

QUEENSLAND CRIME AND MISCONDUCT COMMISSION IN THE MATTER OF:

Crime and Misconduct Act 2001

OF GRAND

Statement of Gerald Adrian Lambert

EXHIBIT No 172
Gerald Lambert CLERK

To: Lincoln Hansen, Anne McDonald, Karel Weimar, Ben Duell and Daniel Boyle
Crime and Misconduct Commission
Level 3, Terrica Place
140 Creek Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

1 I am currently employed by Villa World Limited as its General Manager – Corporate. I have held this position since 15 February 2005. Immediately prior to that date I was Chief Financial Officer/General Manager of Villa World. I commenced employment with Villa World on 1 July 2000 when Citie Centre Limited merged with Villa World as Financial Officer and became Chief Financial Officer on 1 September 2000. I am currently a Director of Villa World Limited.

2 On or around 23 February 2004, Brent Hailey informed me that Councillor David Power had met with him and that Councillor Power had requested a donation for the forthcoming local government elections. Brent Hailey advised me that the amount of the donation that was being considered was \$10,000. Brent Hailey also advised me that an independent fund was being organised to fund candidates who had a similar approach to Councillor Power. Brent Hailey was going to request that the Board, which was due met on 26 February 2004, consider making such a donation.

3 I recall the matter being discussed at the meeting of the Villa World Board on 26 February 2004 and that it was agreed that it was appropriate that a donation of \$10,000 be made.

Now produced by me and exhibited as **Exhibit GL1** is an extract of the Minutes of the Board Meeting of 26 February 2004.

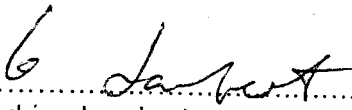
4 After the Board Meeting, Brent Hailey requested that I organise payment of the donation. I cannot recall how Villa World obtained account details, however, my Personal Assistant, Shannon Hill, received an email from Sandra Wild of Hickey Lawyers providing details of Hickey Lawyers Trust Account on 11 March 2004.

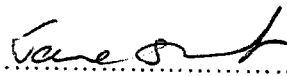
5 Also 11 March 2004, I provided a memo to Melanie Bolitho of our Accounts Department, approving the payment and requesting that she organise for the transfer of the funds.

Now produced by me and exhibited as **Exhibit GL2** is a copy of my memo to Melanie Bolitho with an attachment being the email received by Shannon Hill from Sandra Wild on 11 March 2004; a copy of an email from Shannon Hill to Sandra Wild dated 11 March 2004; a copy of an email dated 15 March 2004 from Shannon Hill to Sandra Wild which attached a remittance advice dated 12 March 2004; a copy of a receipt dated 15 March 2003 received with a with compliments slip from Hickey Lawyers; an extract of Villa World's Edit List summary dated 12 March 2004.

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- 6 I did not meet or have any dealings with any candidates or Councillors on or around the time of the election.
- 7 At the time of the election, I did not know Lionel Barden. However, I subsequently met Lionel Barden at a corporate golf day and have met him several times since then at corporate and social functions. I have no recollection of discussing the Villa World donation with Lionel Bardon.
- 8 In or around early 2004, I had a number of discussions with Paul Brinsmead of Hickey Lawyers. He telephoned me seeking a donation from Villa World for candidates in the upcoming Tweed Heads local government elections. On behalf of the Company, I declined his request. I do not recall discussing the Gold Coast City Council elections with him. All payment details came through my personal assistant, Shannon Hill.


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Gerald Adrian Lambert


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Witness [signature]

22/8/05
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Date

Exhibit
"GL 1"

Extract of minutes of Villa World Board
Meeting of 26 February 2004

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5. **Secretarial**

Seal Register

IT WAS RESOLVED to approve page 215 of the Villa World Seal Register. Seal Registers of the subsidiaries were reviewed.

6. **General Business**

Other Matters

Donations

IT WAS RESOLVED that the following donations be approved:

Campbell Newman Election Campaign \$1000

Lionel Barden Commonsense Campaign Fund \$10000

Meeting was adjourned at 2.00pm.



