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TIME COMMENCED:

1:22 PM

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2:32 PM

**INTERVIEWEE:** 

WARREN CHI-WANG CHEUNG

**INTERVIEWER/S:** 

DETECTIVE INSPECTOR KEN BEMI

**LEGAL OFFICER:** 

THERESA HAMILTON

RE:

**OPERATION GRAND** 

FILE NUMBER:

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**LEGAL OFFICER:** THERESA HAMILTON

**RE: OPERATION GRAND** 

KB = Detective Inspector Ken Bemi (CMC)

WC = Warren Chi-Wang Cheung

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	KB	Right the time now is 12:20 - sorry the time now is 1:22 pm Sydney time on Saturday afternoon the 5 <sup>th</sup> day of November 2005. I'm present at a coffee shop at Milsons Point, Sydney and I'm about to interview a Mr Warren Cheung in relation to a current inquiry of the Crime and Misconduct Commission in Brisbane is undertaking in relation to the Gold Coast City Council elections held in March 2004 and other matters identified in the terms of reference. For the purposes of voice identification I'll ask every person present here starting with myself to state their full and correct name. My full name is Kenneth William Bemi. I am a Detective Inspector of Police currently performing duties at the Crime and Misconduct Commission in Brisbane. You full name thanks.
11 12	WC	My name is Warren Cheung.
13 14	KB	And can you just spell your name please?
15 16 17	WC	Ahh my name is Warren Cheung and my name ahh W-A-R-R-E-N. My surname is C-H-E-U-N-G. Thank you.
18 19	KB	Thanks for your time Mr Cheung here this afternoon. Do you understand what I wish to talk to you about here this afternoon?
21 22	WC	Ahh yes I do yes.
23 24 25 26	KB	Thank you. What I intend to do is conduct an audio recorded interview with you and by that I mean whatever you say or I say will be recorded as we speak. Do you understand that?
27 28	WC	Yep
29 30	KB	Do you require any other person to be present here with you during this interview?

