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14 October 2005

Detective-Inspector Ken Beml  
Crime and Misconduct Commission  
Level 3, Terrica Place  
140 Creek Street (Cnr Adelaide Street)  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

**BY DELIVERY**

Dear Mr Beml

**GOLD COAST BULLETIN**  
**OUR REF: MIJ:AS:20053141**

We refer to your email dated 28 September 2005. In addition to the information which was provided to you during the course of the interviews on 14 September, we have now procured responses to the various questions which were raised in your email. Please find **enclosed** herewith written responses from the following journalists:

1. Alice Gorman (nee Jones);
2. Peter Gleeson;
3. Fiona Hamilton;
4. Joanne Gibbons;
5. Ryan Ellem;
6. Carly Hennessy;
7. Brian Mossop;
8. Murray Hubbard; and
9. Merylyn MacKenzie.

Despite our client's efforts, it has been unable to establish the identity of the authors of the following stories:

- *Candidates asked to reveal donors (12/03/04); and*
- *All bets are off as Irene threatens to do in "independent" (30/03/04).*

Yours faithfully  
**BIGGS & BIGGS**

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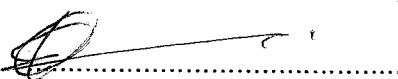
## RESPONSE TO CMC INQUIRIES

1. My name is Peter Gleeson and I have been employed by the Gold Coast Bulletin since 1993 as a Council reporter, Chief of Staff and Chief Reporter. I am often asked to do political and Council stories, particularly in the lead-up to an election.
2. The articles, "*Clarke: we can make it work*" published March 29, 04, "*Paying the piper*", published April 13, 04 and "*Mayor-elect's deal may see 'bloc' leader as deputy*", published April 3, 04, were written by me. The letter from Councillor Pforr referred to in correspondence to the Bulletin was sent to me via facsimile on 21/3/04. A copy is attached. The articles titled "*Tickets please*" dated February 20, 04, untitled p 9 story, March 11, 04 and "*Candidates asked to reveal donors*" (p 5, March 12, 04) were also written by me.
3. The interviews required for these stories were conducted in the days leading up to their publication.
4. I cannot recall anyone else being present during the course of any of the interviews that I conducted in the lead-up to the publication of these stories.
5. The interviews were conducted generally by telephone at the Gold Coast Bulletin offices and from time to time in person.
6. The articles are a true and accurate account of those interviews.
7. The conversations were recorded in my notebook. They were not taped.
8. I have not been able to locate the notes that I made during the course of interviews conducted for the purposes of the stories referred to in paragraph 2.
9. In relation to the story "*Mayor-elect's deal may see 'bloc' leader as deputy*" published April 3, 04, I confirm that the comments contained therein were, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate. Included in the story was the passage:

*"The Clarke team told Cr Power that if he delivered the eight votes required to implement a reform agenda, Mr Clarke would support Cr Power in any future Mayoral campaign – probably in 2008".*

I cannot now recall who it was that informed me of this. I believe that I conducted telephone interviews in respect of the story on 2 April 2004 at the Gold Coast Bulletin offices and subsequently on my mobile telephone. I recall speaking with both Councillor Power and Graeme Staerk prior to publication of the story. Despite my efforts, I have been unable to locate any notebooks pertaining to the story.

10. I do not believe that I have any further information that could assist the investigation.

  
PETER GLEESON

13/10/05

## RESPONSE TO CMC INQUIRIES

1. My name is Fiona Hamilton and I have been employed by the Gold Coast Bulletin since 2003 as a Council reporter and Surfers Paradise reporter.
2. The articles – *Dawn calls for CMC probe (1/12/04)*, *Lamb silent on no conflict calls (2/12/04)*, *Chip and the Bloc (22/12/04)*, *Boyle eyes loophole (26/8/05)*, *CMC probes Mayor (27/8/05)*, *Donors' land in change of use (1/9/05)*, *Loose lips may sink bloc's ship (3/9/05)*, *Council denies CMC link to project's axe (9/9/05)*, *Heat on as second poll fund bared (23/8/05)*, *Candidates' secret backers (10/9/05)*, *Council ice by fury (12/9/05)* were all written by me. In addition, the unattributed articles, *Rookie Rob calls for contentious Council to be canned (15/8/05)*, *A CMC please explain for the Mayor (30/8/05)*, *Mayor disputes his own return amendments (1/9/05)* and *Fueing factions concur on probe (1/9/05)* were also written by me.
3. The interviews required for these stories were conducted in the days leading up to their publication, usually the day before.
- 4, 5. The interviews were generally conducted by telephone from the office of the Gold Coast Bulletin, although I may also have conducted a couple of face-to-face interviews..
6. So far as I am aware, the articles that were published were a true and accurate account of the interviews that were conducted.
7. The interviews that I had were recorded in my notebook. I did not tape-record any interviews.
8. I have managed to locate my notebooks pertaining to stories published on 15/8/05, 23/8/05, 26/8/05, 27/8/05, 30/8/05, 1/9/05, 3/9/05, 9/9/05, 10/9/05 and 12/9/05. I can no longer access the notes which I took during interviews pertaining to the other stories referred to above as the relevant notebooks have now been discarded or, in some cases, misplaced.
9. I do not believe that I can offer any further information that could assist the investigation.



