

## OSCAR President

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**To:** OSCAR President  
**Cc:** Internet Mailbox Sunshine Coast Regional Council  
**Subject:** RE: OSCAR letter re SC Airport

Greg,

I will provide information on two matters in relation to the SCA Framework Agreement that I hope is helpful.

As you indicate below there are issues that, with the passing of time no longer need to remain confidential. There are issues relating to the Airport Expansion project included in the Framework Agreement that will need to remain confidential until after the project is complete. To release that information publicly now has the potential to disadvantage Council and therefore ratepayers.

The second is that in a transaction such as the airport there will be matters that are commercial in confidence and therefore can't go into the lease document. Examples include rights of third parties or specific commercial information that would disadvantage SCA if other airports or airlines obtained the information.

These examples highlight the challenge we face - providing the information to the public isn't the issue - it's when it is released to those who have their own commercial interest at heart rather than Council and it's ratepayers.

I hope that helps.

Regards

Greg

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**From:** OSCAR President [<mailto:president@oscar.org.au>]  
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Thanks Greg.

You strike me as a plain speaker so can you explain to me in simple terms why the SCA Framework Agreement remains confidential at this stage in the project?

I can understand, in this project and other major projects, why in the early stages of negotiation and in the period leading up to the Council entering into contractual arrangements with third parties, confidentiality might be appropriate.

What OSCAR members find difficult to understand is why the Council maintains confidentiality is necessary in perpetuity in major projects like the airport (or the Brisbane Street Carpark for example).

Why is protection of the commercial interests of third parties so often deemed to be more important than the right of ratepayers to know how their funds are being spent by Council?

It may be a tall ask but I am hoping you can clarify this for me, both for the SCA, and for the approach taken by Council generally on so many issues.

Best wishes .... Greg