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31 32	WC	Ahh no
33	KB	Can you please state your current address?
34	TI C	
35 36 37	WC	Okay. My current address is 42/110 Alfred Street, Milsons Point ahh Sydney ahh New South Wales 2061.
38 39	KB	Thank you. Should be able to pick it up if we leave it there.
40 41	WC	Ohh okay.
42 43	KB	Yeah if you speak in to it that's fine and can you please state your date of birth?
44 45	WC	Ahh 29 <sup>th</sup> December 1950 is my day of birth.
46 47	KB	And your current occupation?
48 49	WC	Ahh I'm semi retire. I'm a director of Palm Meadow Golf Course.
50 51	KB	That's Palm Meadows Golf Course on the Gold Coast.
52 53	WC	Yes on the Gold Coast.
54 55	KB	How long have you been the director of that organisation?
56 57	WC	Ahh I think this somewhere between 97, 90 ahh I can't recall the 100%. That is about time.
58 50	ZD.	
59 60	KB	And what is your role as director incorporate?
61	WC	Ahh no actually you know that ahh organisation used to belong to our [ui] owner in Hong
62		Kong he's more or less give it to us to ahh to overall you know have a look on the
63		operation of the business that's all yeah. And then I work ahh for umm Palm Meadow as
64		the general manager as well ahh in between 1999 and 2001 and after that I resigned as
65 66		ahh from the post as the general manager. I'm still [ui] as a board of director mmm.
67	KB	Right so at the moment you are a director of Palm Meadows?
68	KD	raght so at the moment you are a director of Paim Meadows?
69	WC	Mmm yes right.
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71	KB	Have you any association with the company called Ninaford Pty Ltd?
72	W	All and Control an
73 74	WC	Ahh no as far as I know Ninaford umm is a company that belonged to [ui] ahh the personal ahh name under her personal name ahh [ui]. I have no [ui] on that company.
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          KB
                 Who's your boss? Who's...
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          WC
                 Ahh ahh Mrs Ho
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         KΒ
                 Mrs Ho
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         WC
                Yeah yeah mm mm
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                Do you know her first name at all?
         KB
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   86
         WC
                Ahh Angela mmm
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   88
                Alright and she's the director of ...
         KB
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         WC
                No she's the owner.
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        KB
                ...Ninaford or the owner?
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        WC
                I think she's the owner yeah yeah.
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        KB
                That's Ninaford Pty Ltd
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        WC
                Yeah yeah
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        KΒ
               What does Ninaford do?
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               Ninaford is company that only purchased the umm all the shops ahh in Broadbeach now
        WC -
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               that which we are doing the development. She's [ui] she own all the shops and [ui]
104
               property investment just ahh ran it out to tender for the last couple of years because the
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               lease [ui] expired with the tenant in 2003 and then because the shops also pretty run down
106
               and then the owner decided to, to ahh do the development.
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        KB
               So Ninaford just simply has bought all the shops?
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        WC
              It's two company it's Ninaford and Framwelgate.
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       KΒ
              Right
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       WC
              It also belonged to the same owner.
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       KΒ
              Right
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118
       WC
              But because they bought it at the same - different, different name...
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120 121	KB	Yep
122 123	WC	And
124 125	KB	So are they the same company Ninaford and Framwelgate?
126 127	WC	Same, same owner yeah same owner okay.
128 129	KB	But they're the same but they've got different names?
130 131	WC	Yes right yep.
132 133	KB	And they're owned by the same person is that right?
134 135	WC	Yes right yes.
<b>6</b> 137	KB	And the owner of Framwelgate and Ninaford is – who's that?
138 139	WC	Ahh Mrs, Mrs Ho she's yeah is the owner.
140 141	KB	Okay
142 143 144 145 146	WC	Is the owner of the property. And I think ahh my wife she's ahh the director of, of the Framwelgate and Ninaford is because according to the umm I don't know this according to the ahh the practice ahh to have a company overseas you need a local resident as a director. So that's why my wife is a director for the company.
147 148	KB	Is Palm Meadows associated with Ninaford or Framwelgate at all?
149 150	WC	Ahh not associated with but is the same owner.
151 52	KB	Same owner.
153 154	WC	Same owner but not associated with.
155 156	KB	That's Mrs Ho again?
157 158	WC	Yeah Mrs Ho and Mr Ho yeah.
159 160 161	KB	Right. So Ninaford Pty Ltd that's like an investment company is it? Does it buy like property?
162	WC	Can you say that again?
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164	VD	Nime Court De Trait
165	KB	Ninaford Pty Ltd
	WC	
166	WC	Mmm
167	· .	
168	KB	what kind of business is it? Does it buy property does it or?
169		
170	WC	No just ahh buying of property and [ui] a company ahh Ninaford
171		
172	KB	Right
173		
174	WC	owned the shop that's all.
175		
176	KB	Right okay. What about Framwelgate what does that do?
