

RECORD OF INTERVIEW - DAWN CRICHE

OP GRAND

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INTERVIEWEE: DAWN CRICHLAW

**INTERVIEWER/S:
ALSO PRESENT:** DETECTIVE INSPECTOR KEN BEMI
INVESTIGATOR LUCINDA O'BRIEN

LEGAL OFFICER: THERESA HAMILTON

RE: OPERATION GRAND

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KB = Detective Inspector Ken Bemi (CMC)

DC = Dawn Crichlow

LOB = Investigator Lucinda O'Brien (CMC)

- 1 KB Ahh ... am on the morning of Friday the Fourth day of November 2005 (04.11.05). I'm
2 present in the office of Councillor Dawn Crichlow at Southport and I intend to conduct an
3 audio interview with her in relation to a present matter that the Crime and Misconduct
4 Commission in Brisbane is investigating relating to the Gold Coast City Council elections
5 held in March 2004 and events leading up to the election and also events after that
6 election. For the purposes of voice identification I ask every person present here starting
7 with myself to state their full and correct name. My full name is Kenneth William Bemi.
8 I am a Detective Inspector of Police currently performing duties at the Crime and
9 Misconduct Commission in Brisbane.
- 10
- 11 LOB I'm Lucinda Maree O'Brien an investigator with the Crime and Misconduct Commission.
- 12
- 13 KB Your full name please?
- 14
- 15 DC Ahh Dawn Mary Crichlow umm a Councillor Division 6 Southport Division.
- 16
- 17 KB Thank you. Can you please state your current address?
- 18
- 19 DC My current address is Unit C11/2 Rivage Royale, 75 Granton Parade, Southport.
- 20
- 21 KB And your date of birth?
- 22
- 23 DC 22 7 42 (22 July 1942)
- 24
- 25 KB And your current role in Council?
- 26
- 27 DC I'm a Councillor for Division 6 which takes in umm part of ahh Labrador, Mulindina
28 (phonetic) and Southport.
- 29
- 30 KB How long have you been a Councillor?

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31
32 DC Since 1991.
33
34 KB Always in Division 6?
35
36 DC Yes ohh at one stage it was known as Division 4 but it was still the same area.
37
38 KB And you last got elected as Councillor for Division 6 when?
39
40 DC Ahh late in March 2004.
41
42 KB The Gold Coast City Councils?
43
44 DC That's true.
45
46 KB As part of your role as a Councillor can you outline to me what committees that you sit
47 on, if any?
48
49 DC At the moment I sit on the Engineering Services Committee. I sit on the Finance
50 Committee, the Co-ordination Committee and the Planning Committee.
51
52 KB Can you just explain the roles of those committees what they discuss?
53
54 DC Certainly – Engineering Services is really to do with the contracts that are awarded with
55 the Council and anything to do with roads ahh yeah doing things. That's the doing part of
56 the Council ahh working in the parks, roads that type of thing. Finance ahh finance is ahh
57 working ahh with the money of the Council so there you're to do with the annual reports
58 right through and you're to do with anything to do with the finance. The rest of the
59 committees what they do if they want to spend money they will approve it but then they
60 put it through the Finance Committee to also umm approve it as well. The Planning
61 Committee ahh is a committee of 8 people and ahh all applications to do with planning go
62 to the Planning Committee. That's held once a week. The others are held once a
63 fortnight. Co-ordination ahh Committee that's the policy making part of Council and
64 that's become since the last election ahh it's become a very small committee because
65 there's been extra committees added to the Council that have taken the responsibility of a
66 lot of the co-ordination committee so it's likely to have two or three agenda items on it
67 every fortnight.
68
69 KB Can you tell me who the Chair is of each Committee?
70
71 DC Sure ahh Rob Molhoek's the Chair of Finance. Ray Hackwood is the Chair of
72 Engineering Services. Ted Shepherd's the Chairman of umm Planning and David Power
73 is the Chairman of Co-ordination Committee.
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75 KB Thank you. What I intend to do today ahh Councillor Crichlow is conduct an interview
76 with you in relation to the matter I've previously outlined that the Crime and Misconduct
77 Commission is currently investigating. It'll take the form of an audio-recorded interview
78 and by that I mean whatever you say, myself and my colleague here says will be recorded
79 as we speak. Are you agreeable to participate in this interview?
80
81 DC Yes
82
83 KB Do you require any other person to be present here with you?
84
85 DC No thank you.
86
87 KB Perhaps if I can start [sound of paper shuffling] on the 31st March 2004 can you recall
88 being interviewed by a legal officer Mr Mark Docwra and Detective Sergeant Ed Batkin
89 in relation to a complaint that you had previously forwarded to the Crime and Misconduct
90 Commission?
91
92 DC I can.
93
94 KB Can you add anything further in relation to that interview that you had with those two
95 gentlemen?
96
97 DC No
98
99 KB Can you recall what you outlined to those two gentlemen the nature of your complaint?
100
101 DC My concern at the time was certainly umm about the election and about what happened
102 after the election yes.
103
104 KB So what you've stated in your interview with those two gentlemen you can't add anything
105 further?
106
107 DC No
108
109 KB In relation to the election held in March 2004 here on the Gold Coast can you provide or
110 do you wish to provide any information in relation to it that you want to draw my
111 attention to generally about any issue?
112
113 DC No
114
115 KB That you haven't previously told those gentlemen?
116
117 DC That's right.
118

