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EXHIBIT

- On 9 August 2012 Joe Camilleri (JC) came to the Level 3 Project Office. He looked in an agitated state. It appeared he wanted to speak to Reg Graham but Reg was busy with a visitor. After hanging around for a few minutes JC then asked me to go to a meeting room for a "chat".
- JC told me that he had a "personal favour" to discuss with me. He stressed this several times, saying it was "nothing to do with work." He told me that his daughter had had her identity stolen by a girl she had befriended and who had stayed in JC's house for some time. JC said that this girl turned out to be a member of a gang that stole identities and credit cards and used them to run up huge purchases all over the world. This was consistent with what I had heard about JC over the preceding 12 months or so, and went some way to explaining his extreme weight loss and haggard appearance.
- JC told me the gang had been caught but his daughter was in danger of "going to jail" if he couldn't raise an amount of money to "pay off the bank and ASIO" before she could reclaim "millions".
- JC was in tears when he told me he needed to borrow \$11K to help him reach that amount, saying that she would be able to pay the money back on "Friday or Saturday as soon as it was released." I said I would. We went to the nearest CommBank and I transferred the \$11K to his daughter's account at 3:17pm on 9 August 2012.
- On 10 August 2012 JC came to me on 3 further occasions saying that there had been a hitch and he needed another small amount, but that it would all be paid back on Saturday when the "money was released." This happened three times during the day. I transferred further amounts of \$10K, \$7K and \$8K to his daughter's account at 10:00am, 3:21pm and 16:40pm on 10 August 2012.
- On 13 August 2013 JC asked me to type a letter which he would sign acknowledging the debt of \$36K. This was done and signed.
- At this time JC had been seconded to the Maintenance Reform Program on Level 22 from early 2012, and had no further input into or influence over the L3C Contract that I was working on under Reg Graham. JC's role as GM MC&C had been taken over by Pierre Rochecouste. The L3C Contract had been negotiated and awarded many months before in December 2011, and my assignment was extended in January 2012 to assist with Transition of the new Contractor. Therefore I was not overly worried at the time about any conflict of interest or probity issues.
- JC came to me a further 4 or 5 times between August and the most recent time on 13 February 2013. On each occasion JC said that further amounts were needed to get the "money released". Each time his story was a bit more complicated, but in essence further amounts of money were required. On one occasion in December 2012 JC showed me a faxed copy of a letter purportedly from the CommBank telling JC that the amounts of "44.2 and 45.7" (or thereabouts) would be released "on or before 17 December 2012" when an outstanding amount of \$80K was repayed [sic]. I told JC I thought the letter was a forgery as: the signature was illegible; there was no accompanying name; the amounts were inexact and not preceded by a "\$" sign; and the spelling of "repayed" was wrong. In other respects the letter looked authentic - it was on CommBank letterhead and was laid out correctly. On each occasion I told JC I could not afford to lend his daughter any more money, and that anyway I found the whole story now unbelievable. On 13 February JC said that he needed "another \$320K, but was still about \$13K short" and that he had no-one else to turn to. I declined.
- I was informed that JC was terminated by RailCorp on 14 February 2013 following an internal investigation into his borrowing from members of staff. On Saturday 16 February JC 'phoned me at home to tell me he had been terminated without benefits. He told me he would be "selling his house and cashing in his Super" and would pay me back in time. He said that ICAC had seized his home computer and had found an e-mail from him to his daughter confirming the names of people he had borrowed money from on her behalf. He said my name was on that list, and I could expect a visit from ICAC at some stage. He gave me his home 'phone number in case I needed to talk to him. He said he was "devastated" but he had been acting in his daughter's interests, and he wasn't sure whether she had "lied to him" or not.