

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

NSW ICAC
EXHIBIT

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

PLACE: GRIFFIN
NAME: Paul Roy SHEPHERD
ADDRESS: Known to ICAC
OCCUPATION: Director
TELEPHONE NO: Known to ICAC
DATE: 2 July 2013

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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 32 years of age.

3. I am the current Director of a company trading as Shepherd Plant Hire Pty Ltd.

The primary place of business for my company is located at

in Queensland. Shepherd Plant Hire Pty Ltd has operated since


April 2012 and specialises in the "dry hire" of excavators and earthmoving

equipment.

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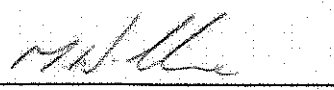


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4. I am the current holder of a class Heavy Combination driver's license with the Queensland Transport and Main Roads ("TMR"). I have held this class of license for approximately 12 months. Prior to this I held a Heavy Rigid class of license for approximately two years.
5. I am the registered owner of a 2004 Kenworth T350 Tipper, white in colour, which currently bears Queensland registration plate details 804-SIM (QLD). The Gross Vehicle Mass ("GVM") for this particular vehicle is 24,100 kilograms.
6. On 1 August 2012, I negotiated and purchased this vehicle through an intermediary male person who I cannot recall his name now but he was acting on behalf of the registered owner, Ms Susan Potter. It was my understanding from discussion with the male intermediary person that he was selling the vehicle on behalf of Ms Potter as it was part of a "deceased estate". At the time of purchasing this vehicle it was displaying New South Wales registration plate details MJP694.
7. I also purchased a Bobcat and Tagalong plant trailer, registration V90183 (NSW), and a Hyundai 5-tonne excavator which Ms Potter was also selling at the time.
8. I located vehicle number MJP694 (NSW) and the other vehicles advertised on an online truck sales website known as www.trucksales.com.au. I responded to the advertisement and negotiated a purchase price for vehicle MJP694 (NSW) and the other two vehicles and trailer which I purchased from the same seller. From my recollection there were a number of photographs in the advertisement and the

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registration plate details for motor vehicle MJP694 (NSW) would have been clearly displayed in some or all of the photographs.

9. On or about 6 August 2012, I registered the Tipper truck, registration number MJP694 (NSW) with the Queensland Transport and Main Roads into my company name. I surrendered the NSW registration plates number MJP694 (NSW) to the Zillimere Motor Registry in Queensland and were issued the new registration plates number 804-SIM (QLD).
10. The only time that I removed registration plate number MJP694 (NSW) from the vehicle was when I attended and surrendered the registration plates to the Zillimere Motor Registry in Queensland and transferred the registration for the vehicle with the Queensland's Department of Transport and Main Roads. I was then allocated the new Queensland registration plate 804-SIM (QLD) which I placed onto the vehicle and are currently displayed on the vehicle.
11. I have never allowed any other person to use registration plate number MJP694 (NSW) on any other vehicles.
12. I do not know a person by the name of Christopher Binos or any other persons employed or contracted to the NSW Roads and Maritime Services as a Heavy Vehicle Competency Based assessor or instructor.

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13. I do not know of a business or company trading as Ace Truck Training Group or Forklift Training and Licensing Pty Ltd.
14. I have never loaned, rented or leased my vehicle MJP694 (NSW) / 804-SIM (QLD) to Christopher Binos, Ace Truck Training Group; Forklift Training and Licensing Pty Ltd or any other person or company to be used for any medium or heavy vehicle assessment training or testing.
15. I have checked my diaries and/or other work related documentation held by myself and/or my company in the normal course of business, which I believe are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I can state the following:-
16. On 1 August 2012, my business partner _____ flew to NSW and collected motor vehicle MJP694 (NSW).
17. On 2 August 2012, _____ drove motor vehicle MJP694 (NSW) from NSW to our business address at _____ in Queensland. The truck was parked on the property until it was used again on the 23 September 2012. I am able to state that this vehicle was not used for any driving assessment training between 1 August 2012 to the 23 September 2012.
18. On 2 July 2013, Investigator Evarna Hart and 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 MJP694 (NSW) / 804-SIM (QLD), on various dates

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between 1 August 2012 to 11 August 2012 for medium and/or heavy truck license assessments. I am able to state the following:-

19. I do not know the following persons:-

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20. Nor have any of these persons ever been given access to my vehicle, MJP694 (NSW) / 804-SIM (QLD) at any stage to undertake any medium or heavy truck driving assessments.

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

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M. W. Kane

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