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VARDANEGA TO COX

VARDANEGA **BEN VARDANEGA**
COX **AIDAN COX**

EXTRACT 1 OF CALL 18:26:45 - 18:29:34

COX: Hello.

VARDANEGA: Hey.

COX: Hey, eh, yeah, there's – there's something a bit funny about that spreadsheet for the stations civil FRP. There's a few things actually, um, that I've already highlighted. If you look at the PM's project previously it was 3.5 million. 3.5 million means 1.5 is two and then you add in some civil works and it should be over two.

VARDANEGA: Yeah but then they've chopped and changed and they've taken a bunch of stuff out and – and eh, yeah.

COX: So that - that's the first thing it doesn't look as high as what I thought but then you've done that value look up formula and you've got 1.9 million for the sum of it and then you've got 1.5 and 1.4 for the other three numbers.

VARDANEGA: Yeah.

COX: So the way you've.... for the 1.5 and the 1.4 don't match up but the 1.9. So 1.9 should match up but I don't –

VARDANEGA: Yeah so there's – there's a couple of – there's a couple of double ups. So you'll see in the piling one they've put in, eh, they've twice put in –

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COX: Tling, the piling? The piling is not part of that package is it?

VARDANEGA: Yeah, yeah, they've put double ups for both. So you'll see under the piling one they included lift one, excavation and that whole work there and then they've also done that, they've put that in the stations civils package.

COX: So have you taken it out of the stations civil package?

VARDANEGA: No, because you'd be pricing – they're looking – it's an option to price it up as well. I talked it all through umm with Andrew, this morning.

COX: Yeah, yeah but the – so – so the formula in your spreadsheet for the station, you've got, um, you've used vlookup that you know, for the thing.

VARDANEGA: Mm.

COX: To fuckin' populate one column and the total value of that one is 1.9. The column next to it you've got 1.5.

VARDANEGA: Oh yeah so what that is, that's – that's – so 1.9 is the original as they had it and then what they've done is they've chopped and changed. So the 1 – so 1.9 and 1.5 that shows the variance. So there's a variance of 400,000 bucks that they've taken out of the stations civil package and they've filtered it and put in different – different packages. That's what that's showing.

COX: Right.

VARDANEGA: So the email that I sent it tells you there's the green, there's the blue which is the original vlookup and then there's the green which is what we're trying to aim for and then there's

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the yellow which is the PM's budget.

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COX: So it's 1.4 million is the value of that package.

VARDANEGA: Yeah absolutely.

COX: Mm, fuckin' to you make the under bore, I got pricing on it today and it's 150 grand just for the – the under bore.

VARDANEGA: Yeah, so I – I told – I told Andrew, eh, last week that it's at least 200 grand and he knows he's going to be under - over budget for it.

COX: Yeah.

VARDANEGA: So you know the – he – he's got those – these sorts of things in the know already.

COX: Yeah, okay.

VARDANEGA: And there's – there's a lot of juice there in that, um, platform FRP package. There's so much in cream in that.

COX: There's a – so can he transfer budget from it to the other? If say if he gets cheap prices back for the platform works –

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VARDANEGA: 100% he can.

COX: He can, yeah, he can do that himself? He doesn't need like umm delegation of authority or something to – to move the money around?

VARDANEGA: Oh I don't – I think you'd only need it if you go over a certain amount. I have to find out what that amount is but as if you wouldn't.

COX: Yeah, I just remember like on things like Westconnex if you wanted to transfer a budget from one location to another you had to get approval above your – anyway, alright, all good. No worries I'll –

VARDANEGA: But even – even if – even if - -

COX: Anyways I'll let you go. I just wanted to fuckin' - there was – there's three different numbers there and they should only have been two. That was – that was what I was wondering.

VARDANEGA: Yeah, yeah, that's why – that's why –

COX: Why – why is there a discrepancy of \$400,000.

VARDANEGA: Well that's why because I sat down, I was – I was sitting there and I was like why is there a big discrepancy and I was like nah we need to – we need to show all discrepancies because when we go to – when they go to ask it, I called him, I spoke to him for like 45 minutes and I was like 'why is there a massive discrepancy in the piling package. Why is there a massive discrepancy in the – in the FRP – in the platform package' and he was like, 'no, it's because we've chopped and changed all the scope' and I said alright well I need – I sat down with him. I made him load up his computer, the excel sheet, and I said 'how are you

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looking at these numbers as summaries’. So you know how there’s the pink and the grey, like rose, I was like where are you summing this up to and he sat down and we went through it together and he goes ‘nah you’re totally on the right track’.

COX: All good –

VARDANEGA: ‘You need to change – chop and change these’, so yeah.

COX: I’ll – I’ll let you go and um and those – those are the only ones I need to understand.

VARDANEGA: Yes, sweet as.

COX: Oh good. Alright, I’ll talk to you soon.

VARDANEGA: Alright, bye.

END OF EXTRACT 2