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119 KB Alright. So nothing further?
120
121 DC No
122
123 KB Can I ask you during the lead-up to the Gold Coast City Council elections in 2004 did
124 you have any involvement with any of the candidates who were running? In other words
125 did you have any involvement in the sense that did you support any of the candidates or
126 give them any advice?
127
128 DC I had one candidate come to me and that was Grant Pforr. I was umm part of Southport
129 was Main Beach until we had the amalgamation of the two Councils and he was the
130 President of Southport umm Southport Surf Life Saving Club but that's at Main Beach
131 and I'd met him on a couple of occasions when they did an extension to that building.
132 Well he came in to see me umm and to tell me he was standing for Council and ahh he
133 asked me you know what the Council was all about and I just roughly umm told him and
134 umm and that was it. I did attend one or two I'm not quite sure open meetings with the
135 Citizens for Democracy only umm as an observer ahh because I was aware some of the
136 candidates were going to be there and I like - quite frankly - I love hearing people's
137 aspirations of what, what they do and I was aware the umm Mayor, the current Mayor
138 would be there so I went to listen.
139
140 KB What was the title of that group you referred to?
141
142 DC Citizens for Democracy they call themselves.
143
144 KB And who were - or who was involved with that group do you know?
145
146 DC It was basically I think put together prior to the election because some people were
147 unhappy that their valuations for ocean front properties had gone up so much that they
148 were going to have to pay a massive amount of umm rates and I think it was around about
149 that time so they formed some sort of alliance to try and get the Council to umm you
150 know lower the rates on some individual properties which I didn't support.
151
152 KB Who are they? Who are the members of the group?
153
154 DC I can't even remember. It was just an open meeting and I think it was - I think it was
155 held at the Waterways Hall. I can't remember.
156
157 KB Is that group still in existence?
158
159 DC I've got no idea.
160
161 KB Do you know a person by the name of Stuart Hill?
162

