

Trip to China

Councillor Badalati asked me to attend dinner with him at Dixon st as he was invited by a WTE investor from China.

He indicated to me that the investor wants to invest about \$1 Billion in WTE stations.

I have been researching and working with others in Australia to obtain a DA for the construction of the incinerator.

My wife Miray and I attended the dinner and in addition to Mayor Badalati there were about 8 other people from Chinese background whom I may or may not have seen before as I have met so many Chinese people in Hurstville and have taken photos with many more.

During dinner, the two Lius had a signing ceremony. I did not know what they were signing and did not care as I was not a witness to the document or was I asked to participate.

At the end of the dinner I asked Mayor Badalati what was that all about and he informed me that it was an MOU for projects to be delivered in china.

I had a lengthy discussion with Xinfen about Tanshng and how WTE works in china as they are phasing out the coal power station. I indicated I was very interested with the idea of building a WTE.

Mr Liu invited Mayor Badalati and I to visit the WTE plant in Tangshan to see first hand the process involved into turning kitchen waste into power. We accepted the offer and arranged a date and time to meet in China. He offered to pick us up at our hotel in Beijing

At the end of the dinner and as a usual custom by the Chinese, the dinner was paid by Mr Liu (china) interpreter but we insisted on paying for our share . I left \$200 for my wife and I and Mayor Badalati left \$100 on the table. Mr Liu (China) was offended but I insisted that this is the protocol and we must follow the rules.

I early April My wife, and I decide to take a private trip as a holiday to Hong Kong, Shenzhen and Beijing. Councillor Badalati met us in Shenzhen. We stayed in Shenzhen a to do some shopping and then headed to Beijing where we stayed one night.

Mr Liu (China) arranged for his staff to pick us up and drive us to Tangshan about 3 hour drive. There were about 20 other people also being picked up. I was surprised to see that some of the people were in Sydney at the Dixon st dinner with us.

We arrived at Tangshan and were met by Mr Liu at the Hotel and took us to inspect his power plant. Afterwards my wife and I went back to the Hotel.

We were invited to attend some ceremony at a hall with his staff and other people but I declined and did not attend.

I do not know what took place at the ceremony.

The next day we were taking to inspect other projects in Tangshan.

The following morning we went to Breakfast and some of Mr Liu's staff were there. After Breakfast My wife Miray went to pay for the accommodation and she was told it was paid for by Mr Liu. I found that to be unacceptable and argued with his staff to accept the payment of 4000RM for Miray and I's accommodation.

Eventually Miray left 4000 RMB and Mayor Badalati 2000RMB with the staff member who would not accept the money but he finally reluctantly took it. He was pleading with us as his boss would be very upset.

One of the people who had been picked up in Beijing saw what happened and he gave mayor Badalati his business card and said he would gladly confirm what had happened.

We were taken back to Beijing that morning.

My wife and I have receipts for airfares and hotel accommodation in Shenzhen and Beijing and got a statutory declaration regarding the payment in Tangshan.

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- Sometime in March 2016 a meeting was arranged for a Chinese person to meet me in my Mayoral office by my Personal Assistant. This was a normal occurrence.
- I met with the person and 3 or 4 others. Through an interpreter he was introduced as Mr Liu.
- I was told through an interpreter that he was from Tangshan, a city approximately 2 and 1/2 hours from Beijing. I was told that an earthquake had completely destroyed the city 40 years previously and had been completely rebuilt.
- I was also told that he owned 5 Power Stations, 4 of which were coal powered and 1 was powered by using energy from "kitchen waste". He had a fleet of trucks that collected the kitchen waste every day and powered that particular power station.
- The interpreter indicated that Mr Liu had been to Canberra to meet with [REDACTED] offering to invest up to \$1B in power stations. He stated that he would be willing to invest that money in Sydney.
- Mr Liu invited me to dinner in Dixon Street in the city to discuss the matter further. I had an interest in power generation as I had chaired a committee of the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils, (covering 1.5M people) which looked at reducing costs of electricity to homes and businesses in the area.
- I accepted the invitation and asked him if I could bring Councillor Hindi as he was interested in waste to energy and had been researching it for over 2 years. Mr Liu said that would be fine.
- When I arrived at the restaurant I saw Councillor Hindi and his wife and about 7 or 8 other Chinese people whom I may or may not have seen before as I have met so many Chinese people in Hurstville and Sydney.
- I was surprised to see a gentleman I had met at a couple of Chinese functions over the previous 6 months. He also was Mr Liu.
- Towards the end of dinner the 2 Mr Liu's had a signing ceremony. I asked the interpreter what it was about (as they spoke in Mandarin and the documents were in Chinese). He told me they were signing a Memorandum of Understanding to do some projects together in China.
- At the end of the dinner, after a discussion on the power plant, the Mr Liu from China invited us to visit the plant in Tangshan to see first-hand the process involved into turning kitchen waste into power. We accepted the offer and arranged a date and time to meet in China. He offered to pick us up at our hotel in Beijing.

- Dinner was paid by Mr Liu's (China) interpreter but we insisted on paying for our share and I left \$100 and Councillor Hindi \$200 for he and his wife on the table.
- In early April Councillor Hindi, his wife and myself decided to make a private trip (as a holiday) to Hong Kong, Shenzhen (for shopping) and Beijing. My wife was coming but had to pull out at the last moment as her mother got ill. We stayed in Shenzhen to do some shopping and then headed to Beijing where we stayed one night.
- Mr Liu (China) had arranged for his staff to pick us up and drive us to Tangshan. I was surprised to see some 15 to 20 other people also being picked up. I was really surprised to see Mr Liu (Sydney) as one of those people.
- We arrived in Tangshan and Mr Liu (China) met us at the hotel and took us to his power plant. Some of the other people also came. We were quite impressed with the operation of the plant.
- At approximately 6:00pm he invited me to dinner. Once again I was surprised to be taken to a large hall where approximately 500 of his employees and about 100 other people were there. The Hindi's did not attend the dinner as Mr Hindi was not feeling well.
- Once again the two Liu's had a signing ceremony which I was told was the same MOU that they had signed in Sydney and they were making a big show about it.
- After the signing ceremony I was asked to make a speech and I spoke generally about the number of Chinese in Hurstville, how they contributed to our community and what good citizens they were.
- We then had dinner in the same hall.
- The next day they took us to many of the projects that had rebuilt the city of Tangshan.
- The following morning we went to breakfast and some of Mr Liu's staff were there. After breakfast we tried to pay for the hotel but were told that it had been paid by Mr Liu (China). We found that unacceptable and "argued with his staff". I left 2000RMB and Councillor Hindi left 4000RMB with the staff member who at first would not take the money but finally reluctantly took it.
- One of the people who had been picked in Beijing saw what happened and he gave me his Business Card and said he would gladly confirm what had happened.
- That morning we were taken back to Beijing.
- I have receipts for airfares and hotel bookings in Shenzhen and Beijing and have got a Statutory Declaration re the payment in Tangshan.

