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Mark Bailey should stand aside: Nicholls

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Opposition Leader Tim Nicholls has called for Queensland's energy minister to be stood down while he is investigated for using his private email.

Mr Nicholls said Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk had "no choice" but to temporarily remove Mark Bailey from the ministry.



Opposition Leader Tim Nicholls has ramped up pressure on Mark Bailey.

"If she doesn't do so it's yet another failure of leadership," he said on Friday.

"Minister Bailey should be stood aside until the Crime and Corruption Commission completes its investigation into this matter."



Energy Minister Mark Bailey is being investigated over his use of a private email account. GLENN HUNT

Mr Nicholls also questioned whether the reported use of a private email account to conduct government business was an anomaly or "widespread" within Labor ranks.

The CCC announced on Thursday it had worked with Mr Bailey to retrieve more than 30,000 emails from his private account.


"It is important to note many of these emails were from a period of time before Minister Bailey became an elected official and may not be relevant to the ongoing assessment," the statement read.

The state archivist and director-general of the Department of Premier and Cabinet have been tasked with reviewing the emails to determine if any constitute a public record and if so, whether they were dealt with correctly.

The CCC will decide in June if it would investigate Mr Bailey, once it receives a report based on the findings of the contents of the emails.

An investigation was launched into the energy minister after he reportedly received emails from Electrical Trades Union secretary Peter Simpson over his concerns about a now-abandoned superannuation merger.

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