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163 DC Ahh yes I do.
164
165 KB Under what circumstances do you know him?
166
167 DC He used to be the fireman ahh the Fire Warden at umm Abri Retirement Village in umm
168 Bower Street, Southport and he used to come to me when they wanted footpaths put in or
169 he came to Council about doing umm something about fire escapes and things like that so
170 that's as I knew him at, knew the name.
171
172 KB Did he have any connection with the Citizens for Democracy that you've referred to?
173
174 DC I don't believe so no.
175
176 KB Do you know if he's got any other involvement in any community group around the ahh
177 March 2004 election? Had he any involvement?
178
179 DC I, I, I was un – I was aware he was umm the campaign manager because I saw the
180 literature. He was the authorised person of the candidate that stood against me.
181
182 KB And who was that?
183
184 DC Roxanne Scott
185
186 KB So you believe that he was the campaign manager for Roxanne Scott?
187
188 DC Well he authorised the material that was put out for her campaign yes.
189
190 KB And what kind of material was that?
191
192 DC That was umm invitations and, and, and brochures to say Vote for Me. How to Vote
193 brochures and things like that and then about ohh towards the end of the campaign it was
194 written up in the newspaper that she had disassociated herself with, with Mr Hill. By this
195 time I might say ahh he had certainly left Abri's ahh as a position. He'd since when he
196 left Abri he has since ahh ahh got a job as a Surfside Bus Driver.
197
198 KB How do spell Abri?
199
200 DC A-B-R-I Retirement Village in umm in umm Bower Street, Southport.
201
202 KB And now you stated before that you ran as a candidate yourself for Division 6 and you
203 were a successful candidate and you obviously got elected as Councillor for Division 6.
204
205 DC I did
206

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207 KB During the or on the day of the election did you receive any donations – financial
208 donations yourself in relation to your campaign?
209
210 DC No
211
212 KB You didn't at all?
213
214 DC Any financial ahh no I had a campaign manager. He received donations yes.
215
216 KB Alright. Who was your campaign manager?
217
218 DC John Dickson
219
220 KB And who is John Dickson? Is he?
221
222 DC Ohh a resident of Southport [pause] retired yeah.
223
224 KB So he was your chosen campaign manager?
225
226 DC Yes
227
228 KB What tasks did he undertake in relation to your campaign, election campaign?
229
230 DC Well I had a little house in, in Scarborough Street, Southport. A little house ahh that we
231 rented ahh for the campaign and umm and I had a few people in that little house and umm
232 and he was one of those people but he was the one that organised all my printing and
233 stationery and things like that.
234
235 KB What about in relation to any financial donations that were made to your campaign fund?
236
237 DC Mmm
238
239 KB You had a campaign fund?
240
241 DC Yes I did.
242
243 KB Alright. You – did you receive donations, financial donations?
244
245 DC Certainly
246
247 KB If I can just refer you to the Return of Gifts Register Form that's been – well it's got
248 relevant details of gifts that was received. If I can just get you to have a look through that
249 and can you tell me if that was completed by yourself?
250