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**FIONA HAMILTON**

**RESPONSE TO CMC INQUIRIES**

1. My name is Joanne Gibbons and I have been employed as a general news reporter at the Gold Coast Bulletin since 1997. My primary role over the last four years has been as health reporter, but as a senior journalist I am often asked to tackle stories on a variety of issues, including local Council.
2. The article "*It's a Power blackout*" published on February 23, 2004 was written by me.
3. The interview with Cr David Power was conducted at the Gold Coast Bulletin office, 385 Nerang Road, Molendinar, on Sunday, February 22, 2004.
4. No-one else was present when the interview was conducted.
5. The interview was conducted by telephone.
6. The article is a true and accurate account of Cr Power's comments to me during the interview.
7. The conversation was recorded by me in my notebook. It was not taped.
8. I have searched for the notes relevant to this interview, however I have not been successful in locating the relevant notebook.
9. I do not believe I can offer any further information that could assist the investigation.



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**JOANNE GIBBONS**

Response to CMC queries:

1. My name is Ryan Ellem and I have been employed as a general news reporter at the Gold Coast Bulletin since December 2003. Over the last 18 months I have covered the Surfers Paradise round, but also cover Gold Coast City Council stories when required.
2. The article 'The new boys on the block are ready to roll' was written by myself on Sunday, March 28, 2004 and published on Monday, March 29, 2004. The article 'All bets are off as Irene threatens to dob in "independent"' was written by myself on Monday March 29, and published on Tuesday March 30, 2004.
3. The interview conducted with Cr Grant Pforr was done over the phone on Sunday morning, March 28, 2004, and the same was done with Cr Rob Molhoek. The interview with Irene Wareing was conducted over the phone on March 29, 2004, while the interview with Cr Greg Betts was done at his house on the evening of that day.
4. The interviews with Cr Grant Pforr and Cr Rob Molhoek were private phone calls. No one else was present. The interview with Irene Wareing was private and completed over the phone. The interview with Cr Betts was done at his house. I recall Cr Betts' wife was present for part of the interview.
5. The interview was completed with Cr Grant Pforr over the phone, and with Cr Rob Molhoek over the phone, in two separate interviews. I spoke to Ms Wareing over the phone, and Cr Betts at his house in Burleigh Heads.
6. The article is a true and accurate account of both Cr Pforr's comments in our interview, and Cr Molhoek's comments in our interview. The article concerning Ms Wareing and Cr Betts is also a true and accurate account of our interviews.
7. All four separate conversations were recorded in my notebook. None were taped.
8. The four interviews were recorded in a notebook that I have been unable to locate, and therefore believe has now been discarded.
9. I do not believe I can offer any further information that could assist the investigation.


Dated this 14th day of October, 2005

  
Ryan Ellem

Response to CMC queries:

1. My name is Ryan Ellem and I have been employed as a general news reporter at the Gold Coast Bulletin since December 2003. Over the last 18 months I have covered the Surfers Paradise round, but also cover Gold Coast City Council stories when required.
2. The article 'The new boys on the block are ready to roll' was written by myself on Sunday, March 28, 2004 and published on Monday, March 29, 2004.
3. The interview conducted with Cr Grant Pforr was done over the phone on Sunday morning, March 28, 2004, and the same was done with Cr Rob Molhoek.
4. The interviews were private phone calls. No one else was present.
5. The interview was completed with Cr Grant Pforr over the phone, and with Cr Rob Molhoek over the phone, in two separate interviews.
6. The article is a true and accurate account of both Cr Pforr's comments in our interview, and Cr Molhoek's comments in our interview.
7. The conversation was recorded in my notebook. It was not taped.
8. I have been unable to locate my notebook relevant to the above story and I therefore believe that it has now been discarded.
9. I do not believe I can offer any further information that could assist the investigation.

Dated this 10th day of October 2005.

  
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RYAN ELLEM

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT NO 228  
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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & MAJOR PROJECTS**

Refer 20 page attachment

**1 BASIS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

Not applicable.

**2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Not applicable.

**3 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to recommend Council's involvement in the proposed Innovation Showcase.

