament committees is nonsensical as is the chairperson position. It is a part of the role and responsibilities of a MP so an additional amount of \$8217 and \$21168 simply cannot be justified; it is merely topping up their salary.</p> <p>Furthermore those other amounts of additional salary appear to be over generous and with no accountability of how that money is actually spent is open to grave abuse.</p> <p>Politicians pay increases should be restricted to CPI increases as are their allowances. This would remove the view that politicians are only in politics to advance their own self-interest and enable politicians to regain an element of respectability. Furthermore it would attract people who have a genuine desire to serve the community and are not motivated by monetary considerations alone.</p> <p><b>2. If you believe there should be expense allowances, what sort of expenses should be allowed for? Please give examples.</b></p> <p>Refer above.</p> <p><b>3. How do you think the Tribunal should ensure that allowances are only used to meet the reasonable expenses of an MP and are not regarded as a substitute for salary?</b></p>

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		<p>The allowances as detailed in Schedule B should be rescinded or a more modest amount such as \$10,000 allocated. Strict guidelines developed, administered and audited by the tribunal should ensure accountability.</p> <p>MP's are provided support through the Parliamentary Service allocation. There is simply no justification for a miscellaneous allowance of \$32,355. There are other areas such as postage allowance which provides funding.</p> <p><b>4. What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant in determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities?</b></p> <p>The current arrangement of being paid \$500 less than a House of Representative appears appropriate. It would be near impossible to provide benchmarks against respective MP's such as applying performance management process as they each individually bring unique skill set and qualities to their positions which the voting public has deemed appropriate.</p> <p>It is not so much the direct base salary, which appears reasonable, it is the allowance and entitlements which are a grave matter of concern, I term this 'remuneration creep'.</p> <p>5. Is there anything else about MP remuneration that you think is important for the Tribunal to take into consideration?</p> <p>I provide the following points and table with comments on areas which I believe need to be addressed. As it is the taxpayer who is picking up the cost, any identified unjustified cost to the taxpayer which has no tangible benefit or return to the taxpayer should be removed.</p> <p><u>1. Subsidised meals-</u> MP's should not have the perk of taxpayers' subsidised meals. They should pay commercial rates as does everyone else within the community.</p> <p><u>2. Frequent flyer points-</u> I am led to believe that MP's can use frequent flyer points obtained whilst conducting official business for their personal use. This is ethically wrong and the practice should be ceased. This is merely the taxpayer subsidising MP's private travel. All frequent flyer points need to be fed back into government for their responsible use.</p>

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		Members Entitlement Handbook- Amendments required	Comment
		<b>2.2.2. Home Telephone Reimbursement</b>	No reimbursement of overseas calls, unless relates to their official position.
		<b>2.2.3 Miscellaneous Allowance</b>	Rescind- No accountability-Funding and support provided already by the Parliamentary Service.
		<b>2.3. Travel Allowances, Allocations and Entitlements - Airline travel club schemes</b>	MP's incurs cost. No benefit to taxpayer.
		<b>2.3. Travel Allowances, Allocations and Entitlements - Standard of Air Travel</b>	MP's no first class travel. Business Class only if Economy Class is unavailable. This is now standard practice in the private sector.
		<b>2.3.2.3. Overseas Parliamentary Trade Delegations-Administrative Arrangements</b>	Passport cost's to be responsibility of MP.
		<b>5.2.3. Resettlement Allowance</b>	Rescind- This is an inappropriate allowance and a gross misuse and abuse of public monies. No benefit to the taxpayer whatsoever.
		<b>5.3.2. Rail Travel - Railways of Australia Gold Pass</b>	Rescind- No benefit to the taxpayer.
		<b>5.3.3. Rail Travel - Queensland Rail Gold Pass</b>	Rescind- No benefit to the taxpayer.
		<a href="http://www.remunerationtribunal.qld.gov.au">www.remunerationtribunal.qld.gov.au</a>	
<b>1592</b>	10/09/2013	Link politicians pays to a specific award range ie. 20% above police, nurses, etc. That way it is decided at no extra cost to the taxpayer. Pay them more while they are in office but all pensions, benefits, extras need to cease the minute they leave their roles. I certainly know no private businesses that would even think of continuing to pay ex employees until the day they die - absolutely ridiculous & our aging population of taxpayers can not afford this ridiculous type of entitlement anymore. There are a lot more politicians on the pay role & they are starting younger & leaving younger to go off & get other high paying jobs while the taxpayer still picks up the tab. If they decide they are just sick of doing their role mid term & decide to cause a bi-election that they need some sort of penalty applied to encourage others to fulfill their full contract terms. Footballers certainly get charged if they break their contracts but politicians just seem to be able to do whatever they want.	
<b>1593</b>	10/09/2013	Politicians pay rises need to be linked to the pay rises they deem appropriate for public servants. This will ensure the best interests of the Qld. taxpayer are taken into account.	

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<b>1596</b>	10/09/2013	<p>The average pay rise for citizens of Queensland has been linked to the CPI. Since the Newman Government was elected, public servant pay rises have been averaged 2% p.a. Politicians' pay increases should be the same. 42% increase is obscene and this Premier and any other Premier's pay should be nowhere near that of the President of the USA. Citizens of Australia have been through the GFC and have been asked to weather the tough times ahead. We have been asked to increase our Medicare Levy to cover the natural disasters over the past years. Pay increases for Queensland citizens have been fought for long and hard over many years. Politicians pay rises should not be automatically processed every 6 months and certainly not at 42%. Queensland Politicians are citizens of the State and should have to weather the tough times the same as every other citizen. They have guaranteed life long pensions after only 2 terms in Parliament which no other working person in the State has. They are elected representatives of the people of the State and should govern for the term they are elected at the rate of pay that is in place at the time they are elected. Politicians pay rises should go to a referendum every 3 year term to ask the people to grant a pay rise. Pay rises should not be automatically given throughout their term in government. 42% pay rise would anger most citizens especially when Politicians do not have to fight for the rise whereas citizens of Queensland have to fight for any pay increase. The rules for pay increases should be the same for all. 42% increase for each and every Queensland Politician would pay the Emergency Services budget for a year, rebuild a large portion of the National Highway and flood proof a lot of country towns. This money</p>

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<b>1600</b>	10/09/2013	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I believe that MP's should receive a direct salary plus super however any expenses incurred should be claimed after the funds have been expended. This is the same standard applied in private enterprise and the requirement for every public servant and private contractor.</li> <li>2. I believe that vehicles and fuel should be provided but with the same restrictions as those placed on every other govt worker. Postage and letters should be covered but only material that details the work performed within the MP's electorate. The cost of an office and administrative staff but every MP should be issued with the same designated office area and number of staff. Public servants are restricted to the size of workspace allowed depending on their seniority level. Why should MP's elected by the public be any different?</li> <li>3. Please see 1. Some members of the public don't earn a year what you want to pay MP's as a miscellaneous allowance a year. The only way to stop roting, as experienced in the past, is to have both the allowances placed in a special bank account, for each MP, that can only be accessed by one of several individual credit type cards issued to each MP and their staff but which must be reconciled monthly, with receipts, as is currently required by every public servant and state employee responsible for public funds and allowances.</li> <li>4. The same benchmarks and factors that are used for every other profession, skilled and unskilled, that the public have to meet.</li> <li>5. MP's are part of the workforce in Queensland and as such should meet the same level of scrutiny that other workers are subjected too. When the general workforce is accepting minimum pay increases and monetary constraints due to the Australian economy how can any fair minded person justify an obscene 42% pay increase for MP's when those MP's are forcing public servants to accept 2.2% in exchange for work conditions. They wonder why the general population hold politicians in such contempt.</li> </ol>

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<b>1601</b>	10/09/2013	<p>As a former State MP for more than fifteen years [personal information] of which I was [personal information] I write to make a brief submission to QIRT.</p> <p>I do not envy you and your fellow tribunal Members in the challenging task that lies ahead of you. No matter what recommendations you make, you will be criticised in the popular media. Few topics attract almost universal criticism as does the question of remuneration for parliamentarians.</p> <p>As one experienced MP counselled me shortly after having been elected to the Queensland Parliament: “If we got paid nothing, half the electorate would say we’re being over-paid.”</p> <p>I believe that your Tribunal will be on the safest possible grounds if, in your deliberations, you:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) apply HR principles which are used community-wide to assess remuneration for a wide variety of occupations</li> <li>(b) take into account the specific needs and demands of being a State MP</li> <li>(c) take into consideration, and make provision for, the different remuneration regimes which apply to current and former MPs</li> </ul> <p>As [personal information] I was privy to the personal challenges and needs of many Members – most of which were not known to the Electorate. From that experience, as well as from my own fifteen years’ service as a local Member, may I suggest the following elements which Tribunal Members might take into account when considering the specific needs and demands of public office as a Member of the Queensland Parliament:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On election, an MP becomes ‘public property’ and his/her social interactions are forever perceived and judged through the prism of “.. as a politician, he/she ...”</li> <li>• It is usual for the family of an MP to be evaluated and stereotyped through the perspective of: “.. as the spouse/child of an MP, ....”. In many ways, it is the MP’s family members who pay the higher price for the MP holding public office.</li> <li>• Having left the Parliament, former member remains public figures. This loss of privacy and the loss of anonymity remains a permanent condition.</li> <li>• Having been an MP can, in a number of circumstances, be an impediment to gaining employment post-Parliament.</li> </ul> <p>Professor Brailsford, I thank you and fellow Tribunal Members for your commitment to the demanding task which you have accepted. I wish you well in your deliberations.</p>

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<b>1605</b>	10/09/2013	<p>In my view, the basic salaries and allowances are roughly in the ball-park for the responsibilities of MP's.</p> <p>The disconnect is in superannuation, and "perks" after leaving Parliament.</p> <p>Superannuation for former MP's should not be available until the normal retirement age that applies to the rest of the population. Similarly, taxpayer-funded cars, travel, offices, secretarial staff etc. should not be available to retiring MP's.</p>
<b>1606</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Pay rises should be in % and pegged to the CPI % increase. This will keep politicians in tune with the rest of society and enhance their credibility with the rest of society.</p>

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<b>1607</b>	10/09/2013	<p><u>Submission to the Remuneration Tribunal Queensland</u></p> <p>To even consider honoring a a 42% wage increase for state politicians would be a mistake in my opinion . Given they rushed this thru while their boss was on leave then stopped it once he got back saying we will send it to a remuneration tribunal for consideration ? Which many Queenslanders consider to be a stalling tactic till the story when from front page to page 24 of the paper and people forgot this .</p> <p>Well as many including myself have to live with their failure to control the cost of living and try to make do on a 2.2% [@ \$16 a wk] increase latest offer for non politicians in Queensland it reeks of cronyism almost 11% of Queensland rebelled at weekends federal election by voting for Clive Palmer's new political party with about 18-24 months till next state election. Hope you do give it to them as that will be a big plus in campaign to oust Newmann government. Politicians get enough perks any many feel they are overpaid now. Their salary should be linked to some kind of performance based incentive or bonus system say 100k pa base salary then if deliver their promises they get bonus if not we'd save \$millions. Might under stand how tough people are actually doing it if had to earn a fair wage not just gouge at the public feed trough. Don't they all say they get into politics to serve the people of this great state? And can make more money at their previous career/jobs? Well let them prove that. Anna Bligh felt guilty in taking the cash that's why she stopped the rise while people were doing is tough after the floods of 2011.</p> <p>Anyway will be watching to see what happens? Sure my humble opinion wont change you mind Prof Brailford but if you as smart as you name sounds think of this as your change to show the people of Queensland your hearing them</p>
<b>1608</b>	10/09/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</li> <li>• The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</li> </ul>

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<b>1611</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Any pay increases given to Qld MPs should be comparable to those given to QLD public servants. If public servants are provided with 2% then the MPS should receive the same amount across the board. All electoral allowances should be kept separate from salary with MPs required to demonstrate how the allowances were spent within the electorate. If electoral allowances are provided as salary there is no requirement they will be spent to the benefit of the electorate. The recent substantial increase should be removed, particularly given the alleged "dire" financial situation we are in. Also the Premier of QLD should not be receiving a salary commensurate with the President of the US, given their different levels of responsibility.</p> <p>A community standard must be applied to determine an appropriate salary for Qld MPs. QLD MP salaries should not be tied to those from any other jurisdiction. The salaries of other public servants are not tied to those from other jurisdictions.</p>
<b>1612</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Sir/ Madam, I believe that politicians should be paid well in order to attract candidates who have the attributes and vision to lead Queensland well. We suffer continually from (I believe) too many poor quality members in the parliament. We need to attract senior industry, technical and commerce leaders who have the right mix of experience. I do not adhere to the mob mentality that would see a politician's pay in accordance with that of the working class 'battler'. I therefore submit that politicians' pay should be dramatically increased. At the same time, politicians' superannuation should be commensurate with that of the general public. It is difficult to ascribe a meaningful bonus system, as might apply in individual senior executive contracts; salaries should reflect this, but be realistically modest by corporate standards. I would suggest also that towards the conclusion of each parliamentary term, EVERY member is to prepare a detailed report, in a standardised format outlining his achievements in office during the term. The voting public deserves to see this information and it can be an objective means of measuring the effectiveness of representation for which the incumbent has been paid. Importantly, and I feel most strongly, once a politician leaves office, his entitlements do not continue. It is a job, like that of any body else. Life time handouts are gratuitous and a self-indulgent remnant of an era of perceived self-entitlement.</p>
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<b>1614</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Q1 Their should be an appropriate salary package with its attached superannuation(with an annual increase no greater than what is provided to all Australian pensioners)providing the member has served at least three terms.</p> <p>Q2&amp;3 The expense allowance should be allowed, but it should not be used as an addition to the salary package,therefore the member pays all expenses and then submits a claim to justify genuine expenses, this is the normal practise for the majority of business employees and as far as I am aware for public servants on government business Q4. All Members must attend every parliamentary sitting day, unless they are ill,no attendance no salary for missed days, the excuse that they have local affairs to cover is not acceptable, as all other business can be carried out on non sitting days. The remuneration they receive is for carrying out the work they were elected for.</p> <p>Q5. The remuneration should be on such a scale as to attract he best people to the job, but taking into account my previous comments.</p>
<b>1615</b>	10/09/2013	<p>The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>

