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I am alarmed at the extent of misinformation and misrepresentation that has accompanied this issue. Councillors from RRC have continually argued that the vote will bring these suburbs “back” to Rockhampton. These suburbs have ALWAYS been part of Livingstone (outside amalgamation). [REDACTED]
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Beyond that I want to highlight what I consider to be a gross misuse of Council resources regarding the amount of time that the Councillors of RRC, and to some degree the councillors of Livingstone, have spent making their respective cases. These people were elected to focus on how to improve their communities not to argue in favour of (or to defend against) an unjustified and insupportable land grab. Over the last 4-6 weeks, the RRC Councillors have parked themselves in local shopping centres and any number of other venues, constantly fronted the media, knocking on doors spruiking their facetious and fallacious arguments in favour of absorbing the northern suburbs. They are supposed to be doing the work of Council – this is not the work of Council! Ratepayers should not have to pay them salaries for this ridiculous activity. It is just not right.

If they have the time to do this, the State needs to seriously assess what the functions of councillors should be, as well as their remuneration. This activity is nothing short of a gross misuse of public funds. This is anecdotal but I certainly believe it to be true (based on the source). When the RRC Mayor was questioned on his motivations for this charade, he replied to a constituent (said source) that this was the only way Rockhampton was going to grow. “The only way it was going to grow”! Not by good governance, not by strategic planning for growth, not by creating a better Rockhampton to retain people and attract growth, not by having a clue about how to grow a community – NO, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Step up State – [REDACTED] – fix it. You have created a lot of angry people in Central Queensland. Do the right thing now and end it.