



CRIME & MISCONDUCT COMMISSION
No. 2005-5 Date 9/11/05
IN THE MATTER OF:

OP GRAND

EXHIBIT No. 181
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9 September 2005

Mr Lincoln Hansen
The Crime and Misconduct Commission
Level 3 Terrica Place
140 Creek Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Sir,

**NOTICE TO DISCOVER
ROCHE GROUP PTY LIMITED**

We refer to the Notice to Discover dated 12 August 2005 and enclose our response.

Yours faithfully,

DAMIAN ROCHE

**RESPONSE OF ROCHE GROUP PTY LIMITED
(ROCHE GROUP) TO NOTICE TO DISCOVER DATED 12 AUGUST 2005**

In answer to Section 1 of the Schedule Roche Group produces copies of the following:

- letter of 26 February 2004 from Mr Power to Mr Roche (the Power Letter);
- letter of 2 March 2004 from Mr Hickey to Mr Roche (the Hickey Letter);
- Roche Group's National Australia Bank Limited Domestic Funds Transfer Status Report of 2 March 2004; and
- Roche Group's National Australia Bank Limited Cheque Account Statement for the period 28 February to 5 March 2004.

In answer to Section 2 of the Schedule Roche Group advises as follows:

The only gift provided by Roche Group either directly or indirectly was a \$10,000.00 donation paid into Hickey Lawyers Trust Account on 2 March 2004. The donation was provided on the basis of the terms set out in the Hickey Letter and the funds for the donation were drawn from Roche Group's National Australia Bank Limited cheque account no [REDACTED].

In answer to Section 3 of the Schedule Roche Group advises as follows:

- Mr Roche had a telephone conversation with Mr Power on or about 26 February 2004 in relation to a donation in connection with the Gold Coast City Council elections in March 2004;
- the Power Letter was received at the office of Roche Group;
- Mr Roche had a telephone conversation with Mr Hickey on or about 2 March 2004 in relation to a donation in connection with the Gold Coast City Council elections in March 2004;
- the Hickey Letter was received at the office of Roche Group;
- Roche Group paid \$10,000.00 into Hickey Lawyers Trust Account on 2 March 2004;
- the Power Letter, the Hickey Letter and the payment of the \$10,000.00 were known to Mr Roche and those other directors and those employees of Roche Group who dealt with the correspondence when it was received and who authorised the payment;
- the only information with respect to section 3.3 known to any of the directors or employees of Roche Group was the information in the Hickey Letter and information that may have been reported in the media; and
- Roche Group did not engage any agents at any time in connection with any dealings in relation to the Gold Coast City Council elections in March 2004.

PO Box 1221
NERANG 4211

26 February 2004

Mr Bill Roche
Roche Group
50 Bay Street
DOUBLE BAY NSW 2028

Dear Bill

Further to our conversation, I would like to request your consideration of support for candidates in the upcoming Council Election.

The community based fund that has been established is directed towards those people who have expressed concern over the image and the in-fighting that currently exists within the Council. Your support will assist these people in bringing dignity back to Gold Coast and certainty in the decision-making process.

I would invite you to contact Mr Tony Hickey at the address below, to arrange receipt of your assistance.

Mr Tony Hickey
Hickey Lawyers
PO Box 5559
GOLD COAST MAIL CENTRE 9726
Telephone: 07.5574.1000

Yours sincerely



DAVID POWER

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H I C K E Y
LAWYERS

DATE: 2 March 2004
TO: **Mr Bill Roche**
COMPANY: Roche Group Pty Ltd
EMAIL ADDRESS: welcome@rochegroup.com.au

Corporate Centre
Cnr Bundall Rd & Slatyer Ave
Bundall Queensland Australia
Box 5559 GCMC Bundall
Queensland 9726 Australia

ABN 73 578 604 230

FROM: **Mr Tony Hickey**
OF: Hickey Lawyers
EMAIL ADDRESS: hickeya@hickeylawyers.com.au

Tony Hickey
LL.B(Hons) | OWNER

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LL.B. | OWNER

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Dear Bill,

The donation to the campaign fund should be deposited to Hickey Lawyers trust account, details of which are as follows:

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

These funds are then disbursed to candidates in accordance with a signed direction by David Power and Sue Robbins.

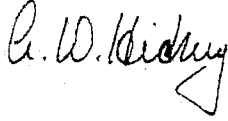
When the money is deposited to our trust account could you please send a message to my office, for my attention, confirming the deposit, so that we make sure it is put to the right account.

With respect to the land that we were talking about, the project is Knightsbridge, which is the northern most sovereign island. The broadwater frontage land was released in the new year and PRD have sold 14 blocks at an average of around \$2 million for a 700 square metre block. This rate of close to \$3,000.00 per square metre compares to what riverfront land is selling at Paradise Waters. PRD say that they are averaging 1 sale a week.

An independent real agent estate who has worked on several projects that I have coordinated for overseas clients is very good at analysing the current market and assisting on pricing. If you like, I could see if he is available to meet with your representatives or yourself to see if he may perform a useful role.

If you have time next time you are on the Gold Coast it would be nice to catch up for a chat.

Yours faithfully
HICKEY LAWYERS



Tony Hickey
Managing Partner

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Direct Line: 5556 7408
Direct Fax: 5574 1130

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Domestic Funds Transfer Status Report

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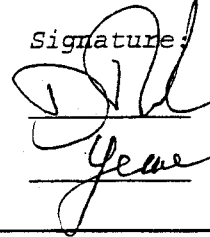
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Tr No.	Value Date	Account No.	Account Name \ Details	Amount
2018	02-Mar-04	[REDACTED]	ROCHE GROUP PTY LTD HICKEY	10,000.00DR
2018	02-Mar-04	[REDACTED]	Hickey Lawyers Trust Account HICKEY LAWYERS Priority: Overnight	10,000.00CR