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1616	10/09/2013	<p>It is difficult to separate emotion from this issue, particularly after so much belt tightening in the State resulting in essential service coalface workers losing their jobs. My submission is that MPs should receive an office allowance to cover the costs of effective representation of their communities, however like all sectors it should be cost effective, as all this expenditure is from the pockets of taxpayers who are not in line for massive pay increases. MPs should receive payments for travel and staying away from home expenses like all public servants in those circumstances. As for the high levels of remuneration that is proposed for MPs, the argument that it should be at a level that will attract a high quality level of candidate doesn't necessarily translate into reality. The present rate of pay has attracted the present candidates without any productivity requirement attached to the role. MPs should be subject to the same level of increase that they have imposed on the rest of the community. If the pay rises go through at the high rate reported, it would be hard to determine whether people were nominating for those influential positions from a truly community spirited perspective. It is opening the door to a spate of career politicians of current calibre, who are able to legislate for their own advantage into the future. I cannot reconcile the idea that taxpayer money must be saved by removing nurses from hospitals, and fighting the hard working teachers for their increase pittance, yet without a blink, our representatives feel entitled. I would like some productivity benchmarks and assessment for MPs. Every other workplace has performance reviews, why not the highest paid public servants in whom we trust(?). Finally, where is the precedent for awarding such high amounts of backpay? These MPs are public servants and I cannot recall any payrise decision either state or federal resulting in such a bonus to workers. Frankly, it stinks.</p>
1617	10/09/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</li> <li>• The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</li> </ul>
1618	10/09/2013	<p>I believe that the rate of pay should be linked to that of the public service. This is the only way to make it fair and out of the hands of politicians to decide their own rate of pay. This would be a fair and transparent way and leading by example for the majority .</p>

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1619	10/09/2013	<p><b>Queensland Council of Unions</b></p> <p>Submission regarding Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal</p> <p>Prepared by: [personal information]</p> <p><b>1. In considering the role of a Queensland MP, do you believe an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation), and some expense allowances associated with performing the role of a MP? Please explain your answer.</b></p> <p>The QCU supports a structure that includes a separate salary and allowance. However the support for the allowance is qualified and there is a strong case for the allowance to be subject to far greater scrutiny and accountability. QCU support for the structure that includes an electorate allowance is predicated on that allowance being associated with work to represent constituents. The representation of constituents is (or should be) the role of a Member of the Legislative Assembly and we support the maintenance of this allowance over including it in total salary.</p> <p>It would not be in the interest of accountability and public confidence for a postal allowance to be introduced. The QCU has grave concern for such an allowance to be used for political purposes rather than for the advancement of the electorate that the member represents.</p> <p>The salary component is the basis for remuneration for politicians and is important that Members of Parliament are adequately remunerated. It is also important that members of the community understand that aspect of the money paid to members of parliament be properly recognised for that purpose and not subject to any confusion.</p> <p>As is discussed later in this submission it would also increase public confidence if information as to how the allowance was spent was made publically available.</p> <p><b>2. If you believe there should be expense allowances, what sort of expenses should be allowed for? Please give examples.</b></p> <p>The primary issue with the existing allowance is that there are currently no rules as to how the allowance should be spent. This lack of regulation and guidance has led many members, such as the Deputy Premier, to consider the allowance as being part of their salary. This misunderstanding of the purpose of the allowance is of deep concern and demonstrates the need for some guidelines about proper use of the allowance.</p> <p>Without wishing to be overly prescriptive, it would be important that the allowance be used in such a way as it benefits the</p>

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		<p>perspective it is a fraction over double (209.7%) the average income for Queensland employees<sup>1</sup>. Given the high incidence of relatively high income earners in Queensland (in the mining and construction industries for example) this is not an inconsiderable statistic. It could be well argued that double the average income is both adequate and reasonable.</p> <p>The same rules that apply to other employees in the community and in particular Queensland Government employees should have application to politicians. The Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal (QIRT) should, in our submission, adopt the stringent rules that have been applied to public sector workers by the Newman Government in terms of its own wages policy. To review the remuneration payable to parliamentarians we would urge an examination of the provisions of the <i>Industrial Relations Act 1999</i> and in particular recent amendments that require consideration of the state's financial position be given in determining matters for arbitration by the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC). In addition the Wage Fixation principles of the QIRC are instructive to consider potential justification for wage increases.</p> <p>There is a need to attract quality candidates to Parliament and it is at times an onerous position with considerable demands being placed on the Member of Parliament both in terms of workload and commitment. None the less, there is a balance that needs to be maintained between adequate remuneration and public confidence that politicians are not providing themselves with benefits that they would deny other members of the community.</p> <p>Anecdotally, it is suggested by some politicians that they have taken a pay cut to enter Parliament. There may be some limited examples where this has been the case but in the current Parliament there would only be handful of members in this category. In any case those members who do take a pay cut do so in full knowledge of the arrangements. Members who have taken a pay cut to become politicians are probably not in danger of poverty.</p> <p>As will be discussed in terms of question 5, Australian workers have been denied the capacity to benchmark against other similar occupations. The means of adjusting wage rates on the basis of comparative wage justice has long been a „taboo“ in wage fixation. It is grossly unfair and inconsistent that wage adjustment for another group of individuals (such as federal politicians) automatically flows on to Queensland parliamentarians.</p> <p><b>5. Is there anything else about MP remuneration that you think is important for the Tribunal to take into consideration?</b></p> <p>Industrial tribunals within Australia have maintained stringent wage fixation principles for over 30 years. In setting rates of pay tribunals must justify any increases in terms of these strict principles including changes to work value. Work value in itself has become increasingly difficult to justify. In the case of politicians, the technology that is now available may have in fact made the job easier in some ways. The ability to electronically communicate with constituents provides an alternative to the more time-consuming activities such as door knocking the electorate.</p> <p>As previously discussed workers in Australia have not been able to rely on comparative wage justice for many years. The proposal</p>

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		<p>that had been sought to be adopted by the Newman Government was a return to comparative wage justice by returning to the practice of linking state politicians pay increases to that of their federal counterparts.</p> <p>For over 20 years now the primary form of wage determination has been that of enterprise bargaining. This form of bargaining based on productivity improvements has proved problematic for employees in service industries where productivity is difficult to measure. For the sake of consistency, politicians should also be required to base their claims for wages on productivity. One suggestion that was made by the Deputy Premier was to abolish the electorate allowance and make the payment as salary. Such a suggestion would be completely contrary to the notion of basing wage increases on productivity as the electorate allowance, if used correctly, should be spent by the local member on providing benefit to the electorate to remove the electorate allowance would be counterproductive to the effective representation of constituents and would therefore decrease the productivity of the Member.</p> <p>The enterprise bargaining process has been particularly difficult for employees of the Queensland Government since the election of the Newman Government. The Newman Government has made “take it or leave it” offers of low wage increases and has made claims for significant trade-offs in order to justify the increase. With the exception of nurses (3%), teachers (2.7%) and police (2.2%), all enterprise bargaining negotiations have resulted in arbitration. This has resulted in substantial expense to the parties and delays to wage increases for those public sector workers who would be covered by agreements. In addition the Queensland Government has used its majority in Parliament to unilaterally remove conditions of employment that provided public sector workers with job security.</p> <p>The way in which the Queensland Government has dealt with increases to politicians was completely at odds with the attitude adopted towards Queensland Government employees. The necessity to accept the wage increases was because of a legal technicality; however the Queensland Government was more than willing to override existing entitlements for its own employees that had been legally negotiated and agreed. The Queensland Government has also placed every obstacle in the way of public sector workers obtaining an interim wage increase whilst arbitration takes place. The Queensland Government is now offering 1.7% to public sector employees whilst proposing to pay politicians a 42% increase. Nothing is more galling to the public than to see politicians set one set of rules for the public and another set of rules for themselves.</p> <p>The QIRC most recently brought down its State Wage Case decision on 29 August 2013. In so doing the QIRC followed the National Wage Review of the Fair Work Commission and awarded an increase of 2.6%. The QIRC decision was based on a range of economic data including a submission from the Queensland Government about an appropriate level of increase. Having regard to the circumstances of politicians it is difficult to see how there would be justification or community support for an increase in excess of this amount.</p> <p>1 ABS publication 6302.0Queensland Ordinary Full Time Earnings Full-time Adults</p>

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1620	10/09/2013	Tie MP wages to the CPI(currently 3%). Why do they think themselves different to any other worker in Qld. I am employed in a private hosp where my job involves the complexities and stresses of ensuring everything needed for pt surgery. We have just fought very hard to acquire a lousy 2.75% pay rise. Not even the level of the CPI which on average is 3%. If these elected MP's are truly genuine in the ideals of accountability and honesty for the good of the people and state they would lead by example and accept pay rises linked to the CPI.
1621	10/09/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</li> <li>• The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</li> </ul>
1622	10/09/2013	<p><i>Queensland Politicians Remuneration</i></p> <p>As the Chairman of the review I would like to make some submissions regarding the remuneration of Queensland's politicians.</p> <p>I think the first thing to note is that a change in remuneration does not only affect the 89 Queensland parliamentarians, it also affects the remuneration of councilors around the State, so any decision can have far reaching financial decisions to taxpayer and ratepayers. I also believe the whole package needs to be considered, including pensions and the like. There is a large hidden component to their overall remuneration packages.</p> <p>My first concern is that politicians believe that they should be paid on a basis similar to the Chief Executive Officer of an enterprise with a similar workforce as the State, or an enterprise with the State government budget as their turnover. (The same argument is often put forward by bureaucrats). To my mind there is nothing further from the truth. Politicians, councilors and bureaucrats are only responsible for one half of an enterprise of similar standing, the cost side. They have no accountability to the revenue portion of a similar enterprise. The revenue side is the harder, you have to prove to customers that your product is better than the</p>

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<b>1623</b>	10/09/2013	<p>How do they even consider a pay rise in the light of all that has gone on before hand with the pay debacle of the health system. Every other worker only gets a rise something similar to that of the CPI. Even if it is to reverse the decision of the pay freeze that should not be as high as 42%.</p> <p>Here at the local government level we were only given 2% a year for next 3 yrs and even then that's not set in concrete as we had to vote on it.</p> <p>Come on fair is fair.</p>
<b>1624</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I find it barbaric that the QLD leader is paid such a high amount when there are thousands of people in Australia struggling. That money could be used for much better purposes, it could remedy the lack of funds resulting in hospital staff being under paid. How can the prime minister of Australia be earning more than the President of the United States of America? The pay rise of over %30 is preposterous! No other person is that priveleged, most workers get %1 pay rises. Enough budget cuts on life dependent projects and more pay cuts for greedy politicians! I believe that all premiers and prime ministers would greatly benefit from living a week in the life of a pensioner and a low income family to really gauge the effects of their tax and benefit rules.</p>
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		<p>It is my hope that the brief will equip tribunal members in their deliberations with a reasonable knowledge of the role in its entirety, including those aspects which are important but not as publicly visible.</p> <p>Submission to Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal</p> <p><b>REMUNERATION - SALARY AFFORDED TO THE PARLIAMENTARY OFFICE OF SPEAKER</b></p> <p><b>Contents</b></p> <p>1. Submission Summary ..... 1</p> <p>2. THE SPEAKER ..... 2</p> <p>3. REPRESENTATIVE &amp; CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE ..... 2</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Representative ..... 3</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Democratic Engagement ..... 3</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">External Relations ..... 4</p> <p>4. THE PROCEDURAL ROLE ..... 4</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Complexities of Impartiality ..... 5</p> <p>5. RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER LEGISLATION ..... 6</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Chairperson of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly ... 6</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Oversight of Integrity ..... 7</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Parliament ..... 7</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Security of Parliament. .... 7</p> <p>6. REMUNERATION ..... 8</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Additional Salary ..... 8</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Increased costs due to office ..... 10</p> <p>7. Appendix 1: Legislation involving the Speaker</p> <p>8. Appendix 2: Guidelines requiring involvement of the Speaker</p> <p><b>1. Submission Summary</b></p> <p>The purpose of this submission is to brief the tribunal on the critical role of the officeholder known as 'Speaker', and hence help inform the tribunal as to how salary may be considered as distinct from that of a Member of the Legislative Assembly who does not hold an additional parliamentary office.</p> <p>The following are the key points discussed in this submission:</p> <p>1. The Speaker is elected from the Members of the Legislative Assembly and must, as all Members must, continue to perform all the duties expected of a locally elected representative to Parliament.</p>

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		<p>2. The office of Speaker is the most senior office in the Queensland Parliament. Duties of the office are to be performed in addition to those required as an elected representative.</p> <p>3. The multifaceted role of the Speaker can best be considered in three distinct areas. Constitutional, Procedural, and Representative.</p> <p>4. Much of the complexity of the role is derived from the Speaker's responsibility to be the "guardian of the powers, rights and immunities" of the Legislative Assembly.</p> <p>5. Unlike Ministers of the Crown, some of whom can be first time Members of Parliament, the role of Speaker demands significant parliamentary experience.</p> <p>6. The Speaker is the only officeholder in which the Legislative Assembly empowers a representative function. This is safeguarded by the Assembly's right to hold every Speaker to account in a public forum and remove them at its will.</p> <p>7. Given the extensive duties and responsibilities of the office, outlined in sections 3, 4, and 5, an additional remuneration has always been considered appropriate.</p> <p>8. As a consequence of the additional duties and responsibilities of the office, increased expenses are often incurred in performing these functions. Given this, an expense of office has historically been considered appropriate.</p> <p><i>Remuneration for the parliamentary office of Speaker Page 1 of 10</i></p> <p><b>2. THE SPEAKER</b></p> <p>The Speakership is the most senior office in the Queensland Parliament. The Legislative Assembly cannot operate without electing a Speaker and as such it is the first priority of every Parliament as outlined in Section 14 of the <i>Parliament of Queensland Act 2001</i>:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>14 The Speaker</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>(1) The members of the Assembly must immediately on sitting after every general election proceed to elect a member to be Speaker.</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>(2) The Speaker must preside at all meetings of the Assembly, unless otherwise provided by the standing rules and orders.</i></p> <p>The Speaker is the principal office holder in the Legislative Assembly, he or she is the Assembly's representative or spokesperson and the chair of its meetings. Because the Speaker chairs or presides over the meetings of the Assembly he or she is commonly referred to as the Assembly's Presiding Officer. This aspect of the role is perhaps the most visible, however the office of Speaker is</p>

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		<p>a multifaceted role which incorporates substantially more duties in distinct areas outside of the Chamber. These are outlined in the sections that follow.</p> <p>Democracy means people having the right to govern themselves. In a parliamentary democracy, the people vote to elect representatives who make decisions about laws and services on their behalf which is what is meant by the phrase: "By the people, for the people, of the people".</p> <p>While Queensland has only been a self-governing state with elections since 1860, the Parliament is based upon the Westminster system dating back to the 1200s and inherited as part of the British Commonwealth. Thus the Speaker's role as part of our parliamentary democracy is an ancient one.</p> <p>The Speaker's authority is derived from the Assembly, to which their duty lies and to which he or she is directly answerable. Just as the Speaker is elected by the Assembly, he or she may be removed from office by a vote of the Assembly.</p> <p><b>3. REPRESENTATIVE &amp; CONSTITUTIONAL ROLE</b></p> <p>As with most constitutional matters, the details are complex and their importance can easily be understated if not fully understood. This being the case, the Speaker's role is one which endeavours to ensure the integrity of the institution of Parliament. At the core of this role is the Speaker's legal duty to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fulfil the role of "guardian of the powers, rights and immunities" of the Legislative Assembly.</li> <li>• Ensure that Members of Parliament have freedom of speech and the ability to perform their roles without threat of force, intimidation or interference are just some of the parliamentary rights and immunities (also known as privileges) which the Speaker has responsibility to protect.</li> </ul> <p><i>Remuneration for the parliamentary office of Speaker Page 2 of 10</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable orderly debate - Members of Parliament are elected to speak on behalf of their constituents. If they do not have freedom of speech within Parliament, then it cannot exist elsewhere. That is why the Speaker protects the right of orderly debate, so as to ensure it is not just the loudest voice, or the most numerous, that is heard.</li> <li>• Protect the Parliament - This right to freedom of speech in a safe environment is also the reason the Speaker is in charge of security of the Parliament. Safety of the precinct is intricately linked with safety in the assembly and its committees.</li> <li>• Facilitate public and media access to parliamentary proceedings - This is both on the precinct and through electronic means to uphold the principle of accountability and transparency of Parliament.</li> <li>• Furthermore, as part of the constitutional role as guardian of these rights, the Speaker is involved in determining prima facie matters of privilege for referral to the Ethics Committee and is the external liaison with courts and law agencies regarding matters of parliamentary privilege.</li> </ul>