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251 DC Yes that's my handwriting.
252
253 KB And can you just go through those donations just the people that donated to the election
254 campaign fund as contained there?
255
256 DC Sure – you want me to read them out?
257
258 KB Yeah just the names that's fine.
259
260 DC Okay ahh Lex Bell.
261
262 KB Yep
263
264 DC Ahh two hundred – do you want me to say the amount?
265
266 KB Yep
267
268 DC \$250.00. Raymar Corporation ahh \$200. Southport Workers Club \$500.00. James
269 Frizzell Automotive \$500.00. [ui] Fing \$1,000.00. Raymar Realty one donation of
270 \$200.00 and one donation of \$200.00. Max Dilmage \$10,000.00. Nev Pask \$2,000.00.
271 Meriton Group \$5,000.00. Bricks Strike Pty Ltd \$2,500.00. K & H Dart ahh \$2,000.00.
272 Ingles Group \$5,000.00. Auto Affair Car Wash \$1,000.00. Sharks Ausie Rules Club
273 \$2,500.00. Ron Bruce ahh Motor Trimmers \$1,500.00. Leanne Sarroff \$300.00.
274
275 KB Thank you. So that was duly completed by yourself...
276
277 DC Yes
278
279 KB ...that Election Gift Return?
280
281 DC Yes, yes.
282
283 KB And is everything contained in that true and correct to the best of your knowledge?
284
285 DC Yes
286
287 KB Did you receive any other donations that's not included in that return?
288
289 DC No I don't believe so no.
290
291 KB In relation ...
292
293 DC [overtalking] Sorry – I took that out from the receipt book given to me.
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295 KB Okay
296
297 DC Yeah
298
299 KB Right – in relation to those financial donations that you received were there any donations
300 from developer groups at all or developers?
301
302 DC Ohh absolutely.
303
304 KB Can you just identify who they would have been?
305
306 [sound of papers shuffling]
307
308 DC Raymar Corporation \$200.00. They're a development group. They're just around the
309 corner, around here in Marine Parade.
310
311 KB Yes
312
313 DC Umm I don't know whether you'd call [ui] Fing a developer. He owns Australia Fair
314 here in Southport.
315
316 KB Okay
317
318 DC Raymar Realty those \$200.00 and \$200.00 ahh well I guess you'd call – well no he's a
319 real estate agent in Ferrie Road ahh. Nev Pask ahh in [ui] Street, Southport \$2,000.00
320 he's a developer. Meriton Properties \$5,000.00 they are. Ingles Group \$5,000.00 they
321 are. That's it.
322
323 KB So you didn't receive any other donations from developers that's not included in this
324 Return?
325
326 DC That's right, that's right.
327
328 KB Have you ever voted on any matter where these developers who have made financial
329 donations to your election campaign fund have been involved ahh when you've been
330 sitting in Council either on any of those committees or sitting in Council itself?
331
332 DC Well yes. There was this one here the Ingles Group. About 6 months ago an application
333 came to Council and umm I voted on it. The application was in the name of a ahh of two
334 people like Mary and John Smith and I voted on it and then it was brought to my attention
335 from a journalist that that umm application was actually owned by the Ingles Group ahh
336 because she had been told by another Councillor David Power that I had voted on
337 something to do with that. Umm
338

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339 KB Did you know it was part of the Ingles Group at [ui]?
340
341 DC Absolutely not. Absolutely not. So much so I was so angry about that the next week I
342 changed it where every application must have the name of the applicant at the time of
343 lodgement of the application and sorry the name of the owner at the time of lodgement
344 and the name of the owner on the date that we are judging that application.
345
346 KB So was it a development application?
347
348 DC It was a development application and the owner had changed something like 16 months
349 before and yet it came to the committee in the previous owner's name.
350
351 KB How did you vote on that particular matter by that company?
352
353 DC I, I think I probably voted for it.
354
355 KB Can you recall where the development was or where it referred to? Like where is the
356 development or?
357
358 DC Ohh yes it was umm it was a development out at Coomera.
359
360 KB Alright
361
362 DC Yes
363
364 KB Were you sitting in full Council as such or on a committee when you voted?
365
366 DC No on the, on the Planning Committee.
367
368 KB Did it go ...
369
370 DC [overtalking] And then went to full Council exactly the same way and as I say it was
371 brought to my attention by a journalist and so I just wonder how many other times that
372 has happened.
373
374 KB Did anyone vote against that particular application?
375
376 DC I really can't, I really can't answer that question but I do have a copy of the application
377 and the Minutes which would confirm whether or not they did.
378
379 KB So when you voted on that particular matter did you think there was a conflict of interest
380 in relation to yourself with that company?
381

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382 DC Certainly not because the applicant and the owner's name was completely different. It
383 was the previous owner from something like 16 months beforehand.
384
385 KB Alright. If you can just keep having a look at that Return and identify any other matters
386 that you may have voted on?
387
388 DC No
389
390 KB What about in relation to the Meriton company?
391
392 DC No I haven't. I, I think it's only come up to Council once and umm ahh and I've excused
393 myself if it's come up at all. No, the answer's no.
394
395 KB Right so you haven't voted either in your capacity when you've sat on the, one of the
396 committees in relation to a development application from the Meriton Group or in
397 Council?
398
399 DC Ohh I'm sorry I do remember there was an application that came about umm putting a
400 swimming pool on the roof or something and yes I declared an interest ahh conflict of
401 interest and left the room.
402
403 KB So in other words you didn't vote on it?
404
405 DC That's right.
406
407 KB Was that on a committee or in Council?
408
409 DC Both
410
411 KB Can you recall any other occasions where you haven't voted on a matter...
412
413 DC [overtalking] No
414
415 KB ...because you've believed you've had a conflict of interest?
416
417 DC No
418
419 KB So apart from the ahh Meriton Group are there any others?
420
421 DC No
422
423 KB The Meriton Group are they developers of the Sundale site are they?
424
425 DC They are.

