CRIME & MISCONDUCT COMMISSION
No. 2005 - S. Date / Pec or
IN THE MATTER OF:

OP GRAND

RECORD OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN COUNCILLOR DAWN CRICHL COUNCILLOR EDDY SARROFF (ES), MR JOE V

EXHIBIT No 317
CLERK

MR TONY STEPHENS (TS)

25 FEBRUARY 1999

RE: RON CLARKE

[There appears to be more than 2 people in this conversation and their names are not mentioned] Suggested – Dawn Crichlow, Eddy Sarroff, Joe Werby and Tony Stephens.

DC: these belong to Southport and this building's been taken - these offices taken over by Club ___ aren't they. They're only across the road, aren't they? So, I've suggested these 146 chairs[inaudible - wind].

JW: Alright just [inaudible] .. [inaudible].

DC: Spending a lot of money on this [inaudible] .. [inaudible].

Believe the above relates to another time.

JW: [inaudible] We trudged up and down this road all day long.

?: Yeah, we [inaudible].

JW: And even Saturday and Sunday even though the development agreement the Gold Coast City Council has with Pioneer over the back here that that is in force – they can't run their trucks after, I think it's 1.00 o'clock on Saturday. You've got trucks coming in from Beaudesert [traffic noise] [inaudible] and overseas can't put any more than 70 at this time, right. If we, erm our noise people have the thing. If we're 95 which is the maximum we can do 30 metres from the [inaudible] vehicle along the surface and it takes to around about 70..

?: Mm.

5

15

20

25

40 ES: Alright. But how often is that anyway?

JW: Well it's not constant because as you can appreciate it's a surface, it's hard going around all the time. Now here's one of those trucks [traffic noise]

DC: Well we've had plenty of the [inaudible].



JW: That's more noise than we can ever put on these people here. It should never have been there in the first place.

DC: And these are the people, this is the right entrance 'cause I came out here years ago.

JW: No, no, the main entrance is around the front there.

DC: No this isn't the entrance where they're complaining about.

JW: Complain about. Those [inaudible] it should never have been there [inaudible] .. See that [inaudible] over there.

DC: Yeah.

5

10

15

JW: That's Council's. They've got a monitor sticking up over there.

ES: What for?

JW: For our noise, right. Supposedly for our noise and this has always been my bone of contention. We've been over there a couple of times [inaudible] in the paddock and the monitor's knocked over and the cattle were standing around it, mooing and carrying on.

25 JW: Council is supposedly using the evidence from that monitor [traffic noise].

DC: Why do you think they [inaudible] give 'em a [inaudible] complaint?

??: [inaudible].

JW: Ah ok. Ah ok, yes. Sorry, ok. He's the only one who [inaudible].

ES: Can you hear the truck noises from here?

JW: [inaudible] .. [inaudible] he's [inaudible] all the truck noise [inaudible] truck noise [inaudible] than we can ever.

ES: Well what we need to do Dawn is we need to come here with a video.

40 JW: Hm hm.

ES: Alright, and video this view because the Council's not gonna come here.

JW: No, no, they wouldn't come here.

1

45

ES: We'll do that and then also we'll come here when the event is on and just do a comparison. So how much is that [inaudible] .coming up on?

JW: Well, legally and we maintain we're always within the legal limit we can do, right. I can get you the exact figure but it's around about 70 is the maximum we can do here when we have an event on.

DC: So when is there going to be an event on?

10 JW: Well, we can't really run [inaudible] .. [inaudible] [traffic noise] trucks and motor vehicles noise.

DC: And that's not a noise.

JW: And that, well they complained the other week, because there was some [inaudible] of trucks squealing their tyres. [inaudible] he didn't complain. These people up here did.

DC: Does he own this [inaudible] up to right here?. [inaudible]

JW: Now he's told how these residents have been really giving him a hard time about complaining 'cause they know he's the only [inaudible].

ES: He just said that ...

20

25

30

35

40

JW: Let me just say this, if you guard it as you spoke you [inaudible] ..elevator out as you can see, they've taken his steps off because he's so scared they're going to come over and bash him. those people. He's scared that some of them come over at night time and [inaudible]. You don't know, I'm serious because he is so scared, right, of those people [inaudible] .. [inaudible].

