

# A “workplace incident” allegedly triggered the shock suspension of Public Trustee Peter Carne

Details about the suspension of Queensland’s public trustee remain cloaked in secrecy but a City Beat source says it allegedly revolves around some kind of “workplace incident”.

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## SHOCK SUSPENSION

What did he allegedly do?

The thought crossed the minds of countless Queenslanders yesterday after news emerged that seasoned lawyer and well-established Labor figure Peter Carne had been immediately suspended as the state’s Public Trustee.

Details remain cloaked in secrecy and Attorney- General Yvette D’Ath would reveal only that he faces “serious allegations that could amount to misbehaviour”.

But City Beat has learned that Carne’s surprise removal, pending a show-cause notice, revolves around some kind of “workplace incident,” as one source put it.



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It’s a shock development for a prominent figure who has spent all but two years since 2009 as head of the body which oversees six philanthropic trusts and \$2.7 billion in assets.

Carne made a name for himself back in the 1980s as a law partner in Goss Downey Carne with the late Wayne Goss, who, of course, went on to become Premier.

During that time Carne specialised in family law, helped establish the Caxton Legal Centre and acted at one time for the late Eddie Mabo before his groundbreaking High Court case.

In subsequent years, he went on to serve as head of the Queensland Law Society and spent time as a director on the boards of Tarong Energy and Australia Post.

His LinkedIn page features glowing references from the likes of QIC boss Damien Frawley and past QLS boss Bill Potts.

Carne could not be reached for comment yesterday.