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		<p><b>Representative</b> The Speaker is the spokesperson for the House (hence the derivation of the name 'Speaker') in its relations with the other parts of the Parliament, Executive government, and the Judiciary. In this role Speakers are expected to maintain the authority of the House, and to protect its rights and privileges.</p> <p>Official communications from and to the Assembly are signed by and addressed to the Speaker. The Speaker receives delegations from other Parliaments and special visitors on behalf of the Parliament. On formal occasions the Speaker represents the Parliament and plays a central role. For example, during the opening of Parliament, a ceremony takes place involving the Speaker, the Governor and Members of Parliament which underlines this constitutional relationship. These formal relationships are more than symbolic as they serve both a constitutional function and to educate and explain more about our system of government.</p> <p>In representing the Assembly the Speaker represents and is responsible to the Assembly and all of its Members, whether in government, opposition or performing a crossbench/ independent role. He or she is not responsible to the Executive Government and seeks to preserve the Assembly's independence from it.</p> <p><b>Democratic Engagement</b> It is this "guardian" role which provides an imperative for the Speaker to uphold and strengthen civic engagement and education. As the only elected representative of the Parliament, it is the Speaker who must engage on behalf of the Parliament, helping the public to understand the importance of the Parliament itself and more broadly the doctrine of the separation of powers. In doing this the Speaker attends and speaks at various public forums and leadership seminars, hosts youth parliaments, and engages with heads of diplomatic missions on behalf of the Parliament.</p> <p>It is a simple truth that what people do not understand, they do not value, and what they do not value, they do not guard or promote. While our parliamentary democracy may evolve, it should not be allowed to erode through lack of understanding. Fundamentally then,</p> <p><i>Remuneration for the parliamentary office of Speaker Page 3 of 10</i></p> <p>education acts to protect parliamentary democracy. It is the role of the Speaker to be at the forefront of promoting and protecting our parliamentary democracy.</p> <p><b>External Relations</b> The external relations role involves hosting visiting dignitaries from overseas countries, elected officials and representatives of the diplomatic corps who regularly visit the Parliament.</p>

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		<p>The Speaker, as the Parliament's most senior representative, meets them on behalf of the State Parliament. These visits provide opportunities to promote the State, strengthen mutual understanding and establish deeper working relationships.</p> <p>In addition to the above, the following duties are also an expectation of the external relation role:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representing the Parliament of Queensland at Community Engagement events</li> <li>• Queensland Branch President - Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)</li> <li>• Supporting Queensland Parliament's twinned Parliaments (Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu) and other CPA training programs</li> <li>• Hosting heads of mission, dignitaries, and other important visitors to the Parliament</li> </ul> <p><b>4. THE PROCEDURAL ROLE</b></p> <p>As Presiding Officer the Speaker chairs the meetings of the Assembly and is tasked with ensuring they are conducted in an orderly manner and according to the provisions of the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly. The duties performed in the Chair ,during Question Time and other key debates are probably the Speaker's most visible.</p> <p>It is a vital pillar of the Speaker's role to preside independently of the executive government or partisan interests and thus ensure the democratic principles of the assembly are protected. This also means the Speaker themselves must not be subjected to threats or coercion which could undermine the performance of their duties. This presents complexities.</p> <p>The Speaker is typically a senior government member who has accumulated extensive parliamentary experience in order to be competent in the demands of office. However, unlike the UK Parliament, Speakers in Queensland and other Australian jurisdictions continue to belong to their political party as there is no convention of their electoral seats being uncontested by political opponents. In Queensland, and in order to assist in presiding independently over debates, the Speaker follows the convention of not attending parliamentary party meetings, particularly where strategy and tactics are discussed.</p> <p><i>Remuneration for the parliamentary office of Speaker Page 4 of 10</i></p> <p>The Speaker must seek to ensure that the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly<sup>1</sup> are applied at all times. The Speaker interprets and applies the standing orders, responds to Members' points of order relating to them and gives rulings on procedure when necessary. For example, the Speaker is often called upon to decide whether remarks made in a speech are offensive, whether a Member's speech is relevant to the motion being debated or whether a particular motion or amendment is allowed to be moved at a certain time.</p> <p>The Speaker calls upon Members wishing to speak and in doing so seeks to allocate the call evenly between the government and non-government Members, ensuring that backbenchers are not overlooked. As previously mentioned the Speaker is the guardian of the powers, rights and immunities of the Legislative Assembly, as such they must protect the rights of individuals and minorities</p>

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		<p>in the Assembly and make sure that everyone is treated fairly within the framework set by the standing orders.</p> <p>The Speaker must maintain order during debate. While most proceedings pass routinely and without incident there are occasions when passions become inflamed, excessive interjection occurs and the Assembly becomes noisy and unruly. The standing orders provide disciplinary powers to enable the Speaker to restore order. These vary in their severity and allow the Speaker to deal with breaches of order in the most appropriate manner. The Sergeant-at-Arms, as the protector of the Speaker and who is responsible to the Speaker, helps the Speaker maintain order, not only in the Chamber but in the gallery and precinct, by ensuring the directions of the Speaker are fulfilled.</p> <p>The Speaker, while spending a considerable part of each sitting day in the Chamber, is not present throughout all proceedings. The Deputy Speaker and Temporary Speakers often take the Chair in less controversial matters, but the Speaker remains responsible for overseeing them. Except in extraordinary circumstances, the Speaker always takes the Chair during Question Time and for more important occasions, such as the presentation of the Budget by the Treasurer and the Leader of the Opposition's speech in reply.</p> <p>The Speaker also can issue rulings of a substantive nature which sets precedents for the proceedings of the House.</p> <p>Outside the Chamber the Speaker continues to deal with many procedural matters which include; deliberating over matters of privileges, managing and training the Deputy Speaker and Temporary Speakers, consideration of dissent motions, and chairing meetings of the Committee of Legislative Assembly (discussed in section 5).</p> <p><b>Complexities of Impartiality</b> All Members are entitled to expect that, even though the Speaker belongs to and is nominated to the position by a political party, their functions will be carried out impartially.</p> <p>At the same time, a Speaker is entitled to expect support from all Members regardless of</p> <p>1 Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly, Effective from 31/08/2004 (amended 4 June 2013), <a href="http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/assembly/procedures/StandingRules&amp;Orders.pdf">http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/assembly/procedures/StandingRules&amp;Orders.pdf</a></p> <p><i>Remuneration for the parliamentary office of Speaker Page 5 of 10</i></p> <p>their party. In order for this to be seriously entertained the Speaker must be adequately resourced to do so, including the ability to seek independent advice and appoint independent and appropriately qualified staff under the Speaker's control</p> <p>The challenge of this role cannot be underestimated, especially in the Queensland Legislature that has been dominated by the</p>

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		<p>executive arm of government since the abolition of the upper house in 1922. Vitally, the Speaker's role remains of central importance to the Westminster system of governance and is why the position necessitates a person of considerable parliamentary experience.</p> <p>Ultimately, balancing the vested interests of major political parties in an adversarial environment requires a high degree of skill, diplomacy, and character. At stake is our system of parliamentary democracy.</p> <p>In summary the procedural role can be summarised by the following duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presiding in the Chamber over debate.</li> <li>• Continuing to develop an extensive and contemporary understanding of the application of Parliamentary privilege, procedures and constitutional law.</li> <li>• Responsibility for selection of the panel of Temporary Speakers.</li> <li>• Training and continual education for the panel.</li> <li>• Educational support for Members of Parliament in parliamentary procedures</li> <li>• Maintaining updated knowledge of legislative program with briefings and advice on content of bills before the House</li> <li>• Maintaining updated knowledge of issues likely to provoke sub judice considerations</li> <li>• Presiding as Chair of the CLA (discussed in section 4).</li> </ul> <p><b>5. RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER LEGISLATION</b></p> <p>A complete list of legislation involving responsibilities of the Speaker has been included in Appendix 1. However, for the purposes of brevity, the most common legal requirements are as follows.</p> <p><b>Chairperson of the Committee of the Legislative Assembly</b></p> <p>Distinct from presiding over the Legislative Assembly, the Speaker is also chair of the statutory committee known as the Committee of the Legislative Assembly (CLA). This committee is established under the <i>Parliament of Queensland Act 2001</i>, and the chairing of which is a further duty of the Speaker.</p> <p>The CLA is the only committee of the Parliament which has Executive government MPs appointed to its membership. The committee is often referred to as a "board of management" with responsibilities over the major policies affecting the Parliamentary Service.</p> <p><i>Remuneration for the parliamentary office of Speaker Page 6 Of 10</i></p> <p>The Speaker subscribes to the view that any board of management position requires an understanding of corporate governance</p>

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		<p>responsibilities as expected of directors of a company. The Speaker as chair and committee member seeks to apply this standard in regard to exercising her duties.</p> <p>The CLA has the following areas of responsibility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the ethical conduct of members;</li> <li>(b) parliamentary powers, rights and immunities;</li> <li>(c) standing rules and orders about the conduct of business by, and the practices and the procedures of, the Assembly and its committees;</li> <li>(d) any other matters for which the committee is given</li> </ul> <p><b>Oversight of Integrity</b></p> <p>Given the Speaker's function as an independent officer of Parliament, the officeholder has significant duties in relation to upholding integrity measures within what is broadly termed Queensland's integrity institutions. These include the Office of the Auditor-General, Integrity Commissioner, Ombudsman, and Information Commissioner and involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oaths of appointments.</li> <li>• Receiving and communicating reports from the Auditor- General and Ombudsman of Queensland.</li> <li>• Performing the role of Registrar for Declarations of Interests for chief officers of these integrity organisations.</li> <li>• Appointing Parliamentary Commissioners.</li> </ul> <p><b>Parliament</b></p> <p>Whilst the Parliamentary role of the Speaker has been canvassed in sections 3 and 4 of this submission, I think it prudent to highlight some other roles which are clearly defined under the legislation. Although not an exhaustive list these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issuing of summons for members and non-members to attend the Assembly as dictated by occasion.</li> <li>• Issuing of Speaker's warrants</li> <li>• Issuing writs for a Member's election</li> <li>• Upholding the requirements of orderly conduct by Members</li> <li>• Employer of the Clerk under the Industrial Relations Act</li> </ul> <p><b>Security of Parliament</b></p> <p>The <i>Parliamentary Service Act 1988 (PSA)</i> and the Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly place significant responsibilities on the Speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Security and behaviour of all persons within the entirety of the Parliamentary Precinct including the chamber and galleries of the Legislative Assembly.</li> <li>• Issuing directions and by-laws under the <i>PSA</i>.</li> </ul> <p><i>Remuneration for the parliamentary office of Speaker Page 7 of 10</i></p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overseeing the operation and activities of the Office of Speaker</li> </ul> <p>The Speaker is responsible for the General Security Plan (GSP) for the Parliament and also for the making of bylaws under the Parliamentary Service Act 1988 relating to the security of the Parliament.</p> <p>The authorities for the GSP, under which security staff then act, are embedded in the Speaker's role in legislation and Standing Orders.</p> <p>It is vital that the Speaker maintains a thorough knowledge of these authorities as the Speaker can issue directions which empower security staff to take certain actions. These directions must be lawfully made in order to appropriately empower security staff on the precinct and prevent them from being sued.</p> <p>For example, historically there was a police officer successfully sued for executing an invalid Speaker's warrant.</p> <p>In addition to the above snapshot of some of the legislative matters involving the Speaker, Appendix 2 records a list of the common handbooks and guidelines that also involve the Speaker's attention and involvement.</p> <p><b>6. REMUNERATION</b></p> <p>The purpose of this submission is not to recommend a suitable remuneration for the role of Speaker but to present comparative research in other jurisdictions as to how this is approached. This reveals examples of how the Speaker's role and responsibilities, as well as qualifications required as a highly experienced parliamentarian, are considered as distinct to a Member of the Legislative Assembly who does not hold an additional parliamentary office.</p> <p>As such, this section will not address the current entitlements of Members of Parliament ie. base salary, allowance to members/ electorate allowance, miscellaneous allowance, travel allowance and other minor entitlements; but will instead address the remuneration pertaining solely to the Speaker as the senior most officeholder of the Parliament.</p> <p><b>Additional Salary</b></p> <p>In June this year the federal remuneration tribunal issued its latest guidance on additional salary rates for parliamentary office holders. This determination, issued on the 18 of June 2013, once again confirmed the additional salary component of the Speaker of the House of Representatives (and President of the Senate) to be 75% of a member's base salary.</p> <p>Although the Speaker of the House of Representatives is a very similar position to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in Queensland, there are a few distinct differences. As Queensland is a unicameral parliament, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly does not share any responsibilities with an upper house/ Senate. The absence of any house of review therefore</p>

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		<p>reinforces the absolute importance of an impartial and resourced Speaker who</p> <p><i>Remuneration for the parliamentary office of Speaker Page 8 of 10</i></p> <p>presides over the only chamber of Parliament and must chair proceedings to ensure the integrity of the Parliament.</p> <p>The practice of providing additional salary for the completion of duties in addition to those of an elected local member is not only compensation for further work, but a tangible recognition of the value those offices bring to our democratic system of governance. It is in considering this that I believe the practice of providing an additional salary based on a ratio of base salary should continue; obviously particularised for each parliamentary office holder. This should be clearly apportioned by seniority of office and duties required to be performed.</p> <p>The importance of the role is also acknowledged by the position of the 'Presiding Officer of the State legislatures' (#24) in the Commonwealth Table Order of Precedence; where they rank directly before Members of State Executive Councils (#25) and Leaders of State Oppositions (#26). Whilst precedence orders are typically used for event protocols, when ranking parliamentary and government office holders, it is a clear measure of the formal importance of the role to our State and Commonwealth systems of government.</p> <p>Although all other Australian States have bicameral Parliaments, in which some duties are shared between the presiding officers of each house, each State has seen fit to remunerate the presiding offices with additional salary as a percentage of the base salary afforded to all members.</p>