DC: He doesn't want to stop [inaudible] justify.

JW: [inaudible].

DC: What can he get on that?

JW: He's, he's er, half of it's flood prone but supposedly he's got a deal on paper erm, for residents at the back.

DC: Whats the event for?

JW: Yeah.

45 DC: Where's [inaudible] .. [inaudible].

[There is constant traffic or aircraft noise on this tape]

[inaudible for a couple of minutes]

You better get us some notes Dawn, then because I want to get the um, um, see what the Council thinks because [inaudible] [inaudible] so we're going to have this at all schools and that we are going to go in and we need to be able to get it on to tape [inaudible]

10 ??: [inaudible]

15

25

JW: You can't go over there saying that.

DC: What's the [inaudible]?

JW: England – E.N.G.L.A.N.D

ES: Ok, what's the address there?

20 JW: Erm, I have it over in the car.

ES: Ok, we need to find out what the **new** town plan has in it because, David Power have gone in the new town plan and said, you can now have residential.

JW I believe [inaudible].

DC: [inaudible] you got a buffer zone there.

JW: Well that's residential there so I suppose they play ball 'cause say if that's residential then why can't we [inaudible]. [inaudible].

DC: Is that classed residential?

35 JW: Er, no. That's [inaudible].

ES: It ain't residential. The difference between saying it's residential an [inaudible] .. [inaudible].

JW [inaudible] Council would probably deny this [inaudible] the problem tomorrow. We can [inaudible].

ES: [inaudible].

45 JW: If the buffer zone is within 500 metres. That's what the government suggested for. The Council's allowed that to happen, [inaudible].

ES: [chuckles].

And we went through all this with Ron Clarke before he got voted in and he said, yeah, and he stood up on the hill over there and addressed the meeting of nearly 700 bike enthusiasts and he turned around and said the noise problem on those houses there, isn't Darlington Park houses and what's he done about it?

DC: So did he promise to fix it up [inaudible?

JW: He said that the problem wasn't Darlington Park's problem it was the Council's problem.

DC: What was, what was his solution? [inaudible] when I spoke to Damien from Dunlop.

JW: knocking down this hill.

20 C: knocking down that hill,

JW: Knocking down this hill here so the road here so it's not such a steep climb for the trucks.

25 DC: Oh, ok.

JW: And putting up a big noise barrier there.

ES: So Ron saw that, my [inaudible].

JW: Ron has seen, he's been here at the [inaudible].

ES: So when Ron looked at all that ...

35 JW: Yes.

30

ES: And he decided that he will accept, you know, your kind offer of the billboards and other things, it was because you already realised.

40 JW No, I don't, I don't wanna, I don't wanna buy into that.

ES: No, no, no, I'm just saying that it's about your supporting me.

JW Well Ron could see that the noise, this noise problem was [inaudible] and other problems we've created.

DC: What about the hill?

JW: Mm.

5 DC: Do you believe that that's feasible, have you ever looked at that?

JW: What the road here?

DC: Yeah.

10

20

35

40

45

JW: We've put – Tony built this road. We built Peachey Road, we built Stanmore Road. That's what we do we build roads.

Dc: Yeah.

JW: We build quarries. To cut down this hill here, what you would do is it would be a very easy job to do it, right. To knock down the hill you use earth that you take out of there as a big boom along here, which I'll show you we've done inside here at Darlington which cost \$660,000 more than.

ES:: Mm.

JW: Put in a big earth boom here and then barrier on top of it. [inaudible].

ES: [inaudible]. So when you say its only 500 metres away then where does that start [inaudible] Ah, the holders, the rails [inaudible] on the roof.

DC:: Yeah.

30 JW: There should be no.

DC: The same way as they do over there when if there's any [inaudible].

JW: [inaudible] less than 100 metres.

ES: Is that only 100 metres?

DC: Remember Eddy when it was out at Tamborine Mountain and it was the Macquarie Newman and we were going to approve that island.

ES: Mm.

