

No fan of Clan man

More Libs want Goiran gone

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Another WA Liberal Party branch has joined a growing push to expel Christian conservative politician Nick Goiran from the party over his involvement in The Clan.

It comes as former WA Liberal leader Bill Hassell on Wednesday convenes a meeting of party elders and non-members who have dubbed themselves the Liberal Reform Coalition.

Mr Hassell said the meeting was an attempt to bring together like-minded people "genuinely committed to the Liberal cause" and angered by the behaviour of a factional powerbrokers in The Clan.

It has been more than three months since The West Australian published years of WhatsApp messages which revealed Mr Goiran and Upper House colleague MP Peter Collier were leading Clan figures.

The Melville-Attadale branch of this week wrote to

Liberal headquarters to ask that Mr Goiran be referred to the party's appeals and disciplinary committee, citing the 700 pages of leaked messages as evidence.

Last month, the Rossmoyne-Shelley branch, also located in the party's Tangney division in Perth's south, made a similar request.

Mr Goiran, below, will be invited to respond to the complaint at a preliminary hearing of the appeals and disciplinary committee which will decide whether the matter proceeds to a full hearing early next year.

The committee has the power to recommend the censure, suspension or expulsion of any member "guilty of any conduct or act detrimental to or prejudicial to the party".

Mr Goiran said it would be a breach of party rules for him to comment.

The WhatsApp messages exposed how the group discussed stacking branches to seize control of preselections.



TIS THE SEASON TO BE SHELLFISH

WA seafood lovers will have double the chance to stock up on fresh lobsters this festive season.

The State Government has approved a request from the Western Rock Lobster Council to double the number of lobsters that licensed

commercial fishers can sell from the back of their boat.

During December, commercial fishers will be able to sell up to 400 western rock lobsters per landing.

They will be able to sell 200 per landing in all other months – which is again twice as many as previously allowed.

There are 19 locations where locals can buy lobsters from boats, including Fremantle Harbour, Lancelin, Safety Bay, Kalbarri and Dongara.

Western Rock Lobster Council chief executive Matt Taylor said the industry took a big hit after China closed the market to WA. For details on locations visit [BackofBoatLobsters](#) on Facebook.

Duan Matulovic in Fremantle.
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