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		<b>State</b>	<b>Comparable office</b>	<b>Additional Salary (as a % of MP base salary)</b>
		SA	Executive council ministers and the Leader of Opposition receive same amount	75%
		New South Wales	Other ministers and the Leader of Opposition receive same amount	57%
		Victoria		65% (plus a further 12% as expense of office allowance)
		Western Australia		66%
		Commonwealth	Cabinet Minister who is Manager of Government business, Leader of the house, President of the Senate	75%
<p>The ratio apportioned to the office by other jurisdictions obviously reflects the seniority of the Speakership and also the centrality and importance the office plays in the Westminster system of governance. Given the ratios have withstood several consecutive determinations</p> <p><i>Remuneration for the parliamentary office of Speaker Page 9 of 10</i></p> <p>at the federal level<sup>12,3</sup>, I hope this information is useful in your determinations regarding the office of Speaker in Queensland.</p> <p><b>Increased costs due to office</b> Further to the issue of salary in acknowledgement of the extra duties, responsibility and engagement requirements of the office, is that of allowances.</p> <p>Currently the Speaker is afforded an 'Expense of Office Allowance' (\$8,701pa.) with which the Speaker has complete discretion. While the Office of Speaker has a budget assigned by the Committee of the Legislative Assembly and is subject to several approval authorities by the Clerk, the Speaker's Expense of Office allowance is the only group of finances the Speaker has expenditure authority over. It is simply an allowance extended to the Speaker for the increased expenses that are expected to be</p>				

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		<p>incurred due to the fact they hold the office and is important to ensure independence in the role.</p> <p>Examples of the types of expenses which have been incurred are; meals away from home whilst performing duties, considerably higher telecommunication costs, and community engagement resources.</p> <p>2 Remuneration Tribunal, Determination 2012/03: Parliamentary additional salary and related matters, 13 March 2012, viewed 2/9/2013, <a href="http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/data/assets/pdf file/0019/12673/2012-03-Determination.pdf">http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/data/assets/pdf file/0019/12673/2012-03-Determination.pdf</a></p> <p>3 Remuneration Tribunal, Determination 2013/13: Members of Parliament - Base Salary, Additional Salary for Parliamentary Office Holders, and Related Matters, 18 June 2013, viewed 2/9/2013, <a href="http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/data/ assets/ pdf file/ 0003/17985/2013-13-Determination.pdf">http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/data/ assets/ pdf file/ 0003/17985/2013-13-Determination.pdf</a></p> <p><i>Remuneration for the parliamentary office of Speaker Page 10 of 10</i></p>

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1630	10/09/2013	<p>Submission in relation to a Discussion Paper on Remuneration of members and former members of the Queensland Legislative Assembly Released by Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal</p> <p><b>Submission on current salary levels.</b> Queensland Parliamentarians are currently well remunerated when compared to overall Australian population; they are in the top 1% of wage earners in Australia, the average Aust salary is \$72, 436 per annum and Queensland \$86,096. Therefore there is no impediment, when assessing their current base salary, to 99% of Queenslanders running for Parliament.</p> <p>Compared to the rest of The World's Parliaments the Queensland Parliamentarians are also at or very near the top of the pay scale. They sit in Parliament for less days then the majority of democratic Parliaments.</p> <p>Recently the Members of Federal Parliament received a large salary increase for which the Members gave up certain allowances they were entitled to while in and after they left Parliament. Queensland Parliamentarians did not give up or were required to forfeit any of their current entitlements.</p> <p>For approximately 20 years the general workforce, to gain pay rises, has had to demonstrate to their employer and or an Independent Tribunal productivity increases to obtain a pay rises. The Members of Parliament have never had to demonstrate an increase in their productivity t o obtain an increase. This needs to be bought into line with general community standards by showing an increase in productivity to justify any future salary increases.</p> <p><b>Submission on Allowances.</b> The Members current allowances are not currently audited by the Queensland Auditor General. Like all Queensland Government operations all Members expenditures should be audited so that the electors can have faith that the expenses are justified.</p> <p>Parliamentarians Travel Allowances are well above community standards for companies and Queensland Government employees.</p>

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		<p>Parliamentarians, at a minimum, should be required to submit receipts for accommodation with an upper limit, for accommodation. Again the standard Queensland Public Sector standards would be a guide to levels of accommodation allowances for different regions of Queensland and Australia. S for meal allowances again they could be linked to the Queensland Government employees rates. The parliamentarian is already well remunerated via "Miscellaneous Allowances" (if it is to remain) for reciprocal entertainment &amp; meals while on duty. Again this allowance is over and above the normal community standard.</p> <p><b>Submission On Parliamentarians Superannuation scheme.</b> The current Superannuation scheme, similar to Salaries and allowances is well above community standards.</p> <p>In our modern world no employee has a guaranteed job for life. The current superannuation scheme needs to be bought in line with community standards by looking at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the public contribution to the scheme,</li> <li>• changing from a Defined Benefit scheme to an Accumulation scheme, as the Commonwealth Parliament has adopted several years ago.</li> </ul> <p><b>In conclusion</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I believe that the Queensland Parliamentarians are currently very well remunerated as they amongst the highest paid employees in the State and that no further salary increase are justified.</li> <li>2. Consideration needs to be given, before any further pay rises are granted, to assessing and measuring productivity increases made by the Parliament and the Parliamentarians</li> <li>3. The allowances should be an auditable item similar to any other Queensland Government expenses.</li> <li>4. Their very generous Superannuation scheme needs to be bought into line with community standards by closing the Defined Benefit scheme and only having an accumulation scheme for future incumbents with the option and the public contribution to that scheme should be bought into alignment with current Public Service scheme.</li> <li>5. All entitlements and benefits after leaving office should be ceased.</li> </ol>

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1631	10/09/2013	<p>A combination of salary and a limited expense allowance is an appropriate remuneration for Qld MP's. Presently an MP on the basic salary and allowances package as shown on your website, not including travel allowance, will receive in the vicinity of \$209,000.00 per annum. This is a hugely generous amount and it is simply unconscionable that Qld politicians may be in line for a salary increase of 42%. There is absolutely no justification for an increase of this magnitude. In light of the Qld government's recent and planned reduction in public sector employees it would be grossly hypocritical of them to now accept a salary/allowance increase.</p> <p>Queensland has high unemployment. A vast number of Queenslanders are subsisting on very low incomes and those fortunate enough to be in the workforce can only hope to negotiate small wage increases of 3 – 4% over a specified period. What justification is there for politicians to be treated any differently from any other employee? Yes they may be working at a higher level in government but they're not saving lives, they're not generous humanitarians, most are invisible until an election rolls around.</p> <p>Strict guidelines should be in place articulating what a politician's allowances can be used for and additionally they should be accountable for allowances received as is the case with most employees. After all they are our employees we the taxpayer and electors of politicians. Allowances should not be paid in advance but rather as a re-imbusement. Evidence of acceptable expenditure should be a requirement of re-imbusement. Give a politician a lump sum and of course they'll spend it, that's the nature of the beast.</p> <p>Lack of submissions to the Tribunal should not be construed as approval for the increase but rather one of resignation that it is simply a fait accompli. Furthermore it was not widely publicized that submissions could be made. I only read about it in yesterday's Courier Mail, one day before submissions closed.</p>
1632	10/09/2013	<p><u>1.</u> In considering the role of a Queensland MP, do you believe an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation), and some expense allowances associated with performing the role of a MP? Please explain your answer.</p> <p>Answer: Yes. Just like normal employees, remuneration should be appropriate to the responsibilities. At present the remuneration in actual direct \$s is below what would be paid in other jobs of similar responsibilities. Having said that, \$ remuneration should be discounted somewhat because politicians only say and do what the Party allows them to, without taking any personal responsibility. They also do not run as much personal risk as outside workers of being sacked immediately when they make monumental, extremely expensive incorrect decisions.</p> <p><u>2.</u> If you believe there should be expense allowances, what sort of expenses should be allowed for? Please give examples.</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Costs associated with actual Parliamentary/Government Business, paid under the same conditions and rates as other Public Servants. If the allowance is not available to Public Servants then MPs should not get it either.</p>

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		<p>Reasonable costs when travelling on official business, paid under the same conditions and rates as other Public Servants. If the allowance is not available to Public Servants then MPs should not get it either.</p> <p>Some printing and postage. <b>Only</b> to inform constituents of legislated government policy, actions, benefits to constituents, with no mention of, or credit given to, the politician or Party. Not to canvas Party proposals, or to present the politician in a favourable light (such as saying "Printing costs covered by Joe Bloggs MP", Joe Bloggs is NOT covering the cost, the Taxpayer is). Not for glossy publications claiming credit for getting this or that built. If an individual politician or Party wishes to claim credit then they should cover the cost of publicising that opinion. Politicians exploit this printing allowance for Party political and personal benefit, especially around election time.</p> <p>Phone costs associated with Parliamentary or Government business. It should not cover the cost of MPs carrying on personal or Party discussions and business. At present I do not believe there is any such enforced rule.</p> <p><u>3.</u> How do you think the Tribunal should ensure that allowances are only used to meet the reasonable expenses of an MP and are not regarded as a substitute for salary?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> All allowances spending must be publicly explained, not hidden in some miscellaneous category. When costs incurred by Members are paid there is a record made of that payment, so that record must be made public. MPs must not be allowed to keep any unspent allowances, they must be returned to Government. Use it legitimately or lose it!</p> <p>Travel and Accommodation allowances should be paid on the basis of actual cost. Currently I believe travel and accommodation is paid as a set amount irrespective of whether or not the cost is actually incurred by the MP. If an MP does not actually incur the cost of the allowance they should not be allowed to pocket the difference between the allowance paid and the actual cost. Travel and accommodation allowances should not be any better than as laid out for average (not high ranking) Public Servants.</p> <p><u>4.</u> What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant in determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> There should be no automatic, benchmarked pay rises for MPs. All politicians pay claims should be argued before a public industrial tribunal, just as has to be done by other employees. They could argue their case personally or have their "union" (to which they would pay union dues) present their case for them. Other employees have to argue their worth relevant to other employees so MPs should also have to do this if they want to increase their remuneration.</p> <p><u>5.</u> Is there anything else about MP remuneration that you think is important for the Tribunal to take into consideration?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> MPs are really nothing more nor less than Public Servants. As such they should have exactly the same conditions of</p>

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		<p>employment as Public Servants. MPs should not be entitled to, nor paid, any allowances which are not available to other Public Servants in the course of their employment.</p> <p>Just as for other Public Servants, these entitlements should cease when their employment is terminated. MPs should not be entitled to carry these over into life outside Parliament. Employees who get staff discount and other perks during their employment have those things removed when they cease working for that employer, so that should apply to MPs. <i>Politicians should have exactly the same Superannuation and pension rights and conditions as other employees, no more no less.</i></p> <p>I believe Politicians have a very difficult job and should get just recompense, but I also believe there are other members of the community whose jobs are more stressful, dangerous, difficult and undervalued than MPs. People such as Police, Firefighters, Nurses, Teachers, to name a few, have a far more difficult and stressful task, sometimes putting their own safety and lives at risk, than MPs and have to fight tooth and nail in a Tribunal for better pay and conditions. MPs should not be treated any more favourably than these employees.</p> <p>I believe there is so much public outcry when politicians get increased remuneration, allowances and conditions because the perception is out there that they give themselves great rewards, or pass the buck to some group of people appointed by the MPs, whilst fighting to deny similar benefits to the people who employ them, the general public. I believe that if Politicians had to abide by the same rules as other workers then there would not be so much outcry in the community against them if they do prove they are worthy of increased pay and conditions.</p> <p>It cannot be argued that MPs need bigger and better remuneration than other employees because they have no certainty of continuing employment. They actually have more certainty than most other employees who can be sacked or retrenched immediately, not just every 3 years. If MPs do the right thing and are seen to be serving the electors, and not just themselves, their Party and their mates, than they will be re-elected time and time again.</p> <p>In conclusion I submit that there should <b>not</b> be a separate, so called Independent (but appointed by the politicians whose remuneration is under review) Remuneration Tribunal for MPs. Why should MPs not have to lodge submissions for increased pay and condition to the same tribunal, or whatever other body, as is required of other employees? The existence of this so called Independent Review Tribunal only serves to reinforce the public opinion that MPs think they are above the rules and restraints that MPs lay down for non-MPs because they think they are somehow better than non-MPs.</p> <p>Basically MPs should have to work and live by the same sets of standards as the ordinary employee has to work and live by.</p>

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1634	10/09/2013	<p>I provide to you my submission for your deliberations regarding the responsibilities of an MP and their remuneration and allowances to fulfil their duties.</p> <p>I hope this document is of assistance.</p> <p>[personal information]</p> <p><b>Submission to the State MP Remuneration Tribunal for a new Queensland September 9,2013</b></p> <p><b>Submission from:</b> [personal information]</p> <p><b><u>Executive Summary</u></b></p> <p>This submission is intended to give an overview of the work of an MP and the use of wages and allowances in their duties, rather than to request a certain level of remuneration. I respect this will be undertaken independently.</p> <p>While allowances have always been accounted for to the Tax Office, I believe it is reasonable for people to want to know how electorate allowances are spent.</p>

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		<p>The principle of remitting allowances should be based upon accountability while also ensuring the methods of doing so are uncomplicated and not necessarily costly to implement.</p> <p>I have been a Member of Parliament for [personal information], and like many other MPs from across the political spectrum, I have consistently spent significantly more than I received in the form of an allowance in order to fulfil my duties in the electorate and as a [personal information]. I estimate that I have spent an average of \$11,000 a year extra on my duties, over and above what I receive from allowances, which I have self-funded. (see appendix).</p> <p>The reasons for this includes there being a number of costs that the central Parliamentary Service does not pay, particularly for backfill for staff and additional training. The costs of communication, including postage, have risen, not fallen, and there has been a need to drive better electronic systems of correspondence management with tailored software which is not supplied. These are tools of the business to serve the area.</p> <p>It should always be recognised that there is a great diversity of electorates represented in the Queensland Parliament. All electorates are different. MPs and their staff are on the frontline and thus the flexibility of a discretionary pool allowance has allowed them to respond to electorate needs in ways which are more tailored than a central bureaucracy.</p> <p>Historically it has also been the case that many items of equipment, including furniture, were initially self-funded by MPs.</p> <p>For example, before Parliament House supplied laptops, I bought my own -as did others. I still run my own additional computer systems due to their greater flexibility for out-of-office management. I purchased approximately one third of the furniture in my office, including the meeting table and chairs, as Parliament would not provide them at the time.</p> <p>With this background then, I support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A requirement for a cost effective and practical reporting mechanism where MPs report their expenditure;</li> <li>• Continuation of a flexible allowance in which an MP receives a lump sum to determine how they may best allocate their budget according to electorate requirements as discerned by the MP;</li> <li>• The ability for local MPs to shop locally rather than to centrally purchase consumables; and</li> </ul> <p>The need for provision by Parliamentary Services of a number of core services which are not currently provided such as backfill while a staff member is on annual leave.</p> <p>If the allowances are cut as was initially proposed, I will continue to provide local services in my electorate from my own wages.</p> <p>This submission provides an overview of my work as a local MP as well as many years as a [personal information], and is informed by my office accounts. [personal information]</p>