177		S was word rainworgate what does that do:
178	WC	Framwelgate is the same.
179		Transmorgato is the suffic.
$\mathbf{Q}_{30}$	KB	So it buys property and forms a company?
181	1110	so it odys property and forms a company?
182	WC	Vool mmm Francisch III 1 7
183	VVC	Yeah mmm Framwelgate I think Framwelgate is, is ahh is overseas company but it also
184		have ahh subsidiaries in here used to Framwelgate as a subsidiary and then owned ahh
		number of shops in ahh Broadbeach so this the whole way from I think altogether they
185		have something like 20 shops are owned by Ninaford and Framwelgate
186	TZD	
187	KB	Right
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189	WC	which is the same owner of Palm Meadow
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191	KB	Alright
192		
193	WC	but it has ahh no association with Palm Meadow.
194		
195	KB	Palm Meadows
¥96		
197	WC	Yeah
198		
199	KB	So Ninaford is one company Framwelgate's another company
200		The state of the company I family eight s another company
201	WC	Yeah
202	,,, 0	
203	KB	Palm Meadows is another commons but the areall common and the control of
204	ΙΩD	Palm Meadows is another company but they all come under the ownership of the one owner Mrs Hoe.
205		owner was fice.
206	WC	Vesh but this all not assumed 1
200	WC	Yeah but this ahh not connected.
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207		
208	KB	They're separate.
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210	WC	They are separate.
211		They are separate.
212	KB	Right thank you. Now as I said earlier on the ahh the Crime and Misconduct
213	150	
214		Commission in Brisbane is currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the
215		Gold Coast City Council elections held in March 2004.
216	WO	
	WC	Mm mm
217	T.D	
218	KB	Which was last year.
219		
220	WC	Mmm
221		
222	KB	Did you have any involvement in those elections at all?
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<b>4</b>	WC	No I don't have no.
225		
226	KB	Did you support any candidate in those elections?
227		y and the state of the control of th
228	WC	No I [ui] none of them.
229	-	The I [wi] home of them.
230	KB	Did you know any of the candidates that were running?
231	~~~	Did you know any of the candidates that were running?
232	WC	No no
233	,,,	
234	KB	Did you ever have a comment it is
235	ICD	Did you ever have a conversation with a person by the name of Tony Hickey at all?
236	WC	Ohh Tome III alamaia
237	WC	Ohh Tony Hickey is our lawyer.
238	WD.	
	KB	That's Palm Meadow's lawyer?
239	TI 7C	
041	WC	Ahh well yes Palm Meadow's lawyer. He has been ahh his lawyer ahh law firm has been
241		Working ann almost legal ahh advisor for Palm Meadow any, anything we do with us in
242		and he is also in ahh in [ui] and the project for us in the Wave [ui] that's it mmm.
243		
244	KB	[ui] Okay
245		
246	WC	And he's part of the consulting team [ui] doing the project together.
247		C L 1 — Frajett toBemer.
248	KB	So he is your lawyer for Palm Meadows. That's the person you use Tony Hickey as a
249		lawyer.
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251 252	WC	Yep yep
253 254 255	KB	Okay. Now did you have any conversation with Tony Hickey in relation to the elections held in March 2004 on the Gold Coast?
256 257 258 259 260	WC	Ahh no as far I can tell — as far as I can tell you I can recall [ui] [loud noise in background distorting dialogue] sometimes in umm last year. Probably in July or or June or July or August I can't remember. I can't remember but he has asked us whether we would like to ahh donate contribute or some sort of donation ahh for some campaign that's all and then I. I. I approve it as always all size.
261 262 263 264		that's all and then I, I, I approve it as okay well since we are running, running this project we are quite profitable so \$10,000 is okay and then since he has been [ui] trustworthy person and very reliable and very efficient and then he has request me I say okay I approve it and then we just make our cheque.
265 266	KB	So did he contact you or did you contact him first to make that donation?
267 8	WC	Ohh he contact me first mm
269 270	KB	Okay and
<ul><li>271</li><li>272</li><li>273</li><li>274</li><li>275</li><li>276</li></ul>	WC	as on the telephone he asked me ahh how did he speak to me I can't remember. I don't think it's over the telephone probably ahh during our, our meetings because as I said we go – I go to Gold Coast with my wife ahh every month for meeting, attending meeting in Palm Meadow as well as our project. So probably in one of the occasion dinner time he has mentioned it to us and then we say yeah okay.
277 278	KB	But initially it was over the telephone was it or?
279 280	WC	I can't – no – I can't remember to be honest.
281 282	KB	Do you know when that was he asked you to make that donation?
283 24 285	WC	Umm no exactly probably I think between June or July because I, I check out when we make out the cheque.
286 287	KB	That's last year?
288 289	WC	Last year in August yeah.
290 291	KB	Right. So did he say why he was asking you for that donation at all?
292 293 294	WC	No he just asked us whether we would be generous to, to donate some campaign donation campaign that's all.
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296	KD	Did he say what the campaign was?
297	WC	Election
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299	KB	An election commois Diller 1 1 1 0 0
300	КD	An election campaign. Did he say who it was for?
301	WC	No
302	,	
303	KB	And how much did you donate?
304		and now inden did you donate?
305	WC	Ahh \$10,000,00 and then plus \$1,000 GST has a set I I I have all a set at the
306	,, 0	Ahh \$10,000.00 and then plus \$1,000 GST because ahh I, I have ahh asked him that you know whatever money was [wil ahh money proper invoice that?]
307		know whatever money was [ui] ahh money proper invoice that's all. And [ui] invoice [ui] to keep my book for the tax and for the business.
308		[41] to keep my book for the tax and for the business.
309	KB	So he issued you with a tax invoice after you made that donation to him?
310		so he issued you with a tax hivoice after you made that donation to min?
<u>31</u> 1	WC	Yeah yeah yeah
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313	KB	And you needed that for taxation purposes.
