

Mr Eoghan Murphy TD
Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government
Custom House
Custom House Quay
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Dear Minister,

I write to you on behalf of Transparency International Ireland to ask you to publish The Review Into Certain Planning Matters In Respect Of Donegal County Council prepared by Rory Mulcahy SC and presented to your office in June 2017.

While it is understood that you were awaiting the advice of the Attorney General on whether it was appropriate to publish the report, in the interest of transparency and public confidence in the planning system, the report should be published without any further delay.

As you are aware, Mr Gerard Convie, formerly a senior planner in Donegal County Council, reported his concerns to various Ministers of your Department before Former Environment, Heritage and Local Government, John Gormley, initiated the Independent Review of Planning Matters in 2010.

Almost a decade has passed since the former Minister initiated the review. Furthermore, we are sure that you agree with your predecessors and colleagues on the need for transparency and accountability in local government, and that that the publication of this review will help address and prevent any abuses in the planning system.

We therefore respectfully urge you to publish the Mulcahy Review's findings as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



John Devitt
Chief Executive