**4 PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS**

Not applicable.

**5 DISCUSSION****5.1 Background**

Innovation Showcase is an initiative designed to 'showcase' the region's innovative products and services. It is designed so that the region's public, private and community organisations can take advantage of this facility which is planned to open later this year in Gold Coast Airports Terminal Three, the former international terminal.

Council has been proactive in its efforts to diversify the City's industry base and ensuring its place in the global "new economy". To embody this direction, Council and the business community have adopted the "Gold Coast - Innovation City" brand. As a result there are strong connections between the efforts of Innovation Showcase and Council.

Traffic through Innovation Showcase will range from local, national and international consumers, buyers, distributors and financiers. The end goal of this initiative is to provide exposure to the region's innovative products and services and foster an international recognition of Gold Coast City as an important place to do business.

Innovation Showcase is a permanent business expo, with exhibitors renting indoor and outdoor space. The showcase staff will handle individual product promotion, including private presentations.

The showcase will focus on the 17,000 southern migrants moving to the City each year by providing a snapshot of the region's facilities. It is also anticipated that the showcase will work with the Gold Coast Chambers of Commerce and Council in promoting the City to 350,000 convention delegates per year as well as working with 600,000 inbound international tourists providing processing services on their arrival. The showcase will also co-operatively market with the participants and sponsors through special promotions to all travellers to the City.



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Incorporated within Innovation Showcase will be an allied venture to be called the Meeting Place which will house a business centre with conference rooms and a theatre that can be adapted to cater for product launches and functions.

The Innovation Showcase concept has received widespread support from all levels of government in the form of letters of support from various Gold Coast City Council councillors, and State and Federal Government representatives (refer Attachment, pages 1 to 15 of 20).

## 5.2 Economic Development Strategy

Three of the key Fundamentals included in the Economic Development Strategy which are crucial in assisting the City achieve its desired position within the global economy are Image and Identity, Cooperation and Innovation City.

Image and Identity tackles one of the most significant issues facing Gold Coast City at the moment, that is of reflecting an accurate and positive image of the City, and in securing adequate investment for infrastructure and City initiatives.

Two fundamental criteria of economic development are that committed action produces results and that a strong focus on cooperation is also necessary for success. Cooperation is important on at least three levels:

- Cooperation at the industry level, establishing strong and active industry clusters and networks, and working cooperatively to resolve structural issues, establish brands, undertake cost-effective cooperative marketing, build supply chain capability and grasp opportunities in many ways.
- Cooperation at the whole of City level.
- Cooperation on the regional, or South East Queensland, scale (including Tweed).

In times of rapid change, innovation is the life-blood of economic opportunity and achievement. Innovation is developing new ideas and then achieving commercial success with them. It extends beyond the technical to include business, creativity, design, entrepreneurial activity and culture.

The approach for displaying innovative products and services as has been demonstrated by Innovation Showcase goes a long way toward implementing initiatives that will address the requirements of the above mentioned Fundamentals.

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### 5.3 Proposed Council Support

It is proposed that the most effective method for supporting Innovation Showcase will be to fund displays for the eight local area industry clusters, which are:

- Gold Coast Region Information Technology Forum
- Gold Coast Food Forum
- Gold Coast Education and Training Network
- Surfboard Manufacturing Cluster
- Gold Coast Region Environmental Industry Association
- Gold Coast Health and Medical Industry Association
- Film Industry Working Party
- Gold Coast Marine Industry Association.

It is anticipated that each of these clusters will require an average 2 square metres, which means for the clusters, the space requirement will be 16 square metres at an annual cost to Council of \$24,000. It is intended that the 16 square metres will be in one location with a display focusing on Council's Economic Development program, the clusters it supports and the Innovation City message.

In return for taking this amount of space Innovation Showcase have agreed that Council will be provided the additional benefits associated with sponsorship, which include:

- Gold Coast City Council to be acknowledged as a sponsor on all printed material.
- Sponsor banner display within the Innovation Showcase.
- Innovation Aspect Magazine - quarter page colour advertisement.
- Sponsor recognition on Website and links.
- Gold Coast Bulletin supplement.
- Collaborative marketing projects.

Each of the industry clusters will also receive all of the exhibiting benefits including:

- Innovation Showcase Website.
- Gold Coast Bulletin supplement (four annually).
- Website links.
- Innovation Showcase brochure.
- Cooperative marketing opportunities both national and international.

### 6 STATUTORY MATTERS

Not applicable.