314		1 = 10 you needed that for the action purposes.
315	WC	That for keeping the book.
316		and tot morphing the book.
317	KB	So when you made the donation how did you make it?
318		you made are deliction now did you make it:
319	WC	Ahh a cheque. My wife wrote a cheque. I can't exactly recall [ui] you have to ask my,
320		wife because she is the one writing the cheque.
321		and one writing the cheque.
322	KB	Who is the cheque drawn on? What company?
323		1 Villa Company.
324	WC	I can't remember. I have to find it. I got my [ui] find it out but I can't tell you that now.
325		- Bothi, [ai] into it out out four tion you mut now.
326	KB	Do you know if it was Palm Meadow or was it Framwelgate or?
327		The second of th
<b>2</b> 8	WC	From mmm I think from Framwelgate or Ninaford but not from Palm Meadow.
329		
330	KB	But not from Palm Meadow.
331		
332	WC	It's nothing to do with Palm Meadow yeah.
333		
334	KB	Right. So how did Mr Hickey that's Tony Hickey you had this conversation with yeah?
335		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
336	WC	Ahh yes
337		
338	KB	He's the principal there of Hickey Lawyers. He's the boss.
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340	WC	Yes yep
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342 343	KB	So how did he know that you were associated with Ninaford and Framwelgate?
344 345 346 347	WC	I have no association with Ninaford and Framwelgate. Ahh he [ui] notice umm Mr [ui] of Palm Meadow as well as the ahh the ahh the shop owner of ahh Framwelgate and Ninaford in there so we just come up with ahh this project because ahh as I mentioned to you earlier the biggest [ui] in the [ui] end ahh 2003
348 349	KB	Yeah
350 351 352 353	WC	and then we decide to go ahead to ahh do the re-development so we just asked Tony to be act for us as a part of the consulting [ui]
354 355	KB	Alright. Now what development was Ninaford or Framwelgate involved with down the Coast?
357 358	WC	Just that one.
359 360	KB	Which was – what was that called?
361 362	WC	The Wave
363 364	KB	The Wave. I might get you to speak up there a bit.
365 366	WC	Yeah The Wave mmm mm mm
367 368	KB	The Wave alright now whereabouts was The Wave project?
369 370	WC	In the the ahh Centre Broadbeach just opposite the [ui] Casino.
371 72	KB	Alright. And what companies were involved in that development?
373 374	WC	Ninaford and Framwelgate.
375 376	KB	Both companies. Like Palm Meadows was ohh right?
377 378	WC	Mm mm
379 380 381	KB	So basically this conversation that Mr Tony Hickey had with you he just asked you to make a donation for some election campaign fund?
382	WC	Yeah yeah
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430	KB	NAD Notional Assets 1'- D. 1
431	KD	NAB National Australia Bank
432	WC	Vools I'm mad man [ 17 14] Y
433	WC	Yeah. I'm not sure [ui] with Joyce.
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446	150	Did you ever speak with any councillors on the Gold Coast at all about making a donation?
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453	-	Did you have any meeting with any candidates at all running in the March 2004 election?
454	WC	I don't even know who is the candidate (laughing). Not even in Sydney.
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456	KB	So the only person you had dealings with is Mr Tony Hickey?
457		to the same person you had dealings with is will Tolly Hickey?
458	WC	Yeah that's right yeah.
459		and a second of
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461		Coast?
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471 472	WC	Never
472 473 474	KB	And you said before you only go up to the Gold Coast a few days every month?
474 475 476	WC	3 – 4 days yeah.
477 478	KB	You live down here in Sydney?
479 480	WC	Yeah yeah
481 482 483	KB	So were you up on the Gold Coast when Mr Hickey made that telephone call to you and asking you for a donation or were you
484 485	WC	No I think ahh probably during dinner time you know.
486 <u>4</u> 87	KB	When you were up on the Gold Coast?
489	WC	Yeah on the Gold Coast yes.
490 491 492	KB	So you think he made the phone call first to you. He spoke to you and then he met you somewhere to discuss it further or just spoke to you over the phone?
493 494	WC	Ohh I think he spoke to me over the dinner time.
495 496	KB	Over the phone or having dinner?
497 498	WC	Having dinner yeah yeah.
499 500	KB	Alright but did he make a phone call to you first?
501 502	WC	Can't remember can't remember no.
503	KB	Can't remember. Do you know where
505 506 507	WC	But we have a – we do have regular ahh phone ahh contact because related to the project. He have to report to us how everything is going on.
508 509	KB	Can you recall where you had dinner with him?
510 511 512	WC	Can't exactly normally ahh ahh few restaurant he will go probably ahh ahh Omans Brothers.
512 513 514	KB	Oman's Brothers?
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515 516	WC	Oman's Brothers.
517	KB	Where's that?
518	TV C	
519 520	WC	In ahh Mirage Sheraton. Umm I don't know to be quite honest (laughing) we try every different food.
521		different food.
522	KB	Who else was present at that dinner?
523		250 Was present at that driller:
524	WC	I think my wife – normally we go together mmm.
525		The second secon
526	KB	Was anyone present with Mr Hickey at all?
527		
528	WC	No only 3 of us.
529 530	V D	0-1-4-2-6
531	KB	Only the 3 of you.
2	WC	Mmm
533	•	
534	KB	Did you make any diary entry or any written records or any other records in relation to
535		your meeting with Mr Hickey?
536		
537	WC	No
538		
539	KB	If I can show you a receipt
540	1110	
541	WC	Mm mm
542 543	KB	<b>f</b>
544	N.D	for a tax invoice
545	WC	Mm mm
546	,,,	
547	KB	It's a tax invoice issued by Quadrant.
48		and any order and any quantum.
549	WC	Yep
550		
551	KB	Do you know who Quadrant are at all?
552	****	
553	WC	No I don't know but I remember I remember pretty well that we receive a invoice ahh for
554 555		Quadrant and then we write a cheque for for this donation mmm
555 556	KB	And on this invoice it's and the allowable of the same and the same an
557	ייי	And on this invoice it's got the client Ninaford Pty Ltd, Framwelgate Pty Ltd care of Hickey Lawyers.
558		Thomas Law yors.