Exhibit

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Memo

To: Melanie
From: Gerry
CC: [Click here and type name]
Date: March 11, 2004
Re: DONATION

Melanie,

Could you please organize to transfer \$10,000 to the attached bank account. The monies are a donation towards David Power of GCCC. The actual fund is called the "Lionel Barden Commonsense Campaign Fund"

Thanks

GERRY

APPROVED FOR PAYMENT <i>[Signature]</i>			
PAYMENT DATE 11			
ABN -	GST -	TAX INV -	ADDS&EXTNS -
ALLOCATION		AMOUNT	
DESCRIPTION		ENTERED BY <i>mg</i>	

PAID

[Handwritten marks]

Shannon Hill

From: Sandra Wild [WildS@hickeylawyers.com.au]
Sent: Thursday, 11 March 2004 11:12 AM
To: Shannon Hill
Subject: TRUST ACCOUNT DETAILS

Hi Shannon,

Further to our telephone conversation this morning, our trust account details are as follows:

Hickey Lawyers Trust Account
Commonwealth Bank of Australia
5 Nerang Street, Southport, Queensland 4215
BSB No: [REDACTED]
Account: [REDACTED]

Please note on the transfer who the funds are coming from.

Regards
Sandy

Shannon Hill

From: Shannon Hill
Sent: Thursday, 11 March 2004 3:46 PM
To: 'Sandra Wild'
Subject: RE: TRUST ACCOUNT DETAILS

Thanks Sandy, will do. Can you tell me what the actual fund is called just for our records i.e is it the David Power Campaign Fund?

Thanks
Shannon

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Shannon Hill

From: Shannon Hill
Sent: Monday, 15 March 2004 11:08 AM
To: 'Sandra Wild'
Subject: RE: TRUST ACCOUNT DETAILS



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Hi Sandy,

Please see attached Remittance advice for monies transferred to your trust account on Friday.

Regards,
Shannon

-----Original Message-----

From: Sandra Wild [mailto:WildS@hickeylawyers.com.au]
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2004 3:45 PM
To: Shannon Hill
Subject: RE: TRUST ACCOUNT DETAILS

Hi Shannon,

It is called the "Lionel Barden Commonsense Campaign Fund"

Regards
Sandy

Email: wilds@hickeylawyers.com.au
Phone: (07) 5556 7408
Fax: (07) 5574 1130

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Phone: 07 5588 8888
Fax: 07 5588 8800

Lionel Barden Commonsense Campaign Fund
C/- Hickey Lawyers

Payment No.: 008694
Date: 12 Mar 2004
Creditor Id: 10LIO001

Page : 1 of 1

<i>Date</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
12 Mar 2004	120304	Donation - Lionel Barden Commonsense Campaign Fund	10,000.00
Payment Amount:			\$10,000.00

The Total Amount has been transferred direct to your bank ac

Bank Name: [REDACTED]
Bank Account: [REDACTED]
Amount: \$ 10,000.00
Payment No.: [REDACTED]
Date: 12 Mar 2004
Fax Number:

[Handwritten signature]

With Compliments

Date ___/___/___

- Please sign and return
- Please take necessary action
- For your information
- For your perusal and comments



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Shannon,

Receipt as requested

Regards Sandy

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OFFICIAL RECEIPT

DATE

RECEIVED FROM

BANK

15-03-2004 Villa World Limited

BN:

AMOUNT

BR:

THE SUM OF								DOLLARS	CENTS
TENS MILLIONS	MILLIONS	HUND. THOUSANDS	TEN THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	HUNDREDS	TENS	UNITS		
NIL***	NIL***	NIL***	ONE***	NIL***	NIL***	NIL***	NIL***	00	*****

DETAILS

248311 : Mr L Barden
 00001 : COMMONSENSE CAMPAIGN FUND
 Reason : Campaign Funds

Tender Type : Direct Deposit

Hickey Lawyers TRUST ACCOUNT *Chillie*

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Edit List Summary
020562

AP GST Direct Invoice

Villa World Limited
VW Default

Created by MBOLITHO Created on 12/03/04 at 09:22:46

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 Batch Balance Reference
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 Balancing GST Rate

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8/12/3/04

Entity Clearing Code	Standard	Source	D/E
10	Standard		
Inter-Entity Type			
Lional Barden Commonsense Campaign Fund	-10,000.00	NA	0.00
GST Exclusive Amount		Rate Amt	0.00
Narrative	Donation - Lional Barden Commonsense Campaign Fund	Donations	0.00
VWL	EXPENSES	Tax	0.00
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No Funds Check required

Document Total \$0.00

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