DC: Remember we met on site and Newman's man, he was the smartie, he came out and then said look, this is concrete and David Power and Russell.. [inaudible]. But we got rid of that development because it's not allowed but why.

ES: Yeh, but what I don't understand is that if Ron is still [inaudible] then why hasn't he so far brought it to Council [inaudible].

JW: Well he reckoned that – erm, look, I ...

ES: No, no. I just don't understand, I [inaudible] .. [inaudible]. Already I'm saving to myself it doesn't make sense.

10 JW: And how do you think we feel after 8 years of this frustration?

ES: Mm.

JW: Alright. But he's seen it and he reckons he's seen it [inaudible] supporting Council. He reckons that you guys won't support him. He reckons that no one...

DC: But he hasn't even spoken to me.

20 JW: I know and [inaudible] .. [inaudible].

DC: And haven't I always supported Darlington Park?

JW You have 100% Dawn and this is

DC: I have a problem.

25

30

JW: When you told Tony – I was with Tony when he was talking to him on the phone and Tony has a habit of repeating what someone says, right. [inaudible] .. [inaudible]. Dawn, Eddy, Peter Young, he couldn't get support from them, I said, Tony, bullshit. Absolute bullshit and Ray Hackwood. Ray's been a keen supporter of it and you are no different. [inaudible] I'm sick of this Bullshit to be honest with you.

DC:: Well we'll try and sort it out because he has never brought anything up about Darlington Park and then Ray Hackwood phoned me and he said, look, I've just had a phone call from Tony Stephens and they said that Ron Clarke got on to them and you had a meeting with Ron, Ron Clarke and you would not support it. I said I've never – he said they mentioned my name too. He said I didn't have a meeting and they said nobody has ever – I haven't had one meeting with Ron Clarke and he hasn't either, have you. You've [inaudible].

ES: I've never ever spoken with him. That's why when Dawn said this to me I straight away picked up the phone but I want to be able to sort of understand

the full story so that we can take it to the Council and then say, well look, you know, here's the facts.

JW: Mm.

5

10

15

20

25

30

40

45

ES:: And then other ...

JW: In that, in one of the letters we got the other day from Council and other documents, erm, there, oh, er, I forget which department, Health Services or whatever, erm, have seen this monitor here and they're trying to say they are at, like in their memo of advice, They say it has nothing to do with our problem. [inaudible] [traffic noise] the noise emanating from Darlington Park. Now how has this got nothing to do with the problem or no relevance, I [inaudible] this is more noise than we could ever put out there. It's [inaudible].

DC: Did you go to court on Friday?

JW: No, I didn't, only Tony.

DC:: How come all these court cases are happening if, we at the Council do not know about?

JW: Well I don't know who in the Council is pushing the barrow but someone is. Erm, and they just don't want us let off. All this could be settled, right, without going anywhere near the courts. [inaudible].

DC:: [inaudible] and in my area and my attitude is what [inaudible]. It's as simple as that. I tell the people, sorry you saw there was a rifle range there [inaudible] that's it and .. [inaudible].

JW: And this is the problem with David, David won't go to these people and say, like these guys were here first that you bought..

35 DC: Awe, I don't want to upset David Power – right.

JW: I have no idea. He's never been here, right. So he might have come to the breakfast that you and Eddy and everyone came to up on top of the hil [inaudible] .. [inaudible]. [inaudible] a 100 plus million dollars development in your area, right.

DC: I know. It's something to be proud of and he should be here.

JW: He's never set foot here. I don't know what we're going to – I have no idea what we're going to *[inaudible]* David but David ...

DC: He should have been here.

5

20

25

30

45

JW: All David has to do is stand up to these people over here and they're supported by the old Albert Valley Progress Association or something or other.

ES: He doesn't live here any more.

JW: Benning?? [inaudible] doesn't but the new guy does. Erm, and also [inaudible] ... [inaudible]. We had a spy for want of a better word, an [inaudible] what he does is call a meeting of the Albert Valley, it might have been 12 months ago now and he was heard saying at that meeting – I wasn't there, so I can't say this is right but our people say, he was heard at the meeting saying, Darlington Park had an event on, on the weekend and I only got 3 phone calls. Right. If you want my help, if you want me to shut the place down I need you to jam the telephones every time they do something at Darlington Park. Now like ...

