

NSW ICAC
EXHIBITINDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

STATEMENT IN THE MATTER OF: Operation Nickel - File No. E12/1944

PLACE: MURWILLUMBAH
NAME: Bruce James WILLIAMS
ADDRESS: Known to ICAC
OCCUPATION: Managing Director
TELEPHONE NO: Known to ICAC
DATE: 2 July 2013

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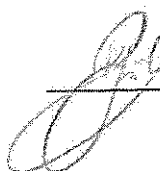
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1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence which I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in Court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.
 2. I am 60 years of age.
 3. I am the current Managing Director of a company trading as JH & EJ Williams Pty Ltd. I have been the Managing Director of JH & EJ Williams Pty Ltd for approximately 10 years and have worked for the company for approximately 42 years. The company has a number of business addresses situated at Southport (Qld); Muwillumbah; Chinderah; Byron Bay; Ballina; Casino; and Goonellaba.

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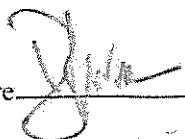


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4. JH & EJ Williams Pty Ltd is a family business which has operated for the past 78 years. JH & EJ Williams Pty Ltd specialises in retail/trade business for the building and agricultural industries with some 13 different divisions and employing approximately 200 staff.
5. I am able to state that JH & EJ Williams Pty Ltd was the registered owner of a 2001 Ford Falcon AU2 XL utility bearing New South Wales registration plate details AV30QD. The registered address for vehicle AV30QD (NSW) was J
6. The company has owned this vehicle since 21 May 2008 but has subsequently sold the vehicle to a company trading as Window Makers Pty Ltd on the 18 June 2013.
7. Vehicle AV30QD (NSW) was allocated to be used by JH & EJ Williams Pty Ltd employee, _____ works for Southport Timbers Pty Ltd and transferred to the Williams Group Australia between 19 July 2012 to the 20 February 2013 _____ then transferred back to Southport Timbers part of the Williams group of companies where he remains to this date as an employee.
8. _____ s was initially engaged as a general yard man at Southport Timbers then later employed as a maintenance man with the Window division at Southport and then Murwillumbah. _____ s is currently employed as a

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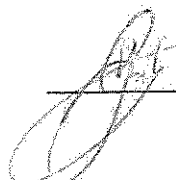
truck driver with Southport Timbers.

9. To the best of my knowledge and belief, motor vehicle AV30QD has never been authorised to travel to the Sydney metropolitan area as part of official business on behalf of JH & EJ Williams Pty Ltd. I have never sought from myself or any of his immediate Managers permission to drive this vehicle to the Sydney metropolitan area.
10. I am not aware of any occasions when the registration plate number AV30QD (NSW) would have been removed from this vehicle. Nor have I ever allowed any other person to use registration plate number AV30QD (NSW) on any other vehicles.
11. I do not know a person by the name of Christopher Binos or any other persons employed or contracted to the Roads and Maritime Services as a Heavy Vehicle Competency Based assessor or instructor.
12. I do not know of a business or company trading as Ace Truck Training Group or Forklift Training and Licensing Pty Ltd.
13. I have never rented or leased my vehicle AV30QD (NSW) to Christopher Binos, Ace Truck Training Group, Forklift Training and Licensing Pty Ltd, or any other person or company to be used for any heavy vehicle assessment training.

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14. There were no log books ever kept for motor vehicle AV30QD (NSW) but it is my understanding from conversation with _____; and his managers that motor vehicle AV30QD (NSW) was only used by _____ to travel from his home address a _____ st to work at Muwillumbah and return.

15. I can state that between October 2012 to December 2012 inclusive it is my understanding that _____ had custody and control over motor vehicle AV30QD (NSW) and that it was only used by him to travel from his home address to work and return. The vehicle would have been parted in or near _____' work address during business hours and parked on or near his home address after hours. I am able to state that this vehicle would not have been used for any driving assessment training on this date.

16. On 24 June 2013, Senior Investigator Michael Kane from the Independent Commission Against Corruption ("ICAC") asked me about my knowledge of a number of persons who had been recorded as using my vehicle, registration number AV30QD (NSW), between October 2012 to December 2012 inclusive for medium and/or heavy truck license assessments. I am able to state the following:-

17. I do not know the following persons:-

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18. Nor have any of these persons ever been given access to my vehicle, AV30QD
(NSW) at any stage to undertake any medium or heavy truck driving assessments.

19. As previously stated in this statement, the vehicle is used on a daily basis by my
staff member during the normal course of our business.

20. I would never allow any person not associated with my family or business to drive
this vehicle.

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