

## OSCAR President

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**From:** OSCAR President <president@oscar.org.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 22 October 2018 16:15  
**To:** 'andrew.wallace.mp@aph.gov.au'  
**Subject:** Comments on SCAE and council transparency

Dear Andrew

On behalf of OSCAR, I would like to congratulate you on your reported comments in today's SCD:

*"I would like to pursue open and accountable governance on the part of Sunshine Coast Council. Nothing annoys me more than bureaucrats and politicians hiding behind commercial in confidence. This is the play book like the use of 'duty of care' to shut people up."*

*"I believe it is residents' right to know how and where their money is going. It's not acceptable."*

OSCAR is a fiercely non-partisan organisation but that does not prevent us acknowledging and thanking individual politicians and political parties that support our aims and objectives.

We appreciate your comments, not only today, but on previous occasions in relation to a number of Sunshine Coast Regional Council projects and the unnecessary secrecy around them. Many of these projects are potentially worthy and we do not oppose them per se but believe that the community has a right to know exactly how their rates are being utilised to ensure they are getting good value for money.

We also resent the need to resort to RTI applications (in our case over the Brisbane Road Car Park for which we have received heavily redacted material) and in your case over the "proposed" casino. Why should you or we need to pay to get information that should be in the public domain anyway?

Once again, thank you. We trust you will maintain pressure on the Council to lift its game in relation to open governance. Please let me know if we can be of assistance in these efforts in future.

Best wishes ... Greg

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