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559 560	WC	Yep
561 562 563	KB	So Hickey Lawyers they look after the legal interests of Ninaford and Framwelgate do they Tony Hickey Lawyers?
564 565 566	WC	Well because ahh this is the ahh Wave project is under this two company name and he is doing the conveyancing and everything for us mmm
567 568	KB	Okay. So who is this invoice issued to? Did you receive it?
569 570	WC	Ahh to us to umm to Ninaford. I think it's to Ninaford
571 572	KB	Yep
573 574	WC	Framwelgate yeah.
575 <b>6</b>	KB	Yep
577 578	WC	[ui] The Wave project I can't remember.
579 580	KB	So can you recall receiving this invoice at all?
581 582	WC	Yes we did. If we don't have this invoice we won't write our cheque.
583 584	KB	So he posted it to you did he?
585 586	WC	Ahh yes.
587 588	KB	Can you recall when you would have received this invoice at all?
589 590 591	WC	Ahh I think you know ahh if I look at the record of we have ahh make out the cheque in August I will reckon that you know this invoice will be receipted probably a week or two weeks before. Normally we would pay, pay [ui]
593 594	KB	So there's a date of this invoice the 4 <sup>th</sup> of the 8 <sup>th</sup> 2004.
595 596	WC -	So I think it would be maybe umm the last week of July probably
597 598	KB	You would have written a cheque out?
599 600 601	WC	Yeah mm mm once we receive ahh invoice or [ui] from our supplier or our our consultants and then we would write a cheque. As long as we got funds in our account.

