

# ABC BRISBANE

## **Breakfast** with Spencer Howson

5:00am - 7:45am

**Bus, what bus? Whispers and the first sod turned. Just some of what was discussed in Brisbane City council yesterday.**

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Kim Stephens is the council reporter for [brisbanetimes.com.au](http://brisbanetimes.com.au)

She was at Brisbane City Council yesterday for the weekly meeting.

Some of what was discussed was..

Brisbane City Council's former opposition leader has taken aim at the LNP administration's transparency, saying "secrecy has draped its dark cloak" over City Hall.

Both councillor Shayne Sutton and current opposition leader Milton Dick, along with independent councillor Nicole Johnston, attacked the administration for withholding vital financial information from full council on Tuesday, a claim strenuously denied by finance chairman Julian Simmonds.

Cr Sutton launched her fiery attack at the last meeting of council's current sitting period at City Hall, in response to the tabling of the December quarterly financial report and report of the audit committee.

"This council is supposed to make the best decisions for the people of Brisbane and we can't because this administration continues to withhold critical information about the positions of council's finances," she said.

"These items today are the embodiment of the secrecy that has draped its dark cloak over this building.

And Lord Mayor Graham Quirk has admitted he can't remember the last time he caught one of Brisbane's buses.

However, he said he makes a point of trying to catch one every 12 months, in a bid to keep tabs on the city network.

And Brisbane's Lord Mayor has turned the first sod on a new mega industrial development in the city's south east anticipated to bring 10,000 new jobs.

The 58 hectare Metroplex Westgate business park in Wacol, midway between Brisbane and Ipswich central business districts, was well placed to attract further industrial business to the city.