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		<p>This document also provides reflections and feedback on: the changing work environment of electorate offices over the time I have been in Parliament; how MPs have adapted to meet those requirements; and the challenges centralised bureaucracies have in getting the balance right between accountability, cost effectiveness, and innovation.</p> <p>I would be happy to further discuss any of these matters with members of the Independent Remuneration Tribunal.</p> <p><b><u>The Work of an MP</u></b></p> <p>Local constituency work is one of the great privileges of the work MPs do. It is the human face of our advocacy, it is both challenging and rewarding, and the reality check upon people's higher ambition.</p> <p>No one in a democracy deserves to serve at a higher level unless they are willing to serve locally as well.</p> <p>An MP's local constituency work and parliamentary duties are both important.</p> <p>I have previously held [personal information] roles which I reference below as my previous expenses also reflect supporting these roles.</p> <p>A local MP's work involves the following aspects:</p> <p>Electorate roles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocating &amp; helping problem solve for individual constituency needs</li> <li>• Advocating for local services and infrastructure</li> <li>• Engaging with community organisations -extensive attendance at functions &amp; events</li> <li>• Engaging with other tiers of Government re above</li> <li>• Manage communications - media and broader community</li> <li>• Managing and supporting staff</li> </ul> <p>Parliamentary roles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shadow Ministry</li> <li>• Committee work</li> <li>• Research</li> <li>• Speeches</li> <li>• Policy work</li> </ul>

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		<p><b><u>Background of existing allowance system</u></b></p> <p>There are vast differences between equipment and services which Federal, State and Local representatives receive directly through their respective bureaucracies. Any review of relative salary and entitlement systems needs to comprehensively map and recognise these differences.</p> <p>It also should be recognised that the different way Queensland MPs adapt their allowances to meet their specific electorate needs is also a reflection of the diversity of electorates and MPs, changing demographics and technology. It is also a response to a centralised Parliamentary bureaucracy which has been unwilling or unable to fund upgrades in technology or to meet local staffing requirements.</p> <p>To be fair, there have been budget constraints over many years on the Queensland Parliamentary Service. This has resulted in some MPs including myself responding by personally funding services from allowances and our wages. This is in contrast to other Parliamentary bureaucracies which would directly fund these expenses.</p> <p>This is why discretionary (pool) electorate allowances are important to support local constituency services. They have assisted me to fund a range of services or items not directly funded by Parliament: i.e. mobile phone for MP, internet, additional staff support, updated software, office cleaning, additional computers etc.</p> <p>It has also provided me with the opportunity of shopping locally and supporting my local retailers and service providers.</p> <p>More detail is provided below with regard to some specific areas below.</p> <p><b>Mobile phones</b> - Queensland State MPs (with the exception of ministers/assistant ministers/or leaders) are completely responsible for buying their own mobile phones and paying their running costs. I pay for this phone from my electorate discretionary allowance.</p> <p>Unfortunately, like most systems, the abuses of a few people in the past have resulted in rules being rewritten to cover the whole, but not always effectively or practically. The current allowance system is a legacy of this.</p> <p>About 15 years ago, Parliament supplied handsets and directly paid the phone bills. Someone abused it and this service was changed to a mobile phone allowance of about \$1000 per year. Since then, rather than being paid as a separate lump sum, this mobile phone allowance was incorporated into the discretionary (pooled) allowance MPs received to spend on various items.</p> <p><b>Letterheads</b> - Parliament does supply parliamentary crested stock paper. I do not use this and have long engaged my local printers to print my own letterhead. This is a saving for Parliament but is an expense from my electorate allowance.</p>

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		<p><b>Home phone reimbursement</b> - I consider this is an impractical allowance which is both costly for Parliament to administer and does not reflect the current communication plans many MPs pay for which allow them to operate while on the road and in the electorate.</p> <p>I have ceased claiming it as it would cost Parliament and my staff more to administer it than it would benefit in reimbursement. This seemed a waste of money and time.</p> <p>However, I recognise there may still be MPs in different circumstances who require assistance with home phone communications to fulfil their out-of-office electorate work, as mobile coverage at their homes may not be practical.</p> <p><b>Staff costs</b> - The main staff salaries for two electorate officer positions are directly paid for by Parliament. However, Parliament does not pay for backfill in staff positions for the eight weeks of the year when one staff member is away on holidays. This means that under the current arrangements, if MPs didn't backfill and pay for supplementary staff from their allowances, staffing would be at half-strength. This is unfair for the staff member and local electorates. Some members manage this by closing their offices for longer periods over Christmas. This is not an option for all MPs or their electorates.</p> <p>[personal information] roles and responsibilities also places additional administrative burdens on electorate office staff and I have at times needed to employ casual part-time administrative staff to support this.</p> <p>Thus additional casual electorate office staff support has been one of the biggest cost imposts on the electorate allowance, [personal information]. In 2011/12 I expended more than \$18,000 in additional staff costs.</p> <p><b>The Changing Electorate</b> - At times the [personal information] has experienced high growth and high turnover with 55% of the electorate changing every five years.</p> <p>While the population growth rate has slowed, methods of communication in a diverse media market have become more varied and fractured. This requires more sophisticated and costly methods of communication systems to adapt to the changing market place.</p> <p>Communication costs are now more expensive, not less expensive. It is naive to assume that social media and emails are cheap because they aren't always identified with a per unit cost. However, they usually supplement, rather than replace, traditional mail. Electronic communications also require significant management by staff and the MP.</p> <p>It is the role of an MP to try and reach out to electors, and not wait for them to come to them.</p> <p>Appropriately this keeps MPs on their toes looking for effective and welcoming ways to reach and respond to the different demographics in their areas if the community is to be effectively represented.</p>

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		<p>While electronic communication systems have provided many advantages to the mobile MP, they have also added significant workload for the MP and their staff. In addition to population growth, this is a reason I believe I have spent more on supplementing staffing in my office, software for administration of emails and other computer technology (i.e. iPads, laptops) not provided by Parliament House.</p> <p><b>Office dynamics:</b> MPs &amp; staff - It is important to understand that the majority of MP work is mobile and spans beyond the normal working day.</p> <p>For the MP, this work is supported by electorate office based staff that provide the administrative backup during office hours. In addition, MPs spend time away from their electorates on Parliamentary duties, usually without their own direct staff support unless they are in a leadership or ministerial role.</p> <p>This organisational dynamic puts special challenges on the MP/staff communication which requires good systems and good will to operate.</p> <p><b>Final comments</b> Thus any change to systems in how allowances are acquitted needs to be not only accountable but cost effective and easily administered not just at Parliament House but in the electorate office. It should be remembered that office staff numbers are small and not all existing staff will be trained in book keeping. Depending on how extensive a new compliance and reporting system is, it may incur external accounting and audit fees for electorate office budgets.</p> <p>Furthermore, similar to the tax office procedures, there should also be methods to remediate genuine mistakes and encourage a culture of voluntary rectification. We all want to see a system which has integrity and is workable.</p> <p><b><u>Appendix</u></b></p> <p><b>Allowances and expenses</b> The amount received in allowances will vary depending on additional roles (ie shadow ministerial roles and associated parliamentary travel). The figures for 2011/2012 reflect these duties in extra travel allowances received and outgoings expended, in addition to as well as electorate duties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [personal information]</li> <li>• Difference of \$25,000 in 2011/2012 was supplemented from Member's wage.</li> <li>• However, over a three year period average of \$11,000 per year additional cost supplementation from wage to run electorate office and [personal information] roles</li> </ul>

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		<p><b>Summary of typical items I have funded through allowances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff and contractor costs including backfill during leave</li> <li>• Staff training</li> <li>• Software management systems</li> <li>• Communication costs               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ postage;</li> <li>○ mobile phones</li> <li>○ mobile internet data packs</li> <li>○ printing</li> <li>○ newsletters</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Donations to community groups</li> <li>• Some furniture</li> <li>• Some computers</li> <li>• Cleaning (external and internal office)</li> <li>• Office phone lines (partial) - two lines are inadequate with 3 people in the office so I have funded a third line</li> <li>• Car &amp; fuel (car allowance covers about quarter of cost)</li> <li>• Reimbursement of staff travel costs</li> <li>• Newspapers</li> <li>• Functions</li> <li>• Equipment insurance</li> <li>• Signage</li> <li>• Subscriptions</li> <li>• Meals at Parliament away from home</li> <li>• Colour photocopying</li> <li>• Constituent afternoon/morning teas</li> <li>• Bank fees for electorate office account</li> <li>• Additional travel costs</li> </ul>

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<b>1635</b>	10/09/2013	<p>1.It is appropriate to have a base salary plus bonuses for extra tasks/work/roles, and to have allowances relevant to the job eg: travel allowance to pay to get to parliament and around the electorate. However at present the amounts of all these are excessive and Australia can't afford it!</p> <p>2.Expenses should be similar to what other's can be paid - living away from home allowance for time in Canberra, travel allowance, meal allowance with set upper limit per meal such as those used in the Defence or recommended by the ATO.</p> <p>3.The salary is exceptionally high with earnings between \$137G and \$280G+. Allowances are not required to top up the salary. Allowances are set in every job and in the Defence (differences for different ranks) follow these guidelines or the ATO's guidelines of a fair approximation for allowances. Or leave off the allowances and allow the MPs to claim the allowance as a tax deduction. All receipts should be submitted to show the amount was spent appropriately.</p> <p>4. The majority of people are earning around \$50G a year - twice that would be appropriate for the MP - hence whilst our income is \$50G - their's should be \$100, not 5x the amount!</p> <p>6. I think that the base pay and allowances need to be drastically reduced, but those who keep election promises should be given an extra bonus of at \$5G per promise kept. Those who attend 95% of all parliament sessions (must be the whole session, not walk in for a few minutes then walk out) should also be given a bonus of \$5G.</p>
<b>1636</b>	10/09/2013	<p>In order to determine a fair wage for backbenchers, it is important to look at what they actually have responsibilities for. It is very little.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- backbenchers have no real decision making power;</li> <li>- no formal academic qualifications are required to enter parliament;</li> <li>- most representations on behalf of members of the electorate are merely forwarded to ministers by a member of staff and the verbatim response provided to member;</li> <li>- their presence at parliament house is required so that they can vote as directed by the party;</li> <li>- they attend functions in their electorates more as ongoing electioneering than adding any real value from their presence.</li> <li>- I am well aware of the old saying "pay peanuts get monkeys". Unfortunately we feed our monkeys on caviar.</li> </ul> <p>You should ask yourselves the question - "has the quality of representation improved with the massive pay rises that people like you have awarded politicians in the last decade?" The answer is clear but I guess that the perk of being on the remuneration</p>

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		tribunal is worth preserving. If only you were truly independent.
<b>1637</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Do you not think it is unwise to increase salaries of MPs during a time when the financial affairs of our country are not in order?</p> <p>Currently the mining sector has gone through a period where over 25000 people have lost employment. This has been within a year. Does this rate of unemployment not worry the people who should be MOST concerned about the welfare of their state/country? Admittedly some of the positions that were cut may have been extra unwanted fat. However the end result is many people out of work, some of which will not apply for the Dole and therefore not form part of the true unemployment figure which politicians often refer to. The true result is many people not contributing to the economy, and a large number of people now seeking the same work, having to take jobs at a level below their education level - as it is in places like India, all the while the politicians increase their wealth and status - without actually TRUELY contributing to the state of financial affairs of Australia. If you want more money - be prepared to generate better results - or get out and stop burdening the system further. The people who are getting the increased remunerations MUST be held accountable for their work. Reviewing the makeup of the MP remuneration, they must remember - others employed in the community outside of parliament yet still employed in executive positions DO NOT receive similar entitlements. Why create the gap? There does not appear to be any humbleness in this which will only create a larger rift... surely I am not the only person that can see this?</p>
<b>1638</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I believe the current salary and perks received are in extreme excess of what our MP's deserve.</p> <p>The fear that not having a high enough remuneration to attract the right people into office is a joke! We should be attracting people with passion for helping people the state and country not their wallets!</p> <p>There should be NO continued perks or remuneration once they leave office also! The job should be looked at like any other job because it is just that!</p> <p>Once a suitable remuneration has been established there should be no increase or changes allowed that are not also passed onto public servants.</p> <p>I believe that the MP's should not receive allowances , they should receive a salary and then any thing they need to spend money on related to their work should be from a budget allocated to their office. This should be auditable and managed like corporate cards in the government, forcing them to reconcile their spending often! Eliminating the possibility of this just adding to their fat bank accounts.</p> <p>To answer the Tribunal's questions:</p> <p>1. In considering the role of a Queensland MP, do you believe an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation), and some expense allowances associated with performing the role of a MP? Please explain your answer.</p> <p>No, I believe that a salary should be paid with superannuation but with no allowances. Expenditure related specifically to their role should be paid with a budget that is reconciled so all expenses are itemised and justified. Other expenses like phone etc they can</p>

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		<p>claim on their tax like everyone else who uses a phone for work purposes. If they want a phone for work purposes only then pay for a mobile phone out of their budget.</p> <p>2. If you believe there should be expense allowances, what sort of expenses should be allowed for? Please give examples.</p> <p>None, they should all be covered for under budget, things like travel, stationary mobile phone some meeting budget such catering etc.</p> <p>3. How do you think the Tribunal should ensure that allowances are only used to meet the reasonable expenses of an MP and are not regarded as a substitute for salary?</p> <p>Force a budget to be reconciled like a corporate card and audited.</p> <p>4. What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant in determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities?</p> <p>What changes they make to their community for the better.</p> <p>5. Is there anything else about MP remuneration that you think is important for the Tribunal to take into consideration?</p> <p>Any remuneration to "former" MP's, this should be abolished! They should be forced to live like all other Australians.</p> <p>In conclusion I would like to say our state MP's salary's should be brought back to more in line with other states or less, maybe around the 130,000 per year mark with formal roles and positions maxing out \$200,000 to \$250,00 total (including base salary). All allowances should be removed and replaced with budgets for their positions/electorates, where money that is not spent goes back to the state or maybe even rolls over every financial year and stays with the position and not the MP them self. Miscellaneous allowances should be removed as well as the travel allowance which should come out of their budget and minor entitlements to be removed also, such as telephone refunds, MP's should be forced to claim these things back on tax like the rest of us! As for MP's and former MP's receiving superannuation or pension benefits, this should be completely removed! Current MP's should receive only the same superannuation benefits that are received by public servants. Former MP's should no longer receive any funding at all as they are no longer employees. If they are completely out of money and have no job they can line up at center link like everybody else!</p>

