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Gold Coast Commonwealth Games

 **Mrs STUCKEY** (Currumbin—LNP) (7.11 pm): I want the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games to be brilliant. I want our athletes to be successful and I want my beloved Currumbin to shine as we host three events. But poor governance and poor communication, coupled with arrogance and an over-the-top politically correct attitude, are causing unease and tension that could have been avoided. The Palaszczuk government has no-one to blame but itself.

As a local resident of Currumbin Waters for over 30 years and the local MP for 14, I am appalled to have been left out of important discussions. For over 12 months I have offered to help, but to date my offers have been ignored. No wonder the natives are getting restless in Currumbin.

I have offered to circulate news through my electorate-wide newsletters and online, but my offers have been declined despite the minister's office and Goldoc representatives telling me they are being taken on board. Worse, I found out there was a Currumbin community advisory group formed, but I was refused any participation in it. The withholding of information and anger hurled at my staff caused my office to survey residents on 31 January and ask them simple questions about whether they felt they were being informed. Eighty-eight per cent said they were not.

After my meeting with Mark Peters and a Goldoc senior strategist I hoped things would change, but they had to be chased for answers. The website does not stack up. People spent ages on it and are not getting answers on issues like wheelie walkers, getting to work and medical appointments or servicing 900 buildings' smoke alarms. I table a letter I wrote to the director-general for the Commonwealth Games two weeks ago outlining these and other issues.

Tabled paper: Letter, undated, from the member for Currumbin, Mrs Jann Stuckey MP, to the Director-General of the Department of Innovation, Tourism Industry Development and the Commonwealth Games, Mr Damien Walker [278](#).

The Minister for the Commonwealth Games should spare a thought for my electorate staff who are being bombarded with calls, emails and visits. Things went crazy when bulldozers started carving up sand dunes on the iconic Greenmount Beach. Park-and-ride tickets were not available. People call my office in tears worried about getting their dialysis or getting their kids to child care.

In my inaugural speech in 2004 I said residents—

... wanted a grassroots local member who is prepared to stand up and fight for them, a member who will ensure that consultation processes are made openly available to a broader range of residents, not just committed business groups or recognised community associations.

My commitment to the people of Currumbin is to provide ample avenues for consultation, to listen actively, to gain a thorough understanding of concerns, to speak on constituents' behalf, to care and to be ready to assist ably when injustice, disability or unemployment affects them. Above all, my commitment is to be honest.

That promise has not changed. I have written to the minister regarding legacy projects for Currumbin and requesting some rows of temporary seating be gifted to a couple of local schools and sporting clubs, but I have been told this afternoon that this will not be possible. I will continue to lobby for some legacy measures for my beloved Currumbin.