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602 603 604	KB	Did Mr Hickey have any conversation with you in relation to any trust accounts or election funds that were set up?	
605	WC	I know nothing about it.	
607	[loud background conversation not related to interview - distorting dialogue]		
608			
609	KB	So that's the only financial ahh contribution you made.	
610	TY C	571	
611 612	WC	Yeah	
613	KB	And that was the sum of \$11,000.00.	
614	KD	And that was the sum of \$11,000.00.	
615	WC	Mm mm	
616			
617	KB	[pause] Just bear with me.	
618			
	WC	Yep	
620			
621	KB	Do you know a person by the name of Brian Ray?	
622	****		
623	WC	No	
624 625	KB	Ven market D. D. O.	
626	VD	You never met Brian Ray?	
627	WC	No Lonly know that ohl on the the newspaper that he may all a side of the 11 1 11 11	
628	0	No I only know that ahh on the the newspaper that he was ahh accidentally killed by a aircraft.	
629			
630	KB	Now are you aware of any legal action that was going on between Ninaford and	
631		Framwelgate and the Gold Coast City Council?	
632			
633	WC	Yes we do because umm they have put umm request \$1.5m of infrastructure which we	
634		think is pretty unfair you know to have such a big sum of contribution and then ahh we	
<b>5</b> 5		have ahh employed Hickey Lawyers to have ahh court case with them try to dispute or	
636		appeal ahh in the High Court try to bring our contribution down mmm.	
637			