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427 KB Did you ever have to vote on anything in relation to the Sundale site coming from the
428 Meriton Group? Anything they had put forward to be approved?
429
430 DC Only that one on the swimming pools on the swimming pools of the roof.
431
432 KB Right and like you said you didn't vote on that 'cos you excused yourself.
433
434 DC That's right. And I must say umm that ahh the owner of the Meriton Group umm has
435 been a family friend for many years.
436
437 KB So where was the swimming pool put that was on top?
438
439 DC On, on top of the roof. They came with a change to have both the penthouses have a
440 swimming pool put on.
441
442 KB That's on the old Sundale site there?
443
444 DC That's right.
445
446 KB So you're certain that you can't recall any other instances where you've either excused
447 yourself or have voted on development applications from any of the contributors to your
448 election campaign fund?
449
450 DC That's right.
451
452 KB If I can just refer you to a matter involving a rates discount issue pertaining to the
453 Sunland Group.
454
455 DC Okay
456
457 KB You're aware of that matter?
458
459 DC I am.
460
461 KB Can I get you to outline your knowledge and any concerns that you may have pertaining
462 to that particular issue?
463
464 DC I've got concerns about that issue and it, it – what happened was it was a Finance
465 Meeting and the agenda item came up. I'd read the agenda item and I was fully aware in
466 which way I was going to vote. It was quite clear there should have been no discount
467 given on this application. The agenda item went through that the application – the
468 applicant had tried to get a discount on I think 3 occasions and didn't and then the
469 applicant went to the Mayor according to the agenda item and, and the Mayor asked the

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470 Department to bring it back again and consideration to be given for waiving the discount
471 on exemplary I think the word was circumstances. Umm I arrived at the Finance Meeting
472 and ahh there were two people in the room and I was aware those two people worked for
473 umm Sunland because only that morning an application had gone through for Sunland
474 about putting wrapping around the building and one of the people there – and I just forget
475 his name at the moment but I'd know his name – one of the gentle – ahh the man had
476 been and done a presentation on giving approval for this extra work to be done on the [ui]
477 1 Building. Ahh the Finance Committee exists of ahh is myself, Councillor Sarroff ahh
478 Councillor Molhoek's the Chair and Councillor Power and the Mayor is ex-officio and he
479 arrived too. The application came up and the Chair gave the people in the room umm ahh
480 said they could sort of put their case across to us and they put their case across to us. I, I
481 believe I moved that the discount not be waived. Umm I believe it was second – I believe
482 it was seconded. Anyhow it went down 3 to 2. Went to Council the following week and
483 once again ahh the discount was allowed.
484

485 KB Can you recall who seconded it? You moved a motion that it ahh that the officers
486 recommendation...

487
488 DC [overtalking] Ahh well Councillor Sarroff I believe.

489
490 KB Your motion was that the council officers recommendation be adopted, that the discount
491 not be allowed.

492
493 DC That's true.

494
495 KB Did you call for a division at all or was there a division called?

496
497 DC Normally in a, in a committee meeting you don't call for a division. I could have had my
498 name recorded against it, as voting against it ahh against – I'm not quite sure – but I mean
499 I just wasn't happy.

500
501 KB So you're at – this is at a committee meeting you were referring to.

502
503 DC It's at Finance.

504
505 KB Finance Committee Meeting.

506
507 DC That's right.

508
509 KB And who is the Chair of that?

510
511 DC Councillor Molhoek.

512
513 KB Councillor?