DC: Why don't we Eddy go over and see this man over here?.

ES: I've wanted to [inaudible] with Tony.

JW: Yeh, look follow me and bring the vehicle around the back of the main entrance .. [inaudible] and I'll say [inaudible].

DC: I know this place, that's, this is your main [inaudible].. [inaudible].

JW: That's our problem, those people there. Not him. They're fine [inaudible] [inaudible]. About 30,000 and 40,000. [inaudible]. (or about 30 or 40 houses)??

ES: They won't [inaudible] David was, I remember this years ago when David was the opposite. He was on your side against them.

35 JW:: And David [inaudible] normally that way.

ES: He always had, he had a personal problem with [inaudible].

JW: Always been, always David's [inaudible] a lot more voters. .. [inaudible].

You know how highly – we've supported John Wayne, right.

DC: And Ron.

JW: And Ron Clarke. David got in by [inaudible] .. [inaudible]. He only scraped in and John Wayne was a totally unknown. Had we supported him

for another couple of weeks I reckon we would have got him over the line but regardless David knew every day [inaudible] .. [inaudible].

DC:: Yeah but that's not fair. That's not fair for the [inaudible].

JW: No, look, alright. We know that. All I know

DC: If there's something coming – the fruit and vegetable people were gonna come through to Yatala and all and we've got to give them everything, give them everything.

JW:: Yeah.

5

10

15

25

40

DC: You have got the best venue. It could even be an INDY venue.

JW: Of course we can. We built the track to take Formula 1 vehicles.

DC:: Ok, well we'll go up. (walking) I'll go with Joe. Ok.

20 ??: My wife Samantha [inaudible] and then we'll all.

DC: Where do we go through, which gate, which gate? Joe..

JW: Are you saying and go back out here and on to Peachey Road.

[car doors shutting and the sound of reversing alarm].

DC: Well I didn't remember that this was the back entrance.

JW: Yeah, they've always, they've always come here.

DC: [inaudible]. I thought it was more [inaudible]

JW: And like [inaudible] ..that the Southport Lands Department administer it, we put that sign up and [inaudible] these residents are complaining about us putting the sign up, right and so I was actually on my way in this morning from the Lands Department to get them to approve erm, what sort of [inaudible] the price of [inaudible] is actually the Lands Department property.

DC: [inaudible].

JW: I was going to give it to them. All this stuff [inaudible].

DC: I was out here about 8 years ago and all [inaudible] .. [inaudible]. Now these people are going to complain.

JW: Yeah.

5

10

15

25

35

DC: Because they just don't want you here.

JW: They don't want us here. You know if they [inaudible] [inaudible] and used their heads [inaudible] the big old power pole..

DC: How much did that cost?

JW: Ah, [inaudible]

DC: Look honestly there has been nothing before us Council on Darlington Park for years.

JW: Yeah, look I totally believe you and the [inaudible]. Tony still has a bit of faith in Ron but between you and me, I have no faith in him at all. I don't believe the man could [inaudible]. [inaudible].

20 DC: [inaudible] and [inaudible] it was Tony [inaudible].

JW: Yeah, I supported him too, Tony said "come on, we've got to support Ron Clarke you know", I do what Tony tells me, he's the boss and I think [inaudible]. [inaudible]. No no

[mobile phone ringing]

DC: That'll be the phone.

JW: Very dry at the moment. Hello, yeah. Yeah I'm just coming up to the [inaudible]Tony. Ok, yeah, we've been down at the back entrance and Dawn and Eddy have seen all the problems and they can't believe the noise from the front fence. No problem at all. Ok. [inaudible] going badly and [inaudible] our grapes. We've got 25 acres of [inaudible] grapes ...

DC: Ah, have you.

JW: Yes. [inaudible] wine, we're making wine.

40 DC: Oh, are you.

JW: Oh yes.

DC: [inaudible] have you spoken to Margaret Keech about this?

4

JW: Yes, Margaret. The [inaudible] got a bee in her bonnet, between you and me, Margaret's a bit like Ron Clarke.[inaudible] .. [inaudible]. Robert Poole, do you know Robert?

