

# Reasons councillor quit

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FORMER Cassowary Coast councillor Kylie Farinelli, who suddenly quit this week, has revealed that she felt there was a move to get rid of her.

Despite resigning, the ex-division 6 councillor said she would not stop advocating for the community.

On Tuesday, Ms Farinelli announced she was resigning

effective immediately on her personal Facebook page, after notifying the Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

In the social media post Ms Farinelli cited that her morals did not allow her to take any more ratepayer money because it had become apparent to her that she would not be able to serve the community at a level that is satisfactory — or in a way my community de-

serves". Ms Farinelli has since explained her decision and taken aim at the Office of the Independent Assessor.

"They are there to do a job, but I believe they are overwhelmed with cases," she said.

"We were only in the last month hearing about cases that were reported back in August last year.

"So when you've got complaints awaiting resolution, it

makes it hard to move on and do your job properly."

Ms Farinelli, an often outspoken councillor during ordinary meetings, said she had been the subject of about 15 investigations in the current term.

"I can't say much, but when you're facing that many complaints just yourself, you get the feeling they want you out."

"Some people said to me

"You should just stay there and keep raising your hand," but that's not what I was elected to do."

Ms Farinelli, a representative on the women in local government committee, said she would continue to advocate for better treatment of women on councils, and she would look to put her efforts into an agritourism industry for the Cassowary Coast.



Kylie Farinelli.