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# MEDIA RELEASE

## Local Government Bullying Allegations Concerning!

The Services Union, supports today's call for an inquiry into local government by Member for Cairns Rob Pyne MP.

The Services Union which represents thousands of Queensland local government workers says the allegations tabled in Parliament against Tablelands Regional Council are especially concerning.

Secretary of The Services Union, Neil Henderson said bullying allegations are extremely serious.

"When the former Newman Government amended the Local Government Act it opened the door to allow Councillors to interfere with the decisions Council employees make," Mr Henderson said.

"Local government employees do not have access to a dedicated bullying jurisdiction, like most Australian workers have under the Fair Work Act."

"This is a major deficiency under the current Industrial Relations Act and we are currently considering this issue among others in the review of that Act which the Palaszczuk Government has initiated."

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