5 DC: Yeh, I know Robert.

10

20

30

JW: Robert has been such a helpful man.

DC: I had a massive fall out with Robert Poole and this [inaudible].

JW: Robert says something and he'll do it [inaudible] ...Margaret says [inaudible] and does nothing.

DC: Oh is that 25 acres.

JW: Of grapes, yeah. Yeah we've got 25 acres of [inaudible].

DC: So do you have this opened, Oh, here's Ron Clarke still the proven, proven winner. Is that the second trailer?.

JW: Er, that's yeah, it has to be.

DC: Like [inaudible].

25 JW:: [inaudible].

DC: Where's the other one, you give it to him.

JW: Erm, the other one's [inaudible] there.

DC: Well why don't you get rid of it from sitting there it might get people not wanting to come up here (laughs and starts walking).

JW: What [inaudible] .. [inaudible] right. This is the facts from Darlington [inaudible] .. [inaudible]. On two different [inaudible] you can see we have a rock/block making plant, that makes rocks and sandstone blocks.

DC: Ok.

40 JW: We got a big plant there, we've got a quarry up in the mountains there.

DC [inaudible] [chuckling].

ES: You know what you should have done, you should have been [inaudible] I think Tony was saying. [inaudible] driving from 6.30 in the morning until

*

11.00 at night time Should have been here 24 hours. [inaudible] ...[inaudible].

DC: It use to go over the bridge where I lived when I was [inaudible] Have you seen the grapes?

?? Yeah.

5

15

20

45

DC: 25 acres of grapes. How good's that. I remember hearing the same story when I was up here 7 years ago with [inaudible]. Yeah.

JW: Would you like a cup of tea?

DC: Oh, isn't that beautiful. Yeah thank you.

[inaudible] – introductions at house.

DC: Look at that.

??: [inaudible].

25 DC: Hello. Hello there, I'm Dawn [inaudible]

DC: I saw [inaudible] grandson on the erm the ...

30 [inaudible] [several people talking at once away from mic]

TS: And I want to make it like Currumbin Bird Sanctuary. There's 158 acres in that.

35 DC: [inaudible]

TS: And it goes from the ridge and on and about, the south, we own all down to the otherside of Darlington Park.

40 DC: How many acres do you actually own?

TS: 168 acres over there and there's 700 acres in here.

DC: So about 1000 acres?

TS: Yeah and then around the side of that hill is another 100 odd acres facing the highway that's [inaudible]. We've got over 1,000 acres here between the companies and myself. With the developments I have done which are under my control, Sams her own son which is my brother. He's the one who runs the restaurant and then my other son and I control the quarry [inaudible]. One big family [inaudible].

DC: And that land opposite. The noise [inaudible].?

TS: Where that [inaudible] is called er, Taperoo Court and Enkleman Road. We need a bigger map so we know what we're [inaudible].

DC: I want to know how much it's going to cost. Apparently there was an IBU and Ron Clarke came up with a [inaudible] it would be really lovely .. [inaudible].

TS: Yeah [inaudible] .. [inaudible] over that [inaudible]. That would solve a lot of the problem, to pull that down and put it up again [inaudible] .. [inaudible] complain and [inaudible] [inaudible] No joking. A 73 year old man but he thinks.

DC: [inaudible].

5

15

20

TS: He's been there from both [inaudible]. When I've come in and I've built the quarry on Stanmore Road, it's right at the back there. I don't know whether you've gone out and had a look 'cause you've [inaudible].

ES: No, we haven't [inaudible].

30 TS: Yeah, did you see those green trucks coming through. [inaudible] . [inaudible].

??: [inaudible].

TS: There coming over the original quarry that I built and then I sold to [inaudible] and [inaudible] and his son's sold [inaudible]. It's a 2,000,000 tonne a year quarry. 2,000,000 tonne a year. Now if your debt is your debt then in 1983 the [inaudible] were dead then [inaudible] ... [inaudible] then no-one [inaudible] would [inaudible] 500 [inaudible] out of the quarry.