717 718	KB	If I can just direct you back to the conversation with Mr Tony Hickey when he asked you
		for a donation did he suggest an amount or did you suggest an amount?
719		
720	WC	Ohh he suggest amount.
721		
722	KB	What amount was that did he suggest?
723		
24	WC	\$10,000.00
725		
726	KB	\$10,000.00 and did he mention it was for any outstanding fees for a company at all like
727		Quadrant?
728		
729	WC	No
730		
731	KB	He didn't?
732		

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733	WC	No			
734 735	KB	A11.1			
736	КD	All he said was it was for?			
737	WC	Donation yeah			
738		Donation your			
739	KB	A donation for, for what?			
740					
741	WC	For election campaign.			
742					
743	KB	That's all he said?			
744					
745 746 747	WC	Yeah and then what for my [ui] request I want invoice because I want to keep I want to record it yeah mm mm			
7 <del>4</del> 7	KB	And he agreed to give you the insert a			
749	KB	And he agreed to give you the invoice?			
<b>45</b> 0	WC	Yes			
751					
752	KB	Have you had any involvement with any person from Chamber of Commerce on the Gold			
753		Coast at all in relation to any donations?			
754					
755	WC	I know nothing of that no. We don't involve politics. We don't involve anything we just			
756		concentrate doing business - property development business.			
757	ZD				
758 759	KB	So as far as you are concerned the legal action between Framwelgate, Ninaford and the			
760		Gold Coast City Council has been finalised?			
761	WC	I think so yeah mm mm			
762	, ,,	1 timik 50 year min min			
763	KB	But in any event Hickey Lawyers, Mr Tony Hickey was acting on behalf of Framwelgate			
764		and Ninaford			
765					
<b>6</b> 6	WC	Yes yes			
767					
768	KB	in that particular case.			
769	Ma				
770	WC	Yeah			
771 772	[bool	romoved water of the d			
773	lnack	ground noise of third party conversations – not relevant to interview]			
774	KB	You didn't make any other donations at all anort from that \$10,000,00. 4			
775		You didn't make any other donations at all apart from that \$10,000.00. It was actually \$11,000.00 wasn't it?			
776		TANGOTO THOM LIL.			
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777 778	WC	Yeah				
779 780	KB	The GST				
781 782	WC	The GST yeah				
783 784	KB	Is there anything further that you'd like to say?				
785 786	WC	No				
787 788 789	KB	I thank you again for your time. Is what you've told me here today true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief?				
790 791	WC	Mm mm				
792 793	KB	And you've participated in this interview of your own free will?				
<b>9</b> 4 795	WC	Yep				
796 797 798 799	KB	The time now – this is Sydney time – is 1:49 pm on the afternoon of Saturday the 5 <sup>th</sup> day of November 2005. This interview is now concluded.				
800 801 802	INTER	NTERVIEW ENDS				
803 804 805 806 807	KB	The time now is 2:29 pm on the afternoon of Saturday the 5 <sup>th</sup> day of November 2005. This is a further interview conducted with Mr Warren Cheung here at Kirribilli in New South Wales. For the purposes of voice identification can I just get you to state your full and correct name again Mr Cheung.				
808 809	WC	Okay ahh my name is Warren Cheung Chi Wang.				
0 811 812	KB	Thank you and my full name is Kenneth William Bemi, Detective Inspector with the Crime and Misconduct Commission in Brisbane. Thanks again for your time.				
813 814	WC	[ui]				
815 816 817 818 819	KB	Just a couple of matters that I'd like to clarify with you. In relation – in relation to the conversation you had with Mr Tony Hickey of Hickey Lawyers when he asked you would you be prepared to make a financial donation to an election campaign did he mention anything in relation to the Gold Coast City Council?				
820	WC	I can't remember [ui] I can't recall that but I think it's only election campaign that's all.				
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821 822 823 824	KB	Can you recall if he stated to you that the Gold Coast City Council they're doing a good job and it – words to the effect it would be good to make a donation to them?			
825 826	WC	Can't remember that [ui]			
827 828	KB	Just in relation to this invoice that I showed you before			
829 830	WC	Mm mm			
831 832	KB	it was a Quadrant tax invoice			
833 834	WC	Yep			
835 836	KB	and it's made out to Ninaford Pty Ltd and Framwelgate Pty Ltd			
837	WC	Mm mm			
839 840	KB	and it's got a description of what services were provided.			
841 842	WC	Mm mm			
843 844	KB	It's got consultancy fees.			
845 846	WC	Mm mm			
847 848	KB	And it's got the amount of \$10,000.00.			
849 850	WC	Mm mm			
851 852	KB	Do you know what that means consultancy fees?			
853 4 855	WC	No no mm mm. As far as I, I request from Tony Hickey I just need an invoice for ahh taxation purpose and also for keeping my book that's all.			
856 857	KB	Did you discuss with him what to put in relation to the receipt of \$10,000.00?			
858 859	WC	No			
860 861	KB	Did you suggest to him that he put consultancy fees down?			
862 863	WC	No			
864	KB	Did he have any conversation with you that he would put consultancy fees down?			
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865		
866	WC	I can't remember.
867		
868	KB	Did either Ninaford or Framwelgate provide any consultancy services to Quadrant?
869		
870	WC	No
871		
872	KB	So you can't really comment as to why consultancy fees appear?
873		
874	WC	No no but we just want the invoice that's all mm mm
875		
876	KB	But you agree as it appears it appears that it's made out to Ninaford Pty Ltd
877		
878	WC	Mm mm
879		
880	KB	and Framwelgate it appears going on this invoice that consultancy fees were provided
881		by Ninaford or Framwelgate to Quadrant?
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883	WC	Mm mm
884	KD	The 121 of 10
885	KB	Do you agree with that?
886 887	WC	No
888	WC	
889	KB	Well what does that suggest to you consultancy fees?
890	KD.	went what does that suggest to you consultancy fees?
891	WC	I, I couldn't, I couldn't give you a answer.
892	,, C	1, 1 souldin 1, 1 souldin 1 give you a miswel.
893	KB	Right
894		
895	WC	As far as I know that as I said you know when Tony asked for the contribution I say okay
896		ahh I'll need a invoice. [ui] invoice just give me he wants to [ui]
897		[ ] J g [ ]
<b>8</b>	KB	So sorry yeah umm well I guess another way to interpret is that ahh Quadrant had
899		provided some consultancy service to Ninaford or Framwelgate consultancy fees but
900		that's not right?
901		
902	WC	No it's only a invoice. I just want a invoice that's all.
903		
904	KB	Alright alright. So no consultancy fees were provided. Sorry no consultancy services
905		were provided umm by Quadrant to Ninaford or Framwelgate.
906		
907	WC	No no except I want a invoice that's all.
908		

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909 910	KB	Is there anything further that you'd like to say?
911 912	WC	No
913 914	KB	Alright. Thank you very much for your time.
915 916	WC	[ui]
917 918	KB	The time now is 2:32 pm. This interview is now concluded.
919 920		
921 922	TAPE	ENDS

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