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1639	10/09/2013	<p>I apologise for this late submission but I have been away and only found out about your Tribunal today and that it closes for submissions tomorrow.</p> <p>I must declare myself at the very outset by saying that I think we have one level of government too many in Australia and the State Governments are a wasteful extravagance. As far back as when I was a teenager there seems to have been a continual stream of Royal Commissions/Inquiries into corruption at state level from ex Premier Burke in WA to the present ICAC Inquiry in NSW. More recently in Qld we have seen the unashamed nepotism of the Newman government in the Transport Dept in particular which has cost Qld taxpayers heaps.</p> <p>Having said that - If you pay peanuts you get monkeys. In broad terms(because of the time constraints) I ask you to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ Base salary for MPs be \$250,000 pa.</li> <li>➔ Parliamentary Secretaries, Ministers and Premier's salaries be 5,10 and 20% above MP salary.</li> <li>➔ No extra remuneration for sitting on committees.</li> <li>➔ Every MP to be provided with one suitably staffed and equipped electoral office.</li> <li>➔ All allowances be replaced by budgets for travel and entertainment which need to be scrutinised and approved by Treasury in advance. No over budget expenses should be tolerated.</li> <li>➔ Mileage allowance to be paid for privately owned vehicles in accordance with present transport and Main Road schedules. Consideration may also be given to supplying members with a "company" car for use within their electorate. These car would be clearly marked with a large government logo and should not be taken outside of the electorate without the prior written consent of the Treasurer or his nominee.</li> <li>➔ Overseas junkets, alias trade missions etc should be banned. Trade negotiations should be left to the professionals at Austrade. Overseas business is the province of the Commonwealth.</li> <li>➔ Signs saying "this project was funded by Qld Govt" should be discontinued or paid for by the political party in government at the time as they are really just party political advertisements.</li> <li>➔ All prospective members of parliament should be investigated well before they receive their parties nomination by CMC or police and ATO to avoid people like S. Driscoll, MP for Redcliffe and P. Dowling, MP for Redlands from sullyng our government. It is unbelievable that this "red wine willie" could masquerade as chair of the Ethics Committee.</li> <li>➔ On retirement from parliament: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⤴ I think that the parliamentary pension scheme was abandoned by the previous government for new members. Those who were members of parliament before the abandonment still receive their entitlements.</li> <li>⤴ Being a politician is a risky career so there needs to be some reward for service to the state.</li> <li>⤴ From now on a one termer would get no pension and little super.</li> <li>⤴ The chances of being re employed would depend on a number of things including age, trade, profession, experience etc.</li> <li>⤴ Someone who has been a member for some years and retires at 65 should have enough super for future financial security.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⤴ It is more the younger ones with a family and a short term in parliament that need some “protection” or incentive to put in for the job and all parliaments need people from all age groups to be truly representative of all the people.</li> <li>⤴ I am not sure what the answer is yet but perhaps something like a means tested pension for a period to allow these younger and family mothers and fathers to retrain or whatever to seek employment.</li> <li>⤴ No ex parliamentarian or their family should be allowed to be a lobbyist or be a member of board of any government corporation for 10 years after leaving parliament. The “jobs for the boys” rewards have to be expunged. I am not sure that lobbyists should be allowed at all. I have had many successful discussions with many Ministers and MPs over a long time as an industry representative and everything was transparent and bribe free. I think we still have one ex State Parliamentarian behind bars for corruption and I think the mere mention of lobbyists muddies the water.</li> <li>⤴ There needs to be some discussion about ethics and standards raised. The present situation where P. Dowling's jilted girl friend blew the whistle on him and his disgraceful conduct (I am not a prude) and he confesses to everything in parliament and yet the Premier defends Dowling and says the matter is being investigated !! Hey he has already confessed Mr Premier. Grubs like Dowling should be expelled from parliament and receive no consideration as far as pension is concerned. This is a clear demonstration of what happens when Caesar judges Caesar – surely CMC should be judging Caesar or send him back to the electorate immediately for their verdict seeing his party leader has such confidence in him.</li> </ul> <p>Some of my comments may seem to be outside your terms of reference but I hope you find them relevant and helpful.</p>

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1640	10/09/2013	<p><b>Queensland Nurses' Union</b></p> <p><b>Remuneration of members and former members of the Queensland Legislative Assembly</b></p> <p>Submission to the Minister for Health The Honorable Lawrence Springborg MLA</p> <p>September, 2013</p> <p>The Queensland Nurses' Union (the QNU) thanks the Minister for providing this opportunity to comment on the establishment and operation of the Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal (the tribunal). The QNU covers all categories of workers who make up the nursing workforce in Queensland including registered nurses, registered midwives, enrolled nurses and assistants in nursing who are employed in the public, private and not-for-profit health sectors including aged care.</p> <p>Our more than 50,000 members work across a variety of settings from single person operations to large health and non-health institutions, and in a full range of classifications from entry level trainees to senior management. The vast majority of nurses in Queensland are members of the QNU. These workers are subject to the terms and conditions set out in industrial awards and agreements.</p> <p><b>Remuneration Tribunal Review</b></p> <p>The <i>Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal Act 2013</i> established the tribunal to make determinations on remuneration for members and former members of the Queensland Legislative Assembly (MPs) guided by a set of principles based on their role functions and responsibilities.</p> <p>The QNU provides some general comments in respect to question 4 of the <i>Discussion Paper - Review of Members and Former Members of the Queensland Legislative Assembly</i> (the discussion paper) on the introduction of the scheme and we note that as with many of the LNP government's public inquiries, there has again been a very limited timeframe in which to give full consideration to the matter.</p> <p><b>Question 4. What factors and benchmarks do you consider relevant in determining the reasonable direct salary (excluding expense allowances) that reflects the value to the community of an MP carrying out their role, functions and responsibilities?</b></p> <p>We accept that MPs should receive a level of remuneration that reflects the duties and responsibilities of the role. Aside from the additional responsibilities associated with appointment to a parliamentary office or as a Minister or Shadow Minister -</p>

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		<p>parliamentarians have two significant groups of work. First, they must meet the ongoing demands of their electorate and secondly they must attend to their many, increasingly diverse and consuming responsibilities in the Parliament (Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal, 2011). The processes of government would be unworkable without their commitment.</p> <p>While we recognise that there are diverse views within the community about the nature of the work and remuneration of MPs, we believe that an effective public administration of capable parliamentarians is essential to representative democracy. It is also essential that parliamentarians meet the same standards of wage restraint that this government has imposed on public sector workers. Queensland taxpayers elect and pay for these positions. If, as a means of fiscal restraint, the LNP had to make massive cuts to public sector jobs, then there are no circumstances that justify excessive increases to MPs' remuneration.</p> <p>Clearly, the establishment of the tribunal is intended to appease the public backlash against the proposed increases that would have seen MPs receive significant wage rises. This comes at a time when the LNP government has cut 14,000 jobs and denied modest wage increases to public sector workers ostensibly because the economy cannot support such a level of spending. If the tribunal acts in good faith, then it must hold MPs accountable to the same standards they set for state government employees responsible for providing public services.</p> <p>In our view, MPs should receive the same level of increase as that outlined in the state government's wages policy (for both the base salary and allowances). 1 The Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal commented in its report (2011) that any linkages between state and federal salaries should be severed as they are no longer appropriate. We concur with this observation. Enterprise bargaining replaced centralised wage fixation for most Australian workers 20 years ago.2 Consistent with that approach, it is appropriate that states undertake their own mechanism for setting the salaries and allowances for MPs.</p> <p>According to the discussion paper (p. 1) the tribunal decisions cannot be challenged or appealed. Determination will be tabled in the Queensland parliament and made publically available on the tribunal's website. We suggest that in the interests of transparency, the tribunal must also provide a statement of reasons and the evidence it took into account for each determination it makes in relation to its decision.</p> <p><i>The Industrial Relations (Fair Work Act Harmonisation) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012</i> amended the <i>Industrial Relations Act 1999</i> to require the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (QIRC) to give consideration to the financial position of the State, individual public sector entities, the State's fiscal strategy and public revenue when making decisions on wages and other entitlements. If the QIRC must uphold this requirement for state public sector employees, then the tribunal must apply the same principles to the remuneration of MPs.</p> <p>In responding to the Independent Commission of Audit, the LNP government accepted nearly all of the 155 recommendations that apparently represent 'the most significant transformation of the public sector in Queensland for four decades. It is a plan for better government services for Queenslanders by increasing productivity and enhancing service delivery.' (Queensland Government,</p>

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		<p>2013, p.2) By any measure then, the tribunal must impose on MPs the same constraints that the LNP government has enforced in the public sector and adopt a remuneration regime that is consistent and fair.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The QNU recommends that the tribunal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· aligns increases in the annual base salary and allowances to the government's wages policy for the public sector;</li> <li>· discontinues any nexus with federal counterparts;</li> <li>· provides a statement of reasons and evidence for each determination it makes in relation to its decision.</li> </ul> <p>1 In February, the LNP government announced that a new Government Wages policy for the Queensland public sector (excluding Government Owned Corporations) would lower the existing ceiling from up to 3% per annum (determined in May 2012), to between 2.2% and 2.5% per annum inclusive of productivity. Departments will be funded for 2.2%, with cashable savings as a result of productivity allowing for offers up to 2.5% per annum.</p> <p>2 Each year, unions apply to increase minimum award wage rates during the Fair Work Commission's annual wage review process. This is to ensure the award safety net keeps pace with living costs. Not all employees are in workplaces where enterprise bargaining is the main mechanism for establishing pay increases, so the safety net review is critical to ensure all Australian workers receive fair reward for their labour.</p> <p>References            Queensland Government (2013) Response to the Independent Commission of Audit Final Report p.2)            Commonwealth Remuneration Tribunal (2011) Review of the Remuneration of Members of Parliament Initial Report retrieved from <a href="http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/determinations-and-statements/parliamentarians">http://www.remtribunal.gov.au/determinations-and-statements/parliamentarians</a>)</p>
1641	10/09/2013	<p>Submission to the Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal</p> <p>On making my submission I would like to say that all employees in the workforce should be treated fairly and on their merits. It would appear that Politicians at times are beyond what the average worker and taxpayer, expects (this can be seen in the recent pay rise granted) It is obvious that politicians do not come under an award hence the reason for the tribunal. A lot has been said about "feeding people peanuts and getting monkeys". We need to attract good people into parliament, but the package should not be the catalyst for becoming a politician. In looking at the remuneration I feel that the things that Politicians do should in some way be linked to industry standards, if that is not already being done. Politicians should not obtain anything that a normal tax payer would not be able to get.</p> <p>I have recently retired after 50 years working in the, (Public Service 10yrs &amp; Private Industry 40yrs) and the expectation in Private Industry is that you don't get paid for everything that you do, ie ringing clients customers after hours, attending community</p>

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		<p>meetings, service clubs, working weekends, because it is said that it is part of your package. So an hourly rate could be \$60/hr and end up being \$25/hr for the time you have put in.</p> <p>I think a Politician should have to do a business plan each year and it should include a detailed list of expenses</p> <p>1 I agree with the base salary of \$137149 and that it should be indexed to the CPI annually. I also believe that all MP's should be made accountable to their electorates, if more were put on notice of not achieving KPI's then we as voters might have better representatives</p> <p>2 I agree with an allowance that is based on the size of the electorate, plus country MP's should also have their fuel allowance increased from the city MP's (my last position as a Business Development manager all over Qld and Fuel etc is a lot more expensive. This allowance should also be index</p>
<b>1642</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Politicians are Servants of the people and are employees just like any other worker. They should be subject to the same rules as the rest of society and their pay rises should be in line with what the Government is offering the Police, Nurses, Firemen and Schoolteachers. Their Superannuation benefits should also be in line with other members of the public - they are no a special case and the Tribunal examining their pay should comprise members of the public. It's time they were subject to the same pay and conditions they inflict on all other Government workers and the public workers. A 40% pay increase is obscene.</p>
<b>1643</b>	10/09/2013	<p>no payrise, everyone has it tough.</p>
<b>1644</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I spent almost [personal information] years as a member of the Federal parliament -[personal information] representing three electorates -two metropolitan and one that swept from the outskirts of [personal information]. It hardly matters what the Tribunal decides you will be caned and over my years I saw about five salary increases stopped by the Prime Minister of the day which gladdened population hearts for about 24 hours and that was it. Over those years both Fed and state electorates have increased population wise and while one has only 24 hours in a day the job has become more demanding. The present problem stems directly from the huge increase determined by the Federal Tribunal a year or two ago and by Qld MP'S tying their salaries to \$500 below a Federal MP some years back. Everyone in public life thinks they work hard - often motivated by a desire to survive in a marginal seat or an ambitious person in their own party with eyes on their seat. Over my years I would have had a good 20 State MP's operating within my various boundaries and was able to observe who worked their "guts" out and those who had an easy ride. There are also those who have succeeded at an election who end up making a huge sacrifice in terms of the security of the job they resign and those in business or a profession who have to abandon it because of their new role. You will never be able to recognise those realities in the task you have been given and I recognise you are only determining a basic MP salary at this time with allowances for additional duties/ office to be determined at a later time. When it comes to back bench salaries, the lot and responsibilities of a Federal MP are heavier than that of a State MP. I respectfully submit a salary level set at say 87.5% of a Federal MP'S OF \$195,130 would be a fair outcome.</p>

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1645	10/09/2013	<p>I wish to make the following submission and reply to the questions as outlined in Section 3 of the Discussion Paper.</p> <p><b>Response to Question 1.</b> I believe an appropriate remuneration structure is a combination of direct salary (including superannuation) and some expense allowances.</p> <p><b>Response to Question 2.</b> Expenses that should be allowed include a single electorate vehicle, mobile phone and laptop computer. Reimbursement for the use of the MP's home phone is not relevant as the MP can use their mobile phone. The vehicle should only be used by the MP and their office staff; not by friends, family, party members or other persons.</p> <p><b>Response to Question 3.</b> Expenses should be determined by the electorate office manager and not the sitting member. All accounts should be made available to the public and receipts provided. Any allowance not spent should not be pocketed by the MP. Rather it should be returned to the government or donated to community groups.</p> <p><b>Response to Question 4.</b> - -</p> <p><b>Response to Question 5.</b> It would be expected that elected MPs devote their time to this important role and make themselves readily available to the electorate. They should not participate in other activities where they draw an income or financial benefit such as running a business, being on a board, etc. This ensures that there is no 'conflict of interest' and that they devote their time and efforts as expected by the community.</p> <p>All MPs are Committee Members then this role part of the expectation of being an MP. Hence, an additional salary should not be payable for this role as the annual base salary is more than generous.</p> <p>Once an election is called, MPs should cease receiving any entitlements (eg. access to vehicles, mobile phones, office stationery, etc.) and remunerations until the election is over and the results have been declared. This would ensure a fair and even playing field amongst all candidates standing in the election.</p>

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1646	10/09/2013	The pay of MPs should be pegged at their current level and then increased annually in line with the rate of inflation. This would save an immense amount of time in research and negotiation time. It is no good having a more generous scheme for MPs. Public servants are having their increases capped to match the government's ability to pay such increases. The same restrictions should apply to MPs pay increases. The whole process should certainly not involve MPs themselves as the recent debacle showed with the government waving through 40% increases for themselves. A clear conflict of interest which should be halted forthwith
1647	10/09/2013	<p><b>Submission on the issue of the remuneration of Queensland MPs and former MPs.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Tribunal must consider the total remuneration package which includes the generous superannuation component received by politician and the length of time that that benefit is received as opposed to that received by the general working population.</li> <li>• The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</li> <li>• The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</li> <li>• The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</li> </ul>
1648	10/09/2013	The MP wage increases should be structured around the public service wage increases. Simple. But I understand this cannot be the case. I question the "independence" of this tribunal and the value placed on submissions from the general public. I assume you will need to provide the government something to "spin" into a good news story. So why not give them an increase of around 12% then tie it into the public service wage increases. The LNP shouldn't lose too many votes that way, and you'll make your masters pleased.