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514
515 DC Molhoek. Rob Molhoek – and the Mayor umm I can, I cannot remember – I’ve since
516 found out that he has been to a couple of finance meetings before but I could not
517 remember him ever coming in to a finance meeting so the vote would have been two all if
518 he had not have been there and the, and the Chair would have had to have a casting vote.
519
520 KB Can you recall who was present at that Finance Committee Meeting?
521
522 DC Ahh you mean the visitors?
523
524 KB No, just the ahh the members.
525
526 DC Ohh certainly myself, Councillor Sarroff, Councillor Power and Councillor Molhoek and
527 the Mayor.
528
529 KB Right so there were five.
530
531 DC That’s absolutely...
532
533 KB That’s the normal?
534
535 DC No normally it’s four but the Mayor is ex-officio on every committee. He can turn up
536 and get a vote if he so wishes.
537
538 KB And that’s what you’re saying that if he hadn’t have done so it would have been two all?
539
540 DC That’s right.
541
542 KB So obviously there was just yourself and Councillor Sarroff who voted that it shouldn’t
543 be allowed the discount to Sunland.
544
545 DC That’s true.
546
547 KB And Councillor Power, Councillor Molhoek ...
548
549 DC Molhoek
550
551 KB ...and...
552
553 DC The Mayor
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555 KB ...Mayor Clarke voted that it should be.
556
557 DC Absolutely

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559 KB What happened after that? Okay, so the – your motion was lost obviously.
560
561 DC Yes
562
563 KB What happened to?
564
565 DC It went through to the full Council then to ahh to be judged by the 15 members of the
566 Council as to whether the discount should be allowed or should not be allowed.
567
568 KB And what was the result of that?
569
570 DC The result was umm Sunland got their discount.
571
572 KB Can you recall who voted for and against that...[ui]?
573
574 DC I really can't but I would say, I would say a division would be called.
575
576 KB And can you just explain what you mean by a division for the purposes of the record?
577
578 DC Ohh a division – well if you feel strongly against something at full Council and, and you
579 want to see how the voting pattern is going and so it will be shown on the Minutes of the
580 Meeting, you know down in history, you usually ahh ask for a division to be called, the
581 names are recorded for and against.
582
583 KB So that records who voted for it and who voted against it.
584
585 DC Absolutely
586
587 KB So you've got a record in other words.
588
589 DC Absolutely
590
591 KB If you don't call for a division is that still recorded or it isn't?
592
593 DC No
594
595 KB So you think you would have called for a division at Council?
596
597 DC I believe I, I should have...
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599 KB If I can just...
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601 DC ...because I was upset about that one.

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602
603 KB If I can just refer you to the Minutes I have here and it refers – there's two dates there's
604 it's got the 340th Council Meeting 15 November 2004.
605
606 DC Mmm
607
608 KB The Finance and Internal Services Committee Meeting 9th November 2004.
609
610 DC Yes
611
612 KB Which one does that refer to?
613
614 DC Umm change recommendation – the officer – the motion was lost ahh that the discount
615 be granted on [mumbling] Committee recommendation – this refers to the umm finance
616 meeting. The Finance and Internal Services meeting on the 9th November.
617
618 KB So it doesn't refer to the full Council meeting in relation to it?
619
620 DC No
621
622 KB Okay. And if you have a look at item 2 you believe that is accurate. That's a motion that
623 was voted on and how you voted?
624
625 DC Absolutely yes.
626
627 KB So you had a firm belief that the Sunland Group shouldn't be allowed the rates discount?
628
629 DC I'm sorry but I have had pensioners sitting opposite my desk that have been in hospital at
630 the time when their rates have been delivered at home and they have never had their
631 discount waived. There is no – in the time – all the time I've been in Council we have
632 had not been allowed and this was allowed as a presentation to the Committee which
633 once again on all the time I've been on Finance I believe this is the only presentation
634 that's ever been allowed for people to come in and do their presentation.
635
636 KB Can you recall who delivered the presentation?
637
638 DC Ahh it was two – it was the umm Anne Jamieson did most of the talking. She was the
639 General Manager of Sunland and the other man is, is their architect and I do not
640 remember his name.
641
642 KB And can you recall their reasoning why it should be allowed?
643
644 DC Ohh well first of all they said that it didn't go to the right address. Then it did go to the
645 right address, then the company they didn't recognise the company name and then they

