

CA Commissioner, I call Timothy Joseph CONNOLLY.

PO Mr CONNOLLY, are you happy to take an oath on the Bible?

W Yes, sir, I am.

PO Thank you. Swear the witness in, please.

10 HRO Please stand and take the Bible in your right hand and repeat after me.
The evidence.

W The evidence.

HRO Which I shall give.

W Which I shall give.

HRO In these proceedings.

20 W In these proceedings.

HRO Shall be the truth.

W Shall be the truth.

HRO The whole truth.

W The whole truth.

30 HRO And nothing but the truth.

W And nothing but the truth.

HRO So help me God.

W So help me God.

HRO Thank you. Please be seated.

40 CA Sir, is your name Timothy Joseph CONNOLLY?

W Correct.

CA Mr CONNOLLY, you're a town planner by occupation; is that right?

W That's right, yes.

CA How long have you been a town planner?

50 W Thirty-five years.

CA I'll ask you a bit more, but, first of all, you appear today in response to
a notice to attend?

W Correct.

CA Can I show you this, firstly.

W Sure. Yes.

CA Is that a copy of your notice?

W Yes.

10 CA I tender that.

PO Exhibit 48.

CA You are in employment; is that right?

W Correct.

CA Have you worked for the same employer for a long period?

20 W I have, yes.

CA Under different names?

W Correct.

CA You first took employment with your employer back in 1981; is that right?

W That's right, yes.

30 CA And it has been through some changes of ownership?

W Changes of structure and ownership.

CA You've done town planning work, have you, in the Moreton Bay region?

W I have.

CA To what extent?

40 W Well, I do work in the Moreton Bay region as well as other councils.

CA Have you worked in Pine Rivers?

W Pine Rivers, correct.

CA And Redcliffe?

W When they were existing, yes.

50 CA Caboolture?

W Yes.

CA You have, or at least your employer has, clients from the private sector?

W Correct.

- CA And public sector also?
- W I believe so, yes.
- CA And your employer's clients include property developers?
- W Yes.
- 10 CA I want to ask you whether you're familiar with an entity known as the Moreton Futures Trust?
- W Yes, I am.
- CA Can I show you a copy of a trust deed, which is Exhibit 45, Commissioner.
- PO Thank you.
- 20 CA It will come up on the screen, but I'll show you the document also. Do you recognise that trust deed?
- W Yes.
- CA Did you sign that on the reverse page?
- W Yes, I have.
- CA In the capacity of settlor of the trust?
- 30 W Yes, that's my understanding.
- CA It's dated 7 April 2010. Is that the date that you signed it?
- W That's my recollection, yes.
- CA Very likely?
- W Yes.
- 40 CA There are some other persons named on the document. I will just ask you, firstly, what your involvement was with them. Dr John RYAN. Did you know him as at April 2010?
- W Yes, I would have. Yes, definitely.
- CA What's the background to that?
- W He was a client of mine.
- 50 CA So it was a professional relationship?
- W Yes.
- CA Not friends?

W At that date or originally?

CA Well, just give us the whole background, if you wouldn't mind?

W Originally as a client, and I suppose he's a friend, yes.

CA What about Bryan GALVIN, what did you know of him at April 2010?

10 W I originally met him as a solicitor, as a businessman in the council, or in the region that I worked, and then I think he later became a councillor and he also ran for Mayor in 2008.

CA Before I ask you more about that, do you know of a group, or perhaps it is a trust, called Friends of Pine Rivers or a name of that kind?

W Yes, I have a recollection of that around-

CA Is that the correct name, Friends of-

20 W I have a recollection that it's a name - it was Friends of Pine or Petrie something, or something like that, yes.

CA Did you have any involvement with the operation of that group?

W No.

CA You knew of its existence, I think?

W Definitely.

30 CA Over what timeframe are we talking about?

W Probably around 2008.

CA Do you know what its purpose was?

W I think its purpose was to raise funds.

CA For what purpose?

40 W For elections.

CA In what way were the funds raised to be spent, did you know?

W I have no knowledge of that, no.

