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Subject: OQIC | Organisation Sunshine Coast Association of Residents - response to lobbying query

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Good morning Melva,

Thank you for your email of 24 April 2024. [\[see below\]](#)

I apologise for the delay in responding to your query. We have had some staff absences and movement so have had some minor delays in answering general enquiries.

In answer to your question, a local government authority is not required by the *Integrity Act 2009* ("the Act") to maintain a lobbyist register. To confirm if the SCRC maintains a register of lobbyists on its own accord, we recommend you contact the SCRC directly.

I note your comment that you have found some lobbyists on the state register, and I assume by state register you mean the register which is maintained on our website. It is worth noting that the lobbying regulation (and consequently who appears on the register on our website) under the Act applies specifically and only to an entity that carries out a lobbying activity for a third party client for a fee or other reward.

There are many entities which are excluded from the lobbying regulation so are not required to be registered with our office even when they undertaking what is commonly known as lobbying activity – an example would be an entity that undertakes lobbying activity in its own interest or on behalf of its members does not have to be registered. Within Local Government there may be different entities and individuals engaging in lobbying activity, but only those who are 'professional lobbyists' and who are paid to lobby on behalf of another entity will appear in the state register.

Should you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to respond by return email or telephone on (07) 3003 2887.

Kind regards,
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Queensland Integrity Commissioner

From: OSCAR Mail <mail@oscar.org.au>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 4:01 PM
To: Qld Lobbyists Register <lobbyist@integrity.qld.gov.au>
Subject: TRIM: Question re LG lobbyists register

Good afternoon, my name is Melva Hobson and I am President of The Organisation Sunshine Coast Association of Residents, (OSCAR Inc).

OSCAR is a peak body or umbrella group for community and resident groups across the Sunshine Coast Regional Council (SCRC) and Noosa Shire Council LGAs. We have some 40 active community/resident groups as members

We have been looking for the Lobbyists register on the SCRC website to no avail. We have found some Lobbyists on the State Register. Our question is "does LG have to maintain a separate Lobbyists Register on its own website or are LG lobbyists collated on the State Register?"

Yours sincerely

Melva Hobson

President OSCAR

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