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HAWATT TO MONTAGUE

HAWATT **MICHAEL HAWATT**
MONTAGUE **JIM MONTAGUE**

EXTRACT

MONTAGUE: Hi Michael how are ya?

HAWATT: Good Jim how are you?

MONTAGUE: Alright, what's happening?

HAWATT: Is there a meeting on today with Spiro?

MONTAGUE: Yes there is at four – oh no tomorrow Wednesday.

HAWATT: Oh tomorrow is it? Who –

MONTAGUE: Yep.

HAWATT: - who's – who's at the meeting (UNINTELLIGIBLE)?

MONTAGUE: Well I - I'm not – I've got to check with Spiro on that. I asked Andrew to check with him and I'm waiting. I'm just back – going back to the office now to see what's – who actually arranged the meeting. It involves, well as far as I'm aware it involves Spiro, myself and you and it concerns 570 to 580 Canterbury Road which is that one of Charlie Demian's on the end of – of the Harrison site.

HAWATT: Yep – yep – yep.

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MONTAGUE: Remember I sent you an email about that I think?

HAWATT: Yeah correct – correct I saw that.

MONTAGUE: Yeah.

HAWATT: (INAUDIBLE)

MONTAGUE: Yeah now – now he wants to go – he – he wants to add height to that building and Spiro’s got some real concerns about the impacts it’s gonna have on the people behind.

HAWATT: (INAUDIBLE)

MONTAGUE: And that’s why we were having the meeting, but I don’t know whether Charlie’s involved or not. I’ve got to check that.

HAWATT: Okay ‘cause I’m not sure either – ‘cause that’s – I got a phone call are you coming, I said which meeting (UNINTELLIGIBLE) –

MONTAGUE: Yeah well I – leave it – leave it for now let me – when I get back to the office I’ll have some information from Spiro and I’ll give you a call back Michael.

HAWATT: Okay and the other – the other one is what’s – what’s the latest now regarding this Minister for local government (INAUDIBLE) –

MONTAGUE: Well you’ve got – you’ve got – you’ve got till the 15th of – every council’s got till the 15th of April to – in five hundred words or less say why they should be on the – on – on the new council or be involved in transition. I – I’m absolutely outraged by it mate I’m – I’m over it. I – I can’t believe this, they’re just making this up on the run. I don’t know what it means

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yet, no one does. All I know is that we've – you've all got to put in a five hundred word submission by the 15th of April for him to consider to see whether you're gonna be part of a transition group or whether you're gonna be on the new council, or whether you're gonna be part of the transitional arrangements up till the next election it's all shrouded in –

HAWATT: So – so – so – so council cannot make an individual decision like say all the councilors in one hit?

MONTAGUE: No it doesn't look like it mate. It looks like they're gonna – they're gonna say right of the ten Canterbury councilors six put in – or ten put in submissions we're only gonna accept four of them. And whether you're then part of a transition team or an interim council my word not theirs, I've got no idea, Bankstown the same and it's – it's – it's likely that some of the councilors on Canterbury and Bankstown for that matter will be effectively be sacked. Which – which is what we we're trying to avoid.

HAWATT: What a mess.

MONTAGUE: I mean m – mate it's a nightmare – it's a night –

HAWATT: (INAUDIBLE)

MONTAGUE: - and they're doing the same with the GM's. I'm expecting a letter any tick of the clock from the Minister which says to me I've got to – I've got to give him five hundred words why I should – why I'm suitable to be GM of Canterbury or GM of anywhere for that matter, and it's up to him again. So he's – he can virtually sack me and – and I think that's illegal. I thought that was the decision of the council. So there's a lot of stuff happening mate it's – it's very d – depressing.

HAWATT: How – how about the seniors – how about the senior directors and all that?

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MONTAGUE: Well the directors are not in the same category as the GM's. So the directors will w – so – so let's say I – I'm not there and they merge Canterbury and Bankstown we'll then it's every man for himself mate. That's the only way I can put it if – if we've got no friendly councillors on the new council or not enough to get it then you're gonna find that – and Bankstown's got more or – who knows, there's gonna be a big push to put the Bankstown people in the top jobs obviously and – and the Minister might actually make that decision. And I – I – that's why I wanted to meet on Thursday, Pierre doesn't want to, but I still think there's value in just getting together and talking about it, even just informally in – in the – in the councillors room it's not a formal meeting, but we've got to start to think about what all this means Michael.

HAWATT: No we have to – we have to start preparing it 'cause it's just – we know it's gonna happen. We need to prepare our case as well I mean we can't just let this –

MONTAGUE: Well

HAWATT: - lunatic do whatever he wants.

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