

# Question in Tasmanian parliament over Glamorgan Spring Bay council's 'hidden' report

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GREENS MP Rosalie Woodruff has called on Local Government Minister Peter Gutwein to release an Integrity Commission Report into Glamorgan Spring Bay Council kept "hidden" by the former mayor.

Former Glamorgan-Spring Bay mayor Michael Kent has been accused by the Greens of withholding the report into "potentially dodgy council processes he was intimately involved in overseeing when he was the previous mayor".

Dr Woodruff said the report allegedly details corrupted processes, with staff gaming the council's resources for personal advantage.

"Cr Kent has kept the Integrity Commission report under wraps since August, refusing to table it to the previous council," she said.

"Now he will not hand it over to the new mayor.

"Do you agree these actions reveal his deep contempt for the independent Integrity Commission and all good governance processes?" she asked Mr Gutwein.

Mr Gutwein told Parliament he did not have the report.

"As is right and proper, I do not have a copy of the report," he said.

"Any matters of the Integrity Commission and Councillor Kent is a matter between him and the Integrity Commission.

"I caution the Greens on utilising parliamentary privilege to attempt to trash the reputation of an individual in our community for their own political gain."

Newly elected Glamorgan Spring Bay Mayor Debbie Wisby told the *Mercury* she would obtain all information relating to the report as a matter of urgency.

Cr Wisby said the report was brought up at the last council meeting before the October elections when former councillor Jenifer Crawford asked Cr Kent why the report had not been provided to the council.

"I have no understanding as to why this information has not been provided to the council," Cr Wisby said.

Cr Kent is also expected to face a code of conduct hearing on Wednesday about his repeated public statements in support of the Cambria Green development and special area plan.

The complaint was lodged by Tasmanian Conservation Trust.

Cr Kent did not return the *Mercury's* calls.