To: The Crime and Misconduct Commission Level 3 Terrica Place 140 Creek Street BRISBANE OLD 4000 No. ADDITION Date 9/11/195...
IN THE MATTER OF:

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Statement of Philip Keith Sullivan

- 1. I make this statement in response to the Notice to Discover served upon me on 12 August 2005.
- 2. I respond in accordance with the items set out in Schedule 1 of the Notice, at Parts 1, 2 and 3.

Part 1

- 3. In accordance with Schedule 1 Part 1 of the Notice, I enclose with this statement copies of all documentation in my possession or control in relation to all and any gifts I provided, directly or indirectly, in relation to the Gold Coast City Council elections of 27 March 2004.
- 4. In that regard, I enclose copies of the following:
 - (a) Email from Brian Ray to me dated 14 January 2004
 - (b) Cheque butt for cheque number 005840
 - (c) Quick Book Entry of charge details for cheque number 5840
 - (d) NAB online business Statement Report for 28 and 29 January 2004
 - (e) Cheque number 005840 payable to Hickey Lawyers Trust Account
 - (f) Hickey Lawyers Receipt
 - (g) Letter from Robertson Consolidated Group dated 1 March 2004
 - (h) Quick Book Entry of charge details for cheque number 3151
 - (i) Commonwealth Bank statement for account number
 - (i) Office copy of cheque
 - (k) Letter to Gary Baildon Campaign Fund
 - (1) Cheque number 3151 payable to Gary Baildon Campaign Fund.
- 5. I do not have, and am unable to provide, copies of any documentation that indicate the nature and extent of any association between any of the people named in Schedule 1 Part 1.2.

Part 2

6. Sometime in early January 2004, Brian Ray came to my office. I cannot recall the exact date. We talked about issues relevant to the business relationship that existed between the Ray Group of companies and City Pacific Ltd of which I



am managing director/CEO. The Ray Group was a significant client of City Pacific Ltd. In the course of our meeting, Brian Ray said words to the effect that "a group of candidates needed support". He raised this in the context of the pending Council elections in March 2004 and how he thought it was important to have a balanced Council in power.

- 7. At no time did Brian actually mention any names of specific Councillors.
- 8. Brian Ray told me and I believed that other people he had spoken to were contributing approximately \$10,000. I agreed I would also make a contribution of \$10,000.
- 9. Brian Ray advised me that I should send the contribution to Tony Hickey's trust account. I was aware from my previous dealings with Brian Ray, that Tony Hickey was Brian Ray's solicitor.
- 10. On 14 January 2004, Brian Ray sent me an email reminding me to make my contribution as I had said I would.
- 11. On or about 28 January 2004, I made a contribution by way of cheque payable to the Hickey Lawyers Trust Account.
- 12. The nature of the gift was a payment by cheque in the sum of \$10,000.
- 13. The payment was drawn from an account in the name of Ronglen Pty Ltd trading as Sullivan Constructions ("Ronglen"). The shareholder of Ronglen is Maldon Pty Ltd and my wife and I are individually the shareholders of Maldon Pty Ltd as trustees.
- 14. The Ronglen account is held with the National Australia Bank at Bundall. The account number is
- 15. I arranged the payment to be made to Hickey Lawyers Trust Account in the sum of \$10,000. In the course of preparing my response to the Notice to Discover, I have had the opportunity to sight a Ronglen cheque butt in relation to this payment. It appears that the cheque was written by Fred Greaves, my Account Manager.
- 16. I never spoke directly to Tony Hickey about this payment.
- 17. I cannot recall ever being aware of the identity of the candidates who would ultimately have benefited from my contribution.
- 18. Upon collation of documentation for the purpose of responding to the Notice to Discover, I observed that the cheque butt, internal cheque entries, and the receipt all referred to the names of David Power and Sue Robbins. However, the actual cheque was simply made payable to Hickey Lawyers Trust Account. I cannot recall ever being aware of references to any specific Councillors.
- 19. The signature on the cheque is that of my wife.



- 20. I am unaware of how the cheque was delivered to Hickey Lawyers.
- 21. The contribution I made was never subject to any trust, direction or condition as to how the contribution was to be expended or disbursed.
- 22. When Brian asked me to be involved, I understood that this issue was important to him. My business relationship with Brian was important to me.
- 23. Brian talked to me about the contributions in the context of it being a balancing exercise. We did not have a lengthy discussion about it. The idea of ensuring balance in the Council was appealing to me; although I did not feel particularly strongly about it. I made this contribution because Brian Ray asked me to do so.

Part 3

- 24. I have had very little dealings with Councillors in general. I cannot recall ever attending any candidate fundraising dinner or event.
- 25. To the best of my recollection, I have only met with David Power on one occasion approximately 12 months ago. David Power and I were at the same meeting with a delegation of Councillors from Mornington Peninsula. This was the only occasion on which I can recall ever having ever met with or spoken to Cnr Power.
- 26. On or about 8 March 2004, I received a letter from Terry Robertson of Robertson Consolidated Group marked to my attention at City Pacific Ltd. The letter requested a donation to the Gary Baildon Campaign Fund.
- 27. Under cover of letter dated 12 March 2004, the donation of \$10,000 was forwarded to the Gary Baildon Campaign Fund enclosing a cheque payable to the Gary Baildon Campaign Fund.
- 28. I have had no other dealings, directly or indirectly, with any candidates of the Gold Coast City Council elections of March 2004.
- 29. I did not know Sue Robbins. I have heard that she has since passed away. I only know that because I heard about it in the news.
- 30. I have read the name Lionel Barden in the newspapers and in the Notice to Discover provided to me. I do not know this person.
- 31. I have limited knowledge of Paul Brinsmead. I know that he works for Tony Hickey and he plays golf at Salvation Army charity golf events. I contribute \$10,000 annually to the Salvation Army. I am also aware that Paul Brinsmead has an interest in one of the companies which has obtained development funding from City Pacific Ltd as a borrower.



- 32. In the context of this payment, my only knowledge of Tony Hickey is that he is a partner of Hickey Lawyers. I was told by Brian Ray to pay this money to this firm. I know that Tony Hickey and Hickey Lawyers are involved in fundraising for the Salvation Army.
- 33. Following the election on 27 March 2004, I was approached by Soheil Abedian to contribute towards Gary Baildon's campaign fund. It was after the election of March 2004 when Mr Baildon failed to be re-elected. Gary Baildon had expenses of about \$20,000 outstanding. Soheil Abedian asked me to contribute but I declined.
- 34. I am not aware of the nature and extent of any association between the people named in Schedule 3 Part 3.4.

Philip Keith Sullivan

Dated: 22 August 2005

Kerryn Townend

From: Brian Ray [BRay@raygroup.com.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 14 January 2004 11:15 AM

To: Phil Sullivan

Subject: GCCC ELECTION CAMPAIGN

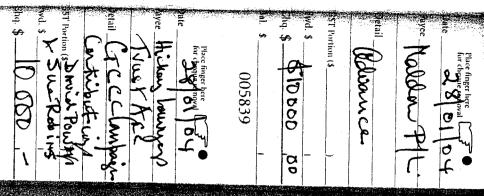
Following our recent conversation re donation to the Gold Coast City Council election campaign, would you mind now forwarding a cheque for \$10,000 to Hickey Lawyers Trust Account.

Many thanks.

Brian







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