

Hi

My name is Robert Balsillie.

As a hard working public sector employee (I started in 1999), I have been through numerous re-structures, although I have always been in the ICT field in Dept of Main Roads or Dept of Transport/Main Roads. I've always worked harder and smarter, and had to do more with less. At every opportunity, I find ways of reducing costs and unnecessary processes.

I understand in tough times we need to tighten the spending belt - but look at how it was done.

I find the current situation in QLD appalling. Election promises (keep or increase the size of permanent govt employees), and yet immediately commence reducing them. And how - by passing directives under the cover of darkness.

The gagging of the media over the gay rights debate was another blow to our freedom. I mean look at it fairly, we loosing our life style, our freedom and our rights.

As an employee, you can no longer feel safe in the knowledge that the scales of justice are equally balanced.

But what can I do about the past? Not a lot. What can I do about the future? One man can change the future, it's been done before.

Every voting citizen of QLD, I've told the same story. At work we have performance agreements, and if we don't perform - we are disciplined (or sacked).

Why is it any different for politicians who are in charge of our state or country, who appear to be able to lie, deceive, line the pockets of themselves or friends? What is the consequence to them?

We as voting citizens have been conditioned for too long, that we all expect our politicians to lie, deceive and benefit themselves - and not the electorate or state. And we think it ok, and now the norm.

I don't expect any truthful response, just weaselling and whining.

No longer.

The voting public must take a stand and force them to become honest, and to operate with a much higher level of morals than they do today.

You know, everyone I speak to agrees to my single wish. I am calling on all political parties to start acting with more morals and integrity than they do today. To act transparent, and to treat the voting public with respect.

After all, without the supporters and voters, a party is nothing.