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### **ELMES CHALLENGES BLIGH TO REVEAL THE TRUTH**

The Member for Noosa, Glen Elmes, during question time in parliament today, called on Anna Bligh to table additional documents showing all the attachments and drafting instructions associated with the material the Premier was forced to table yesterday.

“Effectively, the documents tabled in yesterday’s parliamentary session were more show than substance and if this so-called Local Government Reform Process is *‘the most open and accountable ever seen in Queensland’* then I am surprised that the Premier has refused to hand over the information which could easily substantiate her claims” Mr Elmes said.

“I have now decided to formally apply for this information under the Freedom of Information Act and I’ll be requesting that these crucial documents be provided as a matter of urgency.

“Until such time as the information is made public and the government is cleared of what I, and virtually every Queenslander believes, is a dodgy process, a black cloud will hang over the head of Anna Bligh and her Labor Government. Additionally, I fully support the call by the Friends of Noosa for a CMC enquiry as well as the call from the Local Government Association for a Royal Commission.

The Beattie Bligh Government has presided over one of the worst and most divisive pieces of legislation ever put before the Queensland parliament and I am determined, not only to expose this sham of a process, but also to see that a greater Noosa Council is created as a stand-alone Council.

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