Major quarry [inaudible]. Well that's a lot of something about Peachey Road [inaudible] .. [inaudible] and you are down here.

[inaudible for about 2 minutes - very muffled]

TS: This is where you are [inaudible] and [inaudible]. Now that's closed now and they've reopened the entrance right in the middle of [inaudible].

DC: Ok.

5

15

25

30

45

TS: And these are the nuts that live right on the edge.

DC: [inaudible].

TS: [inaudible] He's the only fella that counts because he was there before I built this quarry, that quarry, that quarry and all of this. This is our quarry in the back here now and that's the hill you would have been up on with the clouds, right up here. [inaudible] ... [inaudible]. We're gonna go up there shortly. We'll take you up there and show you [inaudible].

DC: but listen, Joe says he thinks that this is now all ...

TS: Bond University.

DC: [inaudible].

20 TS: No, Bond University tried to buy him out.

ES: What does the new town plan say ...

TS The new town plan [inaudible] all residential around here.

ES: No, it can't be.

DC: No well that's rubbish. [inaudible] .. [inaudible] I wanted to go up [inaudible].

TS: Old town plan would have showed that up there as flood plain.

DC: Yes.

35 TS: Rural, Rurall floodplain.

DC: Rural, rural and they've changed it to [inaudible] .. [inaudible] further. But this is discrimination.

40 TS: I know it is. I know.

ES: Look [inaudible] becoming through residential .. [inaudible]. They [inaudible] be looking at it and then [inaudible] .. [inaudible] After [inaudible] 226198. 85 [inaudible] Street, Rural. I've got a suspicious plan tomorrow Dawn, bring that up in general business. Council tomorrow. Why put it off, why? [inaudible] .. [inaudible] town plan this moment.

TS: Yeah I know but the [inaudible] ... [inaudible] here's the block of land, look. [inaudible] .. [inaudible] round here. There's the access in – do you think it's a bad corner. The housing now [inaudible] .. [inaudible] look at the [inaudible].

ES: Ok [inaudible] new town plan.

TS: [inaudible] .. [inaudible].

5

10

15

ES All down the [inaudible]. Right around here. John and I were We need to see what came up on the town plan and you can't say I don't listen.

TS:: No way, We had to ring the Council from Mt Isa where at least we know it had got nothing to do with this. Any of the [inaudible] thing.

ES: Don't go changing the town plan?

TS: I know. It's a bit rough on our side not to put [inaudible] on the town plan, but you shouldn't have to after spending \$130 million dollars a year [inaudible] .. [inaudible] the Council officers should recognise that we spent that money here as most of 'em do, and they shouldn't [inaudible] .. [inaudible].

25 JW: And the local councillors [inaudible].

TS [inaudible] .. [inaudible] a month ago and that [inaudible] comes in here, we said you're not to [inaudible] .. [inaudible].

30 ES: Why did he come down on you really hard? [inaudible] .. [inaudible].

TS: No that's the [inaudible] breakfast. What was it [inaudible] and Ron was there and [inaudible] they were all there, the Carlton United one, the one before last. They were all sitting on the one table so we had to be sociable with [inaudible] .. [inaudible] Then all of a sudden him and David Power were like this.

DC: Hm.

35

40 C: And I don't know what goes on there. I don't [inaudible] or anything. [inaudible] .. [inaudible].

DC: [inaudible].

45 C: [inaudible]... [inaudible].



DC: [inaudible].

- C: Yeah Brian says [inaudible] his mates and they have to [inaudible] his mates. He says me and my two friends.
- ??: [inaudible].

5

C: [inaudible] said to Brian well if you were [inaudible][inaudible] problem with the [inaudible] Brian [inaudible] new town plan and he said [inaudible] .. [inaudible]. He said you can't lose he said [inaudible] .. [inaudible]. [inaudible].

[inaudible for about 2 minutes]

- 15 C: And Ron said to me a [inaudible] .. [inaudible].
 - ??: [inaudible] Department ...
 - C: No, no. Ron [inaudible] a [inaudible].
 - ??: [inaudible].
 - C: Look Ron [inaudible] he said to me you've got the best site out of the 4 sites.

[END OF TAPE]

30

25