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EXHIBIT No. 88
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Attention: Mr Lincoln Hansen & Others

Gold Coast City Council Enquiry

This letter is in response to a notice from the Commission's Chairperson under section 75 of the *Crime and Misconduct Act 2001* dated 12 August 2005, a copy of which is attached under Tab 1 ("**Notice**").

Qualifications

Generally, I wish to advise as follows:

- A. I was appointed sole director and secretary of Ray Group Pty Ltd and other companies generally known as comprising the "Ray Group" on or about 5 August 2005 following the death of my parents in an accident on or about 8 July 2005.
- B. I have no personal knowledge relevant to the matters in the Notice.
- C. My father, Brian Ray, was the person exclusively involved on behalf of the Ray Group in all dealings relevant to the matters in the Notice. In this regard he was assisted by his personal assistant, Sue Davies, who simply followed his instructions in relation to all aspects of her involvement.
- D. Brian Ray did not keep diary notes or other records of his telephone conversations.
- E. The information provided in this letter has been obtained from –
 - (a) enquiries of Ms Davies and, to a much lesser extent, other staff members; and
 - (b) searches of computer disks and other records of the Ray Group, and is to the best of my knowledge and belief complete and correct.

Privilege

No claim of privilege is made.

Response to Notice

In response to the Notice (my numbering corresponds with the numbering in the Schedule of the Notice):

1. The following documentation is provided:
 - Printouts from Brian Ray's **Diary** (kept in Microsoft "Outlook") under Tab 2.
 - Printouts from Brian Ray's **Sent Messages Folder** (from Microsoft "Outlook") under Tab 3.
 - Printouts from Brian Ray's **Deleted Messages Folder** (from Microsoft "Outlook") under Tab 4.
 - Printouts from Sue Davies' **Sent Messages Folder** (from Microsoft "Outlook") under Tab 5.
 - Printouts from Sue Davies' **Deleted Messages Folder** (from Microsoft "Outlook") under Tab 6.
 - Ray Group internal authority to pay \$10,000 donation to the David Power and Sue Robbins Campaign Account ("**Fund**") and printout of funds transfer report for that donation, under Tab 7.
 - Record (as at 21 April 2004) of donors to the Fund, under Tab 8.

2. The only contribution to the Fund in cash was the amount of \$10,000 referred to in paragraph 1 above. Apart from that Brian Ray provided free of charge his time (and the time of Ms Davies) to organize donations to the Fund. The copy e-mail documentation is indicative of the time provided. In addition, time would have been spent on the telephone. In relation to the dot points in paragraph 2 of the Schedule to the Notice:
 - The candidates ultimately intended to benefit were David Power and Sue Robbins and/or such other candidates determined by them in their unfettered discretion.
 - The money in the Fund was to be disbursed only on the instructions of David Power and Sue Robbins.
 - See above as to the nature of the gift.
 - See above as to the value of the gift.
 - See above as to the date of the gift.
 - See above for account details.

3. Brian Ray's involvement was to help organize companies to donate \$10,000 each to the Fund which was held in the trust account of Hickey Lawyers. Disbursements from the Fund were at the discretion of David Power and Sue Robbins. I cannot comment on his motivation for this involvement, except to say that at the time there were no applications before the Council that the Ray Group had an interest in apart from an appeal to the Court in which the Council was a co-defendant with the Ray Group. The only business with Council since then was a minor application for extension of trading hours for a tavern at Coolangatta.

Apart from the above comments and the information contained in the documents accompanying this letter, no other information appears to be available from the Ray Group, its directors, agents or employees in relation to the matters dealt with in the Notice. You will appreciate that any other information was only known to the late Brian Ray and is not now available.

Please confirm that you are satisfied that we have complied with the Notice.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Ray', written over a circular stamp or mark.

Tom Ray
Director