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646 did recognise the company name and, and if, if that discount, if that discount was not
647 going to be supported by Council when other community groups came to them for gifts
648 for example the, if, the Mayoral Committee wanted a donation if they didn't get that
649 discount they would have to say no to other requests.
650
651 KB So can you recall any particular Councillors that had – apart from yourself and Councillor
652 Sarroff that had strong views that it should not be allowed the rates discount?
653
654 DC I really can't remember and I'm, I'm saying hopefully in the full Council a division was
655 called but certainly it would have been recorded in the newspaper because it was a
656 controversial issue and, and I believe the newspaper would have recorded who voted for
657 and against. I believe Councillor McDonald would have voted against the discount. She'd
658 been on the Council for a long time and, and wouldn't have seen other approvals go
659 through like this but I, I cannot answer your question.
660
661 KB Can you recall a letter being received from the Falcon Group in support of the Sunland
662 Group receiving a rates discount at all?
663
664 DC Not at all.
665
666 KB Do you know the Falcon Group?
667
668 DC Not at all.
669
670 KB Is there anything further you'd like to add about that rates issue?
671
672 DC Nuh
673
674 KB But in any event the rates discount was granted?
675
676 DC It was.
677
678 KB It was allowed in other words and the Sunland Group received their rates discount.
679
680 DC They did.
681
682 KB Was that pursued any further after that and it was put through full Council that they be
683 allowed to receive their rates discount? Was there any other action taken?
684
685 DC No
686
687 KB The next matter I'd like to discuss with you involves a matter that you have referred to
688 the Crime and Misconduct Commission relating to the Director of Engineering Services