### 7 CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Economy

- Diversify and Strengthen the Economy
- City Image

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8 COUNCIL POLICIES

Council's current Financial Assistance Policy last amended in May 2001, which replaced the Donations Policy, requires that for the provision of funding in excess of \$10,000 a *Major Event Risk Assessment Checklist* must be completed prior to sponsorship being considered. This assessment is designed as an internal check and provides the basis for determining the applicant's ability to implement the project, which in this case is Innovation Showcase.

Innovation Showcase has addressed each of these criteria quite extensively, and at this stage only a few remain incomplete. This is due largely to the fact that the event is planned to commence this year and as a result certain information will not be available until Innovation Showcase is operational (refer Attachment, pages 16 to 20).

9 DELEGATIONS

Not applicable.

10 BUDGET/FUNDING

An amount of \$24,000 is to be sourced from the Economic Development Branch Budget, Project Number JE60 - Business Promotion. This amount is space rental for 1 year, when the time comes to renew this arrangement the effectiveness of the exercise will be assessed and renewal will be considered.

To minimize risk associated with supporting this event arrangements will be made for the contribution to be fifty percent upfront and the remainder to be paid periodically over the course of the year. The timeframe for the periodic payments will be factored into a Services Contract and if there is cause to terminate the contract payment will not go ahead.

11 COORDINATION & CONSULTATION

The Innovation Showcase initiative has been endorsed by REDAC and has the support of each of the eight industry clusters/associations, as well as a range of local, state and federal government representatives.

12 TIMING

Innovation Showcase is due to open for operation in October 2003. Upon Council approval a Services Contract will be developed that stipulates the requirements of both parties and the timelines for payment and operation.

13 STAKEHOLDER IMPACTS

As a major sponsor of Innovation Showcase Gold Coast City Council is providing an opportunity for the eight industry clusters/associations to obtain significant local, national and international exposure. This opportunity has received unanimous support from each of the eight industry clusters.

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14 CONCLUSION

The current Financial Assistance Policy requires that external organisations meet certain assessment criteria prior to receiving any funding. These criteria have been assessed and the results are included in the attachment.

It is also believed that by supporting Innovation Showcase Council is potentially assisting local industry to obtain significant local, national and international exposure. This initiative also has the potential to assist Council position itself in the global economy in three key fundamentals including Image and Identity, Cooperation and Innovation City.

15 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council resolves as follows:

- 1 That Council approves the provision of \$24,000 from the Economic Development Branch Budget for the support of Innovation Showcase.
- 2 That the Chief Executive Officer (Director EDMP) forwards a copy of the report and Council's resolutions to Mr Lionel Barden, Managing Director, Innovation Showcase.

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Business Development Officer  
19 August 2003

Authorised by:  
Greg Young  
Director Economic Development & Major Projects

ROXANNE SCOTT

# We deserve better...

- ...better water management
- ...better local solutions to rat running
- ...better foreshore maintenance
- ...better financial management of ratepayer funds
- ...better footpaths
- ...better attention to our parks
- ...better working relationships with State Government  
e.g. improving facilities for Southport police
- ...better working relationships among City Councillors

## CAN YOU HELP?

Roxanne needs assistance on election day, Sat. 27 March 2004 to hand out 'how to vote' cards.

She would sincerely appreciate any assistance that you could offer. Please contact her at the number below if you are able to help.

**ROXANNE SCOTT** BA, MBA

**Independent Candidate for Division 6**

**GOLD COAST CITY COUNCIL**

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Join the team

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# JABIRU ISLAND: where do we go from here?

(Excerpt from address at public meeting, held Sunday 11 January, 2004 at Jabiru Island.)

My name is **Grant Pforr** and I'm your candidate for Division 3 in the upcoming Council elections on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

I live in our electorate and spent my first 30 years at Paradise Point. I say this because I believe as a candidate, you need to know where the area has come from, before you can plan for its future.

**Jabiru Island - where do we go from here?**

No-one wants Couran Cove to go out of business, however, we all want to see a better managed mainland facility operating. The current Runaway Bay marina is under huge pressure. What happens if the expansion of the Island Resort moves to it's capacity in the near future?

1. Couran Cove needs to find an alternate site. I've been communicating with all parties regarding several locations other than Jabiru.
2. If Council *does* approve the terminal here on Jabiru, we don't stop here. We need to put our concerns very strongly to the State Government and lobby all ministers. Perhaps we can block it here.
3. If all else fails and the terminal is approved by all levels of Government, Council should address & regulate the ferry terminal so as to address all residents concerns. Even if it means having some of the operations at alternative sites. For example the water taxi. This could be done in the appeals process.

I will continue to communicate with all parties on this and other issues, as I feel Jabiru Island could continue to haunt the Gold Coast City Council for years to come. Thank you.

## VOTE **1** GRANT PFORR

**He's working FOR you!**  
**CANDIDATE FOR DIVISION 3**  
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