CA Did you have any involvement in raising of money for that Friends of Pine Rivers group?

50 W No.

CA Did you attend any meetings to do with how any money raised might be spent?

W No, not at all.

- CA Any meetings to do with how money might be raised?
- W No.
- CA No meetings at all?
- W Not for that entity, no.
- 10 CA Could you explain, then, how you came to be settlor of the trust and signed this document?
- W I think I was just a convenient person at the time.
- CA It's unlikely you were roped in off the street, is it, Mr CONNOLLY?
- W I had something to do with the 2008 election for Bryan GALVIN.
- CA And what was that?
- 20 W It was an election for Mayor.
- CA Yes. You said you had an involvement in that?
- W I assisted him in his campaign, correct.
- CA I'll ask you again, how is it that you came to be the settlor of this trust?
- W In 2008 there was some talk about this sort of trust.
- 30 CA What sort of trust did you understand was being spoken about?
- W I thought it was a trust similar to that other one that I'd heard about.
- CA To assist with political campaigns?
- W Correct, yes.
- CA And to raise money for that purpose?
- 40 W Yes.
- CA So who were you involved in talk with about that?
- W Well, it was instigated in that 2008 election mainly with Bryan, because he was the candidate at the time.
- CA Did you have or overhear some discussion with him concerning the formation of this trust?
- 50 W Yes.
- CA Was he the driver of it, do you know?
- W 2008?
- CA Yes.

W I would suggest that's the case, but I couldn't be definite on that.

CA Did you know - I've already asked you, you knew Dr RYAN?

W Yes.

CA Do you know how those two came to be selected as trustees?

10 W I'm not sure how John RYAN would have, but Bryan GALVIN, I think, because, as you said, he was more than likely the instigator or the thought behind it.

CA The witnesses to the various signatures are all different persons; correct?

W It looks like that, yes.

CA That suggests that the document wasn't signed all at the one time?

20 W I don't know what it suggests, mate.

CA Well, do you have any recollection of-

W This is the first time I've seen that signed document.

CA Well, presumably you saw it when you signed it?

W I saw that bit, but I haven't seen the rest of it.

30 CA Perhaps you could explain, then, in what circumstances this document was presented to you for signature?

W There was a conversation around the 2008 election that it may be a good idea to set up a similar trust.

CA Yes.

W I was a convenient person at the time because I'd been involved in that election, in the campaign, and it was convenient for me to be the settlor for it.

40 CA Did you know what you were doing?

W Sort of, yes.

CA Do I understand you correctly that, having signed it, you didn't at any time thereafter see the document?

W No.

50 CA You didn't keep a copy?

W I have a blank copy.

CA A blank?

W Yes.

CA You mean unsigned?

W Yes.

CA Were you given that at the time?

10 W I don't know when I was given that. Presumably before I signed it.

CA You just happen to have kept it; is that the case?

W I must have been given it to have a look at.

CA You kept it amongst your personal belongings?

W Yes.

20 CA And then you've looked at it recently, have you?

W Correct.

CA When you signed this document, did you take notice of the various things that were agreed, as set out towards the bottom of the page and over the page?

W I would have read it.

30 CA You knew what the purpose of all this was?

W Yes.

CA To continue the style of activity that the Friends of Pine Rivers had been involved in?

W From what I knew about the Friends of Pine, yes.

CA In a new trust framework; correct?

40 W Yes, yes.

CA After the trust was formed in April 2010, did you have any involvement in its operation?

W No, I had no influence.

CA Do you see that one of the objects was to hold money in accordance with legislation?

50 W Yes.

CA And, number two, to use money for the purpose of supporting election campaigns. Did you have anything to do with raising money to be held for that purpose?