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689 being pressured by some Councillors to give jobs to a Gold Coast Liberal Party identity
690 that being Lionel Barden I believe.
691
692 DC Yes
693
694 KB Can you outline your concerns in relation to that matter? You can start from the
695 beginning and work your way through that if you wouldn't mind.
696
697 DC Ahh well my concerns have been for some time about work that has been given to Mr
698 Barden and prior to Mr Barden umm ahh Fibre Light Industries which he was the ahh
699 director and I believe Managing Director of and things didn't work ahh he – after Fibre
700 Light did some work for the Gold Coast City Council. It was on the bridge here at
701 Sundale and that was in 1992 and it didn't work and the Chevron Island Bridge had come
702 up where they had signs put on the Chevron Island Bridge saying Chevron Island and
703 Surfers Paradise and it didn't work. And then there was another job that the Chamber of
704 Commerce gave in Beenleigh and ahh this was after Mr Barden had left Fibre Light and
705 had gone into receivership and, and Council had words about Engineering Services one
706 day – we were talking about the jobs that Mr Barden seemed to get through Council and
707 we'd just spent – given him another year's rent for an organisation he set down ahh up at
708 the Airport. We paid the rent ahh for space in that showcase at the Airport and we were
709 just talking and Council Hackwood said yes he wasn't happy with the lights that had gone
710 in at Beenleigh and umm and the director was there at the time and in front of I believe
711 Councillor Douglas, myself, Councillor Hackwood I believe umm he said that ahh 'you'd
712 be amazed how much pressure's been on us to give this man work' or 'jobs' one of those
713 'work' or 'jobs'.
714
715 KB Who said that sorry?
716
717 DC Ahh Warren Day, the Director of Engineering Services.
718
719 KB Can you recall...
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721 DC [overtalking] By Councillors – pressure by Councillors.
722
723 KB Did he identify those Councillors?
724
725 DC No he didn't.
726
727 KB Can you recall when you had this conversation with Warren Day at all?
728
729 DC Well it was either prior ahh before an Engineering Services Committee Meeting or after –
730 more likely after because normally everybody arrives right on time for those. So it would
731 have been after a Engineering Services Committee Meeting.
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733 KB Did he provide any further details as to what kind of pressure?
734
735 DC No he didn't.
736
737 KB So generally he just said well what he stated was that 'you wouldn't believe the amount
738 of pressure that's been placed on him'?
739
740 DC By some Councillors to get work for Mr Barden.
741
742 KB And can you outline the work that was being performed or that Council had some
743 connection with Mr Barden with at that time? Was there any work Council was
744 performing for Mr Barden?
745
746 DC Ahh well no Mr Barden was performing for Council.
747
748 KB Right
749
750 DC The work at Beenleigh I believe it was a roundabout and, and the – it was done through
751 the Beenleigh Chamber of Commerce umm so they actually commission the work so it
752 didn't go to tender in other words. They actually commission the work for the Chamber
753 of Commerce the Divisional Councillors supported it so a, lights or a light went up at
754 Beenleigh. Umm Showcase could have been still opened at that time where umm where
755 Mr Barden was given umm 12 months rent and then it closes down in 12 months. So it
756 could – might have been just after that too. So he has had ahh done quite a lot of work
757 for the Council.
758
759 KB Okay. I guess the point I was trying to make did Council perform any work in relation to
760 where Lionel Barden's business may have been? Like any ahh preferential treatment did
761 he receive from?
762
763 DC Well he got rent for a space down at Showcase umm and and also at that time was – it
764 was brought to my attention also at that time where Council paid Mr Barden to do the
765 catering for a team of baseballers, footballers a team of some sport to have their umm
766 have a launch at his Showcase and Mr Barden actually umm ahh received the money and
767 did the catering himself personally.
768
769 KB Are you aware of any work that was being performed on the Chevron Island Bridge at all
770 any lighting?
771
772 DC Yes yes this is what I mentioned earlier. He got the job after he'd left Fibre Light. How
773 he got the job I don't know. To do the lights on the Chevron Island Bridge. One said
774 Chevron Island as you came to it and the other one said, the other end of the bridge said
775 Surfers Paradise.
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777 KB Can you add anything further in relation to Mr Warren Day being pressured by certain
778 Councillors in connection with Lionel Barden?
779
780 DC Ahh no ahh no I ca.. – well all I can say is ahh we were outside – we were outside the
781 Church in a Church in umm Mermaid Waters. There was a funeral. Justin Hickey's
782 funeral and Warren Day was there and he said umm ahh ahh sorry Suzie Douglas was in
783 the group too and he said that the CMC I think had spoken to him umm over this matter
784 and he, he didn't really say it he was just sort of saying umm ohh you know, you know
785 other Councillors.
786
787 KB But you're not aware yourself personally of any pressure having been placed on Warren
788 Day apart from what he has told you?
789
790 DC That's right no.
791
792 KB You haven't got any first hand knowledge?
793
794 DC No not at all.
795
796 KB And you can't recall when that conversation with him took place? It could have been at a
797 meeting you outlined previously but you don't know the date or?
798
799 DC No I don't know the date. Actually on my complaint the date would have been recorded.
800
801 KB Was there any other person present when you had this conversation with Warren Day at
802 all?
803
804 DC Ahh yes Councillor Hackwood and Councillor Douglas.
805
806 KB And did they...
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808 DC [overtalking] This is at the meeting.
809
810 KB At the meeting?
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812 DC Yes
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814 KB So he was addressing the meeting?
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816 DC He wasn't addressing. It was just casually after it was over we were talking about things
817 you know how you talk about things.
818
819 KB And he just said that umm what prompted him to say that?
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821 DC Well we'd been talking about umm ahh the lights up at Beenleigh and, and maybe the
822 Showcase had come up I don't know so we were talking about that.
823
824 KB Is there anything further you want to say about that complaint?
825
826 DC No
827
828 LOB We might just change the tape [ui]
829
830 KB Thank you. The time now is 11:52 am. This interview is now suspended.
831
832 DC Do you want a cup of coffee or tea or something?
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836 **TAPE ENDS**

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