

We The People
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The War on Democracy



Over the weekend I became aware that late last week a loathsome and troubling act of major proportions occurred here on the Gold Coast. The Gold Coast City Council has just declared war on democracy and struck at a time when we were elsewhere with our thinking just as Pearl Harbour was struck without warning or reason last century. They have assaulted our dignity and established a beachhead for their own self interest to retain the unbridled power they've allocated to themselves. What Council has done constitutes an assault on democracy and freedom of speech which means we must legally remove them from office forthwith along with the bureaucratic perpetrators of this evil. Friends, they have torn down and confiscated nearly all the signs of all the candidates for the upcoming council elections and done it by stealth from every point of the compass. They have taken away the right of the people to make informed decisions and have breached their charter of honesty and service.

The current and immediate past councillors must now realise they have declared war on common sense and we the people will not stand for their attempt to attack our local democracy by destroying the public notices of candidates. To the current wayward councillors and bureaucrats, we say your actions are repugnant and no irrelevant mindless bylaw gives you the right to take away the democratic pursuits of others who will surely do a much better job than you. You have no mandate and no right to tear down the signage of candidates who expect fairness and must be elected freely by the public without interference. You have no right to have done this because you think you can fall back to some odd predilection of your own which you think has the right to exist. It does not. This is a time for true leaders to emerge and consign this council to the local tip free of charge.

I believe most people on the Gold Coast have come to realise that the current Council has been high jacked by the bureaucrats because the elected members have not been on watch and some don't even have the capacity for the task at hand. I have just been informed that may have been premeditated and planned some time ago so that means it's a deliberate wilful act akin to the way despots and dictators think. A whistle blower now feeling the heat, said and I quote, "I told them it was a bad idea and it wouldn't work". These people should be running Burma or North Korea. This Council is awash with waste and mismanagement and has breached the trust of the people by lacking transparency and offering information in small portions shrouded in double speak and mystery. The evidence pours in on every front like a tsunami of dirt and grit and for the life of me I cannot understand the audacity of them to stand for office again.

When the council tore down the signage last week of those exercising their basic democratic right to run for council they lost their way completely. We the People have a very simple choice. Vote them out purely on this one issue alone as they try to vandalise our democracy by silencing candidates. This can only be to help them retain power and control but there appears to be a precedent in law which should be invoked immediately and that's a finding by the Supreme Court of Queensland in 2008 where Greene v's Gold Coast City Council.

Today I am ashamed of the actions of the Council and their declaration of war on democracy. They have wasted our money and misled us through silence and deceit but they will not get away with this. I call on every citizen listening to rise up on election day and strike back at this shameless lot in council once and for all.

Until next time this is Kent Bayley