W I was the settlor, so I wasn't the trustee, so I didn't-

- CA No, but insofar as one of the objects was to hold money and disburse it, first of all, money has to be raised. I'm asking you if you had any involvement in raising any money for the purpose of this trust?
- W At this time or for the 2016 election?
- CA Well, tell us at any time after the trust was settled?
- 10 W I participated in some fundraising events, yes, around that 2010, but not since that time.
- CA What events do you recall?
- W I recall there was a race day at Lakeside and a dinner.
- CA Were you there in any capacity beyond being an attendee?
- W I attended and invited some of my friends.
- 20 CA Did you have anything to do with the organisation of those functions?
- W I didn't organise those events, no.
- CA Did you have anything to do with organising any other fundraising functions for the trust since its inception?
- W No.
- 30 CA Do you know whether there was any kind of committee for the purpose of considering how money might be used under this trust?
- W I have no knowledge of a committee or any formal structure.
- CA Did you attend any meetings over the years leading up - at any time up to the 2016 elections, attend any meetings for the purpose of the operation of the trust?
- W For the 2016, no.
- 40 CA Even up to the 2016 elections?
- W Nothing between 2000 and about 10 to 2000 and - 2010 was about the last formal involvement - not "formal" - last involvement I had in that participation.
- CA Do you know anything of a committee, even if you didn't attend committee meetings?
- 50 W I have no real knowledge of that.
- CA Do you know who was involved in the operation of this trust?
- W Only from this document about John RYAN and Richard GALVIN and what it sets out.

- CA Are you talking from knowledge or just from assumption from the names on the document?
- W Probably from the names on the document.
- CA Just an assumption?
- W Yes.
- 10 CA Do you have any knowledge of which persons - any actual knowledge, apart from seeing names written there-
- W Yes.
- CA -do you have any actual knowledge of who it was that raised money for this trust by way of organising?
- W I've got a limited knowledge of that.
- 20 CA Can you tell us what it is?
- W I participated in those events that I spoke about.
- CA And that's it?
- W Yes.
- CA Do you know whether anyone was soliciting donations to the trust for its objects?
- 30 W Apart from those-
- CA Apart from fundraising?
- W No.
- CA There is a difference between raising funds in the kind of function that you've mentioned-
- 40 W Yes.
- CA -and just asking for donors.
- W Right. No, I don't have any knowledge of that.
- CA Do you know of any donors to the trust?
- W No.
- 50 CA You don't know who they might be?
- W No.
- CA Do you know who administered any bank account for the trust?
- W Does it say these guys do that?

CA Well, I'm asking what you know.

W I assume it's the trustees.

CA I take it the answer is, no, you don't know who administered the funds of the trust?

10 W Yes, these guys. It's obvious. It's here.

CA You are pointing to the document, but are you conveying that you don't know; you're only-

W Look, I couldn't guarantee who it was, no.

CA Well, do you know or don't you?

W No.

20 CA You don't know what role Dr John RYAN had?

W He was the trustee.

CA But beyond that, over the years after 2010 through to 2016, do you know what connection he had with the operation of the trust?

W No, I don't.

30 CA Do you know Kirby LEEKE?

W I do.

CA How do you know him?

W He was an objector to a development that I was a consultant on.

CA His name doesn't appear on the trust deed, does it?

W No.

40 CA Did you know that he became a substitute trustee for Bryan GALVIN?

W I was aware of that.

CA In November 2011?

W I didn't know that was the date, but I did understand that.

50 CA Did you understand that contemporaneously or how did you learn that?

W I think I was told by Bryan GALVIN in conversation.

CA Can you put that in some timeframe?

W When was that date you said?

- CA Well, November 2011.
- W I've got no recollection. It was some time ago. But if you're saying that that was the date that that happened, I wouldn't mind assuming that that was when I was informed.
- CA Was it years ago or more recently?
- 10 W Oh, no, it was years ago. Again, way outside the 2012/2016 thing would be my-
- CA Okay. What do you know of whether Kirby LEEKE had a connection with the operation of this trust?
- W I understood he was a trustee, yes.
- CA Beyond that, did you know of what he actually did by way of carrying out the objects of the trust?
- 20 W My understanding was that he carried out what the trustee's supposed to do.
- CA What was the basis of your knowledge for that?
- W From what Bryan used to do.
- CA Well, Bryan GALVIN was the chief operative, if I can use that expression, is that correct, for-
- 30 W Trustee, yes. So I assumed from this that he held the moneys and he did all those things, and therefore Kirby, as the new trustee, did the same.
- CA Are you saying that from assumption? I am trying to distinguish between what you're assuming and what you-
- W It probably is an assumption, yes.
- CA Just listen, please. I am trying to distinguish between what you are assuming, which is not of much help-
- 40 W Yes, right.
- CA -as opposed to what you recall. Do you understand?
- W I'm a little bit confused by that. But, look, I'm not clear on it, so I'm assuming it, because I couldn't be definite about it.
- CA As the March 2016 election approached, do you recall playing any role in the operation of this trust?
- 50 W No, none at all.
- CA You say you didn't attend meetings concerned with the objects of the trust?
- W No.