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<b>1649</b>	10/09/2013	<p>1. Yes. I consider a combination of Salary and some expense allowances to be appropriate</p> <p>2. Most expenses outlined in the Entitlement handbook are worthy. I believe any travel should be done via economy class on all levels of transportation. I don not believe any payments should be made to accomodate Spouses or relatives in any aspect of MP emtitlements. If an MP wants to invole a spouse, then that expense should be born by the Member.</p> <p>3. Expenses should be paid via the current system of making a claim to the Clerk once the expense has been incurred, not as an 'paid in advance' allowance.</p> <p>4. I would expect that a modest salary be available with expenses allowable to cover the day to day running of the Members office and in the Member carrying out their duties.</p> <p>5. I do not agree in past members receiving benefits. Benefits and allowances should only be available for those who are currently serving the Public as an MP. Please stop the carry on of entitlements for past MP's! I believe the current Salaries coupled with most of the allowances are sufficient enough to attract the right people with a view to serve their Local area and that of the State. Thankyou for the opportunity to make comment.</p>
<b>1650</b>	10/09/2013	<p><b>SUBMISSION RE RENUMERATION PACKAGE FOR POLITICIANS IN QUEENSLAND.</b></p> <p>While I accept politicians must be paid a generous salary in accordance with their station in the community I fell that the current salary is excessive in the extreme given the fact they also receive an Electoral Allowance of \$39,263 to \$77,922 depending on the size of the electorate, as well as a Miscellaneous Allowance of \$32,355 per year plus a range of Travel Allowances and other minor entitlements, such as home telephone refunds.</p> <p>Politicians are entitled to a salary and some allowances but there is really no need for them to be so large given the broader community who works in an everyday job also has to travel from their home to their place of work using their own vehicle and their own money and according to the Taxation Act are NOT entitled to recommence for that travel. The only time they are entitled to a Travel Allowance is if their employer sends them away to another city or town on business as part of their job and Politicians are employed by the voters of Queensland and their place of work is actually Parliament House in Brisbane so they really do not need to be paid a Travel Allowance to work there. If however they are required to travel interstate or overseas or yes with community Cabinets to another part of the State to conduct Parliament yes they could be entitled to a Travel allowance then it should be paid.</p> <p>As for their role in the community as a representative of the people in their electorate playing an active roll in the community that too could be construed as part of their employment whether they get paid extra for it should be governed by hours they are required to do the work just like a normal 9-5 worker they can work overtime and get paid a set amount of money per hour. I know politicians are required to attend fetes, meetings with local dignitaries etc and this what the electoral allowance covers, but the amounts listed are as great as what some people earn as a yearly salary which is excessive in the extreme.</p> <p>Then there are all the additional salaries politicians get paid for Chairman of Committees and Treasure, Leader of the Opposition, Speaker, Whip, or Committee Member as well, why should they be paid so much money to do those jobs. A small allowance should be enough for a Committee Chairman or Member, because some committees are only established for a short time and the</p>

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		<p>high money paid is not warranted.</p> <p>Politicians shouldn't be paid extra to sit on committees as that is part of their jobs as Parliamentarians, just like normal people are allocated jobs at work.</p> <p>They should be getting a set salary and only paid extra if they happen to be Premier, Treasurer, Speaker or Whip as that is a higher duty.</p>
1651	10/09/2013	<p>Having been a voter in Qld. for many years I feel that our politicians are considerably OVERPAID when all the extra allowances are taken into consideration, in some cases almost doubling the actual salary. Please when you set a figure, take all these allowances into consideration including the very very generous superannuation. A lot of politicians consider themselves on a "gravy train". YOU and I do not have access to all these benefits yet they are "our servants". Be true to your task, be fair to the people of Queensland. Often Parliament sets up these Tribunals as a "sop" knowing full well and expecting results very favourable to themselves. When you consider that so many other positions in the Public Service are then re-graded in as much as their salaries are set in relation to any increases - judges, heads of department and so forth. Think really really hard and consider the people of Queensland, I implore. Thank you.</p>
1652	10/09/2013	<p>Since coming to power the Neumann Government has complained about the financial mess left by the previous administration. To counter financial shortfall, 14,000+ public servants have been sacked. This is a considerable burden for the Queensland public to carry. It is only right, fitting and proper that this burden be shared by all Queenslanders and in particular by those responsible for applying financial pressure on the public to correct this shortfall. I therefore demand that the remuneration paid to politicians reflects the genuine responsibility that the government believes necessary of the Queensland public to suffer to right this financial problem.</p>
1653	10/09/2013	<p>Politicians' pay is way too high considering the poor representation we get from some of them. There is a lot of abuse of privileges and if the pay rises do eventuate politicians should be responsible for more of their own expenses such as travel and accommodation and maybe this would make them think before presenting their card - if it is their own.</p>
1654	10/09/2013	<p>As a former Member, I understand the necessity of having a public and transparent salary package. I believe that the Electorate Allowance should be set to the level which equates to the size of an Electorate as at present, and the base salary should be increased to include the current Miscellaneous Allowance which would be taxed in accordance with the Income Tax Scale.</p> <p>The Miscellaneous allowance was designed to meet the cost of telephone, meeting costs of the Members Office which is not all met by Parliamentary Services and other ancillary costs.</p> <p>Present retired Members, since 2006 do not retire on a pension until their Superannuation matures at the age determined by the Superannuation Legislation. There are only limited post retirement benefits which were designed to reflect the length of service and it is submitted that they should be retained in their present form.</p>

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1673	10/09/2013	<p>In a true democracy, if our elected leaders do not keep their promises or do not act according to the wish of the majority, they would be immediately sacked. The LNP broke too many electoral promises, committed acts of nepotism and on top of that they are awarding themselves a massive pay rise whilst offering hard-working public servants a meager pay rise below the inflation rate which is effectively a pay cut. And if that were not enough, they are eroding our rights to collective bargaining in direct violation of the International Labour Organization convention. It is not only unfair, but is also unethical and therefore they should be sacked. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>
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<b>1680</b>	10/09/2013	<p>If pay went on performance, Queensland's LNP politicians would get a sizeable reduction. The slash and burn tactics in Queensland haven't worked. In the first 16 months of the LNP government in Queensland (to July 2013), employment increased by just 12,800 people (trend data). Full time employment fell by 4,700 in that time. In the previous 16 month period, employment increased by 33,700, and full time went up 43,400. Australia-wide employment rose by 181,500 in the last 16 months. Growth in state final demand for Queensland has fallen sharply during the time of the LNP government. In the year to June quarter 2013, it rose 1.8%. In the previous three years, it rose 18.7%. While they are slashing and burning, they seem to be spending plenty of money in other others. They are running deficits larger than any of the previous state Labor government. The 2011-12 actual deficit was \$5.5 billion. The previous Labor government was in office for about three-quarters of this. The 2012-13 estimated actual deficit was \$8.7 billion. The 2013-14 budgeted deficit is \$7.7 billion. Debt will go from about \$60 billion to about \$80 billion in the first two years on the LNP government in Queensland. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the</p>

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<b>1682</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I find it disgraceful that Politicians can even contemplate increasing their payrates when we are told the state cannot afford to maintain services. What else will be cut and how many more people will lose their livelihood to fund these increases? The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers's monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional</p>

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<b>1683</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Everyone should be entitled to a fair and reasonable pay rise to keep up with the cost of life. It is hard to justify a 40% pay rise after 'saving' so much money from sacking so many staff in the public service and yet not offer the same to remaining public servants. Politicians are public servants - the same rules should apply across the board. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>

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1686	10/09/2013	<p>The new LNP state government changed the legislation in a matter of weeks to enable it to sack 14,000 public servants - and causing further damage to small business through the knock-on effect - yet it blames legislation for making it problematic not to allow itself a 42% pay rise in a time of economic hardship. As well as culling staff, causing huge stress for remaining resources working with fewer people, they have cut multiple 'unaffordable' services in the name of the budget bottom line. How then can they possibly justify exorbitant pay rises for themselves while putting so many others out of work or/and business entirely, and restricting pay increases for the rest to less than 3%? I am so mortified at the glee with which I voted out Labor in 2012 - I won't be making that mistake again. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration. The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>

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<b>1688</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I believe Queensland politicians' pay rises should be tied to public service wage rises with separate electoral and expense allowances which reflect the cost of carrying out their duties (higher for those with greater travel distances and costs) and no more. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to</p>

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<b>1772</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I think a 40% payrise for polities, (back-dating to 2009 or not) is inappropriate and obscene, considering public servants like me cannot be offered any more than a 2.2% payrise (not back-dated to a previous month let alone a previous year). Put a decimal point in there and they might get my vote of approval. What world are they living in - not mine obviously!!!</p> <p>The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p>

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<b>1775</b>	10/09/2013	<p>2.5 % per year in crease is only justified for all politicians, they should see it a privilege to serve the public and not reap the rewards of huge pay outs including massive superannuation and dismiss all there claims it is not lawful and its plundering public funds for there own pockets while all public servant have to justify there accountability for there minimal income has fallen way behind the average income. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>
<b>1776</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I as an employee of QCS who got a 2.2% rise, because of the lack of money the government say they have. The politicians should get the same (2.2%) if Queensland is so cash poor, or did the politicians lie about the state of Queensland's finances. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p>

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1777	10/09/2013	<p>How can a government who have repeatedly stated that the state needs to save money justify a 40% wage increase as this money comes from tax payers pockets. They are answerable to every tax payer. This money could be better spent on improving those services that have not been cut from rural Queensland. There is more to Queensland than Brisbane. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>

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<b>1779</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I still can not believe the hypocritical rhetoric that pours from the mouths of our politicians on this pay rise issue. It was announced a few months back that by Bruce Flegg that they would be 'breaking the law' if they did not accept the pay rise. However they are the same government who rush through legislation (sometimes till the early hours of the morning) to attack and erode the working conditions of hard working public servants. They want our unions to be open, accountable and transparent but the same does not apply to them. These double standards must stop if they want any credibility in the eyes of public servants, the people who work for them and all Queenslanders. Joe Public swallowed their BS during the election campaign (a lot of them public servants) only to find out that it was all 'smoke and mirrors'. This just another example of their true greedy selfish nature that is so far removed from reality it is ridiculous. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p>

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<b>1782</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Given politicians are dependent on public servants for delivery of good government and because it is mainly the public servants who provide the information which politicians use for good government, any pay rise for politicians must be in line with the pay rises given to public servants. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to</p>

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<b>1784</b>	10/09/2013	<p>After the loss of jobs for 14,000 public servants it is hypocritical, and I believe, highly unethical to give politicians any pay rise, let alone the pay rise that is proposed. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p>

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<b>1789</b>	10/09/2013	<p>We fight like crazy to get the same pay rise we have experienced in the past three agreement of 12.5% over 3 years (4.5% first year, 4% the next two years) and all government were prepared to offer was 2.3%. We work hard on the ground to make sure their portfolios provide the best service government can offer and are not rewarded for making them look good. For them to get anything more than the percentage they are prepared to pay the public servants is ludicrous. Pay them no increases until they pay a reasonable, agreed upon, increase to public servants and definitely not 40%. They do not deserve it. No one deserves a 40% increase. We do deserve a 4.5% increase though, back dated to the end of our last agreement, not 1 July 2013. This is day light robbery. We have gone without a minute increase for our small wage, they enjoy a humongous wage and want even more. This is criminal. Stop the polities huge pay rise. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the</p>

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<b>1810</b>	10/09/2013	<p>This government has made clear statements about the Qld economy and how the state needs to save money. Many people have already lost their jobs in support of cost cutting. For the economy to improve, we need people employed and spending money, not concentrating more money in the hands of politicians who already have adequate income. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayersâ€™ monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future</p>

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<b>1811</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I,m sick of politicians taking huge wage rises while [inappropriate content] the workers of this country, its the only thing they agree on. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers's monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians's pay to Commonwealth politicians's pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>
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<b>1814</b>	10/09/2013	<p>It is disgraceful that politicians seem to think that they can be granted a pay rise at such a significantly greater percentage than any other worker in Queensland, The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers's monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and</p>

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1819	10/09/2013	<p>politicians are public servants. Their pay should reflect those of the public sector. Any increases politicians pay should be linked to that of public sector wages outcomes indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland. There is no logical or ethical reason why politician pay rises should be treated differently to those of the public sector. When the state government argues the need for for austerity and that public servant should therefore be satisfied with less than a 3 % pay rise (one less than the rise in the cost of living) it should be leading the way. The best way to do this is to link politicians pay increases with that of the public sector. Therefore if the public sector is expected to be satisfied with an annual 2.5% pay-rise so it should be for politicians. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers's monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians's pay to Commonwealth politicians's pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>

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<b>1821</b>	10/09/2013	<p>The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>

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<b>1823</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I believe the State politicians pay should be linked to that of the State Public Service. After all they are but Public Servants themselves. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayersâ€™ monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politiciansâ€™ pay to Commonwealth politiciansâ€™ pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of</p>

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<b>1827</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Restrospective wage rises should not be on the Agenda, when the previous Government declined these increases for the benefit for the whole of the state and the rise should be in line with Public Service increases as we are all employed by the same employer the State of Queensland. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers'™ monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any</p>

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<b>1830</b>	10/09/2013	<p>The bourgeois must be defeated. We must win and recover everything we have lost. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>

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<b>1836</b>	10/09/2013	<p>How does a 40% pay rise for politicians compare to a 2.2% pay rise for workers in this Department? We've already missed out on 12 months worth of a small pay increase in 2012/13 and now are battling to achieve an agreement some within 2-3%. How about the money that is planned to be paid to QLD MPs is used to pay workers in the various Qld Government Departments? I'll gladly take it from the MPs. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p>

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<b>1838</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I know he's cunning but trying to sneak this pay rise through now is a new form of low. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in</p>

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1840	10/09/2013	<p>My point for the Submission: The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate. The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure. The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland. The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth</p>