- CA You didn't attend in a capacity as a note-taker or some kind of secretary?
- W Nothing of a formal or structured basis, no.
- CA What about an informal or unstructured basis?
- W Look, I can't recall. I think most of the activity was around that 2010.
- 10 CA I am moving forward from that-
- W Right.
- CA -to the election campaign-
- W Of 2016?
- CA -of 2016.
- 20 W No, not that I'm aware of or I can recall.
- CA You had no connection with the operation of the trust?
- W No.
- CA In particular, you say you didn't attend as a note-taker at meetings?
- W Not that I'm aware.
- 30 CA Do you have any recollection of a committee that existed?
- W I have no real knowledge of that, no.
- CA You didn't attend anything that might be characterised as a committee meeting?
- W Nothing structured or formal like that, no.
- 40 CA Any informal meetings of persons connected with the trust and how the money might be spent?
- W No, definitely not.
- CA You weren't involved, were you, in any soliciting of donations from anyone?
- W No.
- 50 CA Or in how any money raised might be spent?
- W Definitely not.
- CA Do you know anything about how any money of the trust might have been applied towards Mayor SUTHERLAND's campaign fund?
- W No, no knowledge of that.

CA I'm going to show you a document, Mr CONNOLLY.

W Sure.

CA It's a third party disclosure return for the Moreton Futures Trust. I appreciate you won't have seen this before, very likely.

10 I'll tender that first, Commissioner, so it can be displayed. I am tendering a third party disclosure return for the Moreton Futures Trust dated 30 May 2016.

PO Exhibit 49.

CA I'll just have that marked, Mr CONNOLLY, and then you should be able to look at it on the screen after that. If you go to page 3, you will just see a list of names, Mr CONNOLLY. I just want to ask you from your very long town planning experience, including in the Moreton region, whether you recognise any of the names on that list. Just take them one by one, if you wouldn't mind. Do you know of Newcombe Holdings?

20 W No.

CA The next name, Philip Usher Constructions?

W I know of that name.

CA Do you know of the nature of the business of Philip Usher Constructions?

30 W Not intimately, but I believe he's a developer - a builder.

CA Do you know of Rio Vista Security?

W No.

CA The next one, Hardev Properties?

W No.

40 CA ME Harrison Investments?

W I know of a Michael Harrison. I'm not sure if that's the same person. I thought he was dead, actually.

CA Well, do you know what business Michael Harrison is or was in?

W I don't know if that's Michael Harrison, but Michael Harrison was a developer.

50 CA Okay. Do you know of PDM Property Developments?

W No.

CA The next one, Sunvista Homes?

W No.

CA You don't know that business?
W No.
CA Impact Homes?
W No.
10 CA And finally-
W Yes, I know Open Corp.
CA What is the nature of business that Open Corp Project Management is in?
W They manage projects.
CA I beg your pardon?
20 W They manage projects.
CA What kind of projects?
W Unit sites, land development, that sort of thing.
CA Thanks, Mr CONNOLLY.
PO Thank you. Thank you, Mr CONNOLLY, for coming. You are excused.
30 You were saying, Mr RICE, that the other witness for today, Mr LEEKE,
is not available until 2 o'clock?
CA Yes, that's as I understand, Commissioner, so it might be necessary to
adjourn until then.
PO All right. Thank you. We'll do that.
HRO All stand. This hearing is adjourned.

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