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1841	10/09/2013	<p>While nursing homes and community assistance organisations are shutting down and I am losing work colleagues and not getting a 3% pay rise, the politicians can get a pay rise of that magnitude. I hope the people of Qld don't forget this at the next election! The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p>

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<b>1842</b>	10/09/2013	<p>The current Qld government under Campbell Newman's leadership is failing the people of Queensland; failing to listen; failing to do what's fair; failing to tell the truth; failing to represent the community accurately. Cambell Newman's LNP is purely focused on schemes that will benefit themselves and their immediate family and forgetting the rest of Qld. I work for the Qld government in Child Protection and this government is expecting us to do more work with little money. In working with our most vulnerable, the government doesn't see fit to allocate budget finances for ongoing training of staff - but there is money for their pay increase! - yet another clear example of how this Qld government under Campbell Newman is all about benefiting the few. 40% for pollies and they expect us to accept 2.2%! The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration. The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>

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<b>1846</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Our country is presently ruined by greed, politicians are elected to represent and make the right choices for the betterment of all, not just line their pockets with coin and look to a more than comfortable retirement. All entitlements should cease on their exit from this scene. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in</p>

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<b>2036</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Ensure that all members are working to serve their constituents. How is this massive pay increase justified? The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>
<b>2037</b>	10/09/2013	<p>STOP the Politicians Pay Rise. Campbell Newman and his Govt. have frozen the Pays of other Queenslanders but is willing to fill his pockets and those of his politicians. There are children living below the Poverty line, there are people living on the streets. We need emergency housing, drug and alcohol programs. We need roads , hospitals and workers to man the hospitals. We need schools and More teachers. All of the above and MORE need to be funded before the Politicians' pockets are lined with more and more. I certainly wont be voting for this Govt. again. They have failed miserably. They need to be more humanitarian - reduce the crime rate. Reduce the suicide rate by developing more jobs with the money instead of being personally greedy. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p>

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<b>2044</b>	10/09/2013	<p>This payrise is beyond the understanding of every Rate Payer in Queensland and should not be allowed! A Tribunal set up by the Government is not independent and should not have the option of making the decision! The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any</p>

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2053	10/09/2013	<p>Queensland politicians have been stressing that Queensland is in a very poor financial position. The government has clearly pressed this in its arguments against public servants getting pay rises. It should also be a major consideration for politicians' pay rises. The outrage expressed in the community when the earlier proposed rise was announced shows that a significant rise is regarded as unacceptable. Politicians themselves have largely said that they should not get such a large pay rise. Electoral allowances should be maintained as a separate amount to ensure that politicians have a proscribed amount of money to service their electorates. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to</p>

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<b>2064</b>	10/09/2013	<p>If anyone who earns more than 120K per year wants a 40% rise is disgracefully greedy when there is so much need going on within our community. I'm talking about honest hard working Australians who are struggling just to find work to put food on the table. That money should be going into an economy stimulus package. At the end of the day, where does the money come from? From the pocket of the hard working honest Australian's tax money. That's where. Sorry, this was a bad year. If anyone in any job I know of has had a bad year, they do not get a pay rise, in fact it's often a pay cut or even worse a job cut. It's time the local government delivered on it's promises instead of patting itself on the back, especially when it is not earned. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any</p>

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<b>2065</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Generally speaking, politicians are liars and cheats. If they were employed in an industrial/commercial setting, they would be sacked for their deplorable/incompetent behaviour. Their salaries are already too high, given the inadequate leadership qualities they have shown up to this point in time. They are essentially public-employees and as such, the public should have the right, and the power, to determine their wages based on true merit - not lies and deception. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>

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<b>2069</b>	10/09/2013	<p>We keep being fed this line 'pay peanuts you get monkeys' to justify rises in pollies salaries, and stories about how they would earn twice as much in the commercial market. Well, let them. I know of young mums with handicapped children who can't get respite care in Queensland, or have to wait for it, because there is no money in the health budget, of pensioners who have to save up to pay their electricity - and that's only what I know of. How arrogant are you to grant pay rises to politicians who are already, apart from their wages, on so many perks for travel, petrol allowances, meal allowances, away from home allowances. I am not against anyone being paid a fair and decent wage for their work and undoubtedly, although for the love of me and the experience of observing I don't know why, they seem to command more for their responsibilities - which incidentally are often not fulfilled. However, they are well paid now compared to MOST Australians - and not comparing to the CEOs of Telstra or other major companies, who seem to be feted with obscene wages. I object with every essence of fair play and wealth distribution, and the fact that many of us do not enjoy the privilege of automatic pay rises, approved by our internal systems. NO PAY INCREASES. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayersâ€™ monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be</p>

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<b>2077</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I find the proposal to increase State Politicians salary reprehensible and downright arrogant. It should be linked to performance targets achieved over x no: of years. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration. The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>
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2082	10/09/2013	<p>As a taxpayer and Queenslander, I am strongly opposed to the politicians' payrise which I feel is (1) overly generous and disproportional to CPI, (2) comes at the cost and on the backs of LNP's deep cuts to the public service in Queensland (e.g. in education, health services, community services, fire and rescue, police and ambulance services). I know of decisions to cut in the healthcare sector which seemed to be made without proper examination and scrutiny, resulting in loss of high-performing and valuable parts of the health service which had contributed tangibly to improve patient safety, medication safety and a high-quality (and relevant) clinical education and training of junior healthcare staff. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p>

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2083	10/09/2013	<p>"Representatives" must show that expenses are evenly distributed across meeting with all sections of the community, not just the cashed up part of town. Spending should be allocated evenly across socioeconomic status of meeting attendees, not just business owners and corporation representatives. When was the last time a "representative" listened to the desires and needs of a homeless person, an unemployment benefit or sickness benefit recipient, an abused child under the "care" of the state, or a pensioner trying to pay the rent? Also, "representatives" should allocate a minimum of 50% of their private/public meetings per year to lower socioeconomic status individuals - thus time and money can be shown to be invested in the people they claim to "represent" The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to</p>

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<b>2106</b>	10/09/2013	<p>In relation to pay rises of politicians, what is the difference between the general PUBLIC, and POLITICIANS ?? nothing except that they think they are privileged, so they have a POLITICAL TRIBUNAL, for their own pay packets, WHY?? IT IS THE ONLY COUNTRY IN WESTERN WORLD THAT I KNOW OF, THAT WE, THE PEOPLE, GET THE CRUMBS AND THE FAT CAT POLITICIANS GET THEIR BIG PAY RISES, and THEIR EXTRAS, WITHOUT HAVING TO BE ACCOUNTABLE, WHERE THE HECK DO THEY THINK THE MONEY COMES FROM???. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration. The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>

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2116	10/09/2013	<p>I believe that a person must earn a reasonable wage for the job performed. When people are sacked, jobs are cut, services are cut.... all in the name of balancing the budget.... then those doing the pruning must look at their own remuneration and cut that as well. A politician does NOT deserve a payrise for putting workers out of jobs and cutting necessary services to communities.. You CANNOT cut workers conditions and services to improve a budget just to put that money in your own pockets.. in what other job but politics, can people get a payrise just after they start and for breaking pre-election promises</p> <p>The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and</p>

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2227	10/09/2013	<p>It has been my delight to interest many young people in the political system. However, it is hard to counteract the negative image of politicians. Much of this is deserved when politicians are seen to be self-interested rather than having the traditional motivation of wanting to do something worthwhile for the people they represent. It is no wonder that people are cynical when politicians argue for the need for such enormous wage increases. How can we believe that they are worried about the economy when they vote themselves an extra 40% of an already huge publicly funded wage while putting off other public servants? The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>

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<b>2231</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Politicians payrises should be linked to all other public sector workers like ambos, nurses, police, fire fighters. They serve us, not the other way around. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in</p>

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<b>2237</b>	10/09/2013	<p>It is immoral for politicians to be awarding themselves this grossly unfair wage increase when so many cuts have been made to jobs and services in QLD and many families are struggling to make ends meet. It is disgusting and wrong and I'm very glad I didn't vote for Newman the first time and CERTAINLY won't be doing so the second time! The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be</p>

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<b>2242</b>	10/09/2013	<p>It is amazing that the politicians can make new legislation when it suits them to stop other Government employees obtaining a payrise because they claim the State can't afford it, or to change their working conditions but can't make a legislation change that will affect . The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p>

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<b>2306</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I am completely and utterly outraged at the very idea of politicians receiving yet another pay rise - especially a 40% increase - when the rest of us just get the usual CPI. It is not acceptable, they do not deserve it and I am so sick of hearing about ridiculous pay increases, benefits, option to take superannuation before retirement age, expensive perks even after leaving office - over it big time! This has to stop and it has to stop now!!! The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>
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<b>2310</b>	10/09/2013	<p>LNP party offered QLD Police a 2.2 percent pay rise on a take it or leave it basis, yet a fortnight after this was accepted by police given the state of the Qld economy and as stated by LNP there was no money to offer any more than that, politicians gave themselves a 40 percent pay rise! This is unacceptable given that the LNP has not even offered nurses or fire and rescue anything, they are still waiting. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p>

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<b>2330</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Try living as a single part time working mother who also studies, earning 700 pw, 260 goes to rent, 100 to food, and between petrol, insurance, budgeting for bills like electricity...not much is left. In this day &amp; age a mother should also not have to return to work full time until their child is 13 at least as the current age of 8, is crazy. An 8 yr old cannot defend itself in a bsd situation. it also means the child may be home alone till 6pm when the parents can return, and what sort of childhood is that? The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in</p>

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<b>2348</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Politicians are employees of the people, to represent the people. They assume their positions because they are suppose to ?care? for their communities. They are no bigger, bolder or more intellectually adept than the community that they represent. Whilst they engage in a media focus during parliamentary sittings, they realistically work no harder than a senior public servant of an SES 2 level. As such, enough is enough and they should be linked to the SES level. We the public are drowning in the constant cut back to health , housing , education and pensions while also having the constant increase in our every day living expense's. We should all be very careful who we place as the leaders of our country because if we place the wrong party leaders in we are going to drown.</p> <p>The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any</p>

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<b>2362</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I am outraged that the pollies should get a pay rise while more and more gets taken away from the people who pay the pollies wages. All my costs go up but my wage does not. When it does go up once a year it is a few cents an hour. I am 58 years old and have worked full time all my adult life and paid my taxes. I live alone so I have nobody to boost the kitty. These days I am lucky if I have \$30.00 a week for food. No treats for me and no entertainment or sports. Australia, the lucky country? The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any</p>

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<b>2370</b>	10/09/2013	<p>The cavalier way that politicians put their hand out for overly generous pay rises with such monotonous regularity disgusts me. I have never seen anyone give an account as to how these never ending pay rises are justified. Certainly when the government is fighting the ordinary public servants measly 3 to 5% pay rises, to then put their hand out for a 40% payrise for themselves displays a level of arrogance and hypocrisy of downright biblical proportions. At the very least, politicians salaries should be indexed to the same increases that are given to returned soldiers pensions, or if not, then a clear explanation given as to why politicians have been given preferential treatment over those who have risked their lives in the service of their country. Also, increases in politicians salaries should account for at least 10% of official CPI index calculation. The fact that politicians never offer any kind of explanation to justify the reasons for their pay rises absolutely disgusts me!!!!!!! [personal information] Regards, one of millions of long suffering tax payers. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>

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2486	10/09/2013	<p>Your plan to award yourselves a 40% payrise in view of the 1100 fte in nurse is abhorrent. LNP - you've broken your word to the people who voted for you. Never again! The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration. The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>

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<b>2505</b>	10/09/2013	<p>When the country is doing well we can all share in that, when times are tough we all need to have our shoulder to the task. Politicians are well paid, not on the bread line and not always doing a good job/being honest or truly representing the people. Medicine costs for chronically ill people has been reduced, families with really sick children and all the pressure that puts on a family and then Politicians want to award themselves a huge increase. Stand up and share the load.....</p> <p>The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in</p>

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<b>2506</b>	10/09/2013	<p>Politicians are the employees of the state and should have to show productivity gains and justification for salary increases like the rest of the workforce. If car industry workers are open to a wage freeze why not Queensland politicians who are already earning above average salaries for below par performance, regardless of which party they belong to. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayers' monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politicians' pay to Commonwealth politicians' pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>

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<b>2548</b>	10/09/2013	<p>I believe instead of giving politicians pay rises ( they already earn more than enough) how about you start looking after your Australians who need the money for example: people with apprenticeships are earning far to less, if you want more job increases maybe you should make more of an incentive for people to join apprenticeships no one can live off \$200 a week. Obviously centrelink needs to be more worked out, I know for a fact, there a thousands of people cheating the system just so they can sit around all day living off the doll. People who are studying like myself who had to fully support myself off centrelink as my parents do not help financially can not receive centrelink anymore because my parents earn to much, this doesn't make sense. If you want people to get jobs first step is education, and how can someone do this if they don't have to financial funds to do this, especially when finding a job is extremely difficult even with as many qualifications and many hours as I put in. The direct salaries for Queensland MPs must be separated from allowances for work within electorates. Previous misuse of electorate and miscellaneous allowances is not a reason to incorporate them into direct salary. Accountability for how allowances are used must be increased to ensure that taxpayersâ€™ monies are spent appropriately. The provision of allowances for reasonable expenses must be separated from the issue of assessment of appropriate remuneration.</p> <p>The expense allowances must be maintained to provide the ability to Queensland MPs to represent their electorates. Queensland is a geographically diverse state and allowances should reflect the additional costs associated with representing larger regional electorates. The use of expenses should be discretionary for Queensland MPs, but the details of their expenditure should be published on the Queensland Parliament website. Expenses allowable should include any expenses which relate to assisting the MP in their representation of their electorate.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that allowances are not regarded as a substitute for salary by increasing the accountability and transparency regime for allowance expenditure.</p> <p>The Tribunal must ensure that the value of Queensland MPs is assessed against Queensland community standards and reject any notion of comparisons with politicians in other jurisdictions. The most appropriate linkage is for Queensland MPs to have future salary increases linked to public sector wages outcomes, which will also indirectly reflect broader wage increases and increases in the cost of living in Queensland.</p> <p>The Tribunal must consider the broad community opposition to the proposal to link Queensland politiciansâ€™ pay to Commonwealth politiciansâ€™ pay. The Tribunal must recognise the broad community opposition to the incorporation of allowances as part of salary.</p>
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<b>2567</b>	11/09/2013	[personal information] If further information is required please phone me on [personal information]
<b>2568</b>	11/09/2013	<p>I served for ten years in the Queensland Parliament from [personal information] which included three years in the Ministry. I am not in a position time wise to make a submission for existing MP remuneration except to say that the remuneration should reflect the onerous commitment most members make and that it should reflect comparable remuneration that is paid in the private sector</p> <p>Given I am late responding to you all I would like to put forward is remuneration for past members for such entitlements like travel are not justified in my mind and should be abolished given superannuation benefits are generous compared to the private sector. Again my apologies for this late response</p>

**End of submissions.**