

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

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

PLACE: PORT MACQUARIE

NAME: Gregory Oscar HOOPER

ADDRESS: Known to ICAC

OCCUPATION: Sole Trader / Owner Operator

TELEPHONE NO: Known to ICAC

DATE: 4 July 2013

States: -

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 49 years of age.
3. I am currently a sole trader and a owner operator of a heavy vehicle tipper which I subcontract my services to the major road works contractors for the upgrade of the Pacific Highway around Port Macquarie on the Mid North Coast of NSW. I have operated as a sole trader and owner operator for my heavy vehicle tipper for approximately 12 years. The primary place of business for my business is located at Port Macquarie but I take on civil road work projects for

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areas between Taree and Kempsey. I provide cartage of dirt from development sites or concrete laying on road sites to the developers of the road works.

4. I am the current holder of a class Heavy Combination driver's license, number 7489ZJ, with the New South Wales Roads and Maritime Services ("RMS"), formerly known as the Roads and Traffic Authority ("RTA"). I have held this class of license for approximately 10 years.
5. I am the registered owner of a 6 cylinder manual 2002 plated Mack Fleetliner Tipper truck, white in colour bearing New South Wales registration plate number BE90FZ. I have owned this vehicle since 20 September 2010. The Tare Weight of my Mack Fleetliner Tipper truck is 10,700 kilograms and the Gross Vehicle Mass ("GVM") is 26,000 kilograms
6. I am currently attempting to sell this truck through an online website known as trucksales.com.au. I posted my advertisement to sell vehicle number BE90FZ (NSW) on the 24 July 2012 – advertisement number 809466 relates. As part of the advertisement that I posted through the website, trucksales.com.au, I took five (5) photographs of my Mack Fleetliner Tipper. Two of the photographs clearly show the registration plates details for the vehicle. I still have not sold the vehicle to this date and it remains on the website for sale.

**EXHIBIT: I PRODUCE A COPY OF THOSE FIVE (5) PHOTOGRAPHS
WHICH WERE POSTED WITH THE SALES**

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR MOTOR VEHICLE BE90FZ (NSW)
THROUGH THE WEBSITE TRUCKSALES.COM.AU.

EXHIBIT: I PRODUCE A COPY OF THE SALES ADVERTISEMENT AS
POSTED ON THE ONLINE WEBSITE TRUCKSALES.COM.AU
FOR MY MACK FLEETLINER TIPPER TRUCK -
REGISTRATION NUMBER BE90FZ.

7. I have never removed registration plate number BE90FZ (NSW) from my vehicle. Nor have I ever allowed any other person to use registration plate number BE90FZ (NSW) on their vehicle.
8. As at 24 July 2012 when the advertisement was placed on trucksales.com.au the odometer reading for my motor vehicle registration number BE90FZ (NSW) was 829,256 kilometres. The current odometer reading for BE90FZ (NSW) is 8544391.
9. 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.
10. I do not know of a business or company trading as Ace Truck Training Group or Forklift Training and Licensing Pty Ltd.

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11. I have never rented or leased my vehicle BE90FZ (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.
12. 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:-
13. On 7 July 2012 my motor vehicle BE90FZ was parked at our home/business residence due to wet weather and unable to work on this particular day. I am able to state that this vehicle was not used for any driving assessment training on this date nor was the vehicle in the Sydney metropolitan area on this date.
14. On 11 August 2012 my motor vehicle BE90FZ was parked at our home/business residence due to wet weather and unable to work on this particular day. I am able to state that this vehicle was not used for any driving assessment training on this date nor was the vehicle in the Sydney metropolitan area on this date.
15. On 13 October 2012 my motor vehicle BE90FZ was parked at our home/business residence due to wet weather and unable to work on this particular day. I am able to state that this vehicle was not used for any driving assessment training on this date nor was the vehicle in the Sydney metropolitan area on this date.
16. On 14 October 2012 my motor vehicle BE90FZ was parked at our home/business residence due to wet weather and unable to work on this particular day. I am able

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to state that this vehicle was not used for any driving assessment training on this date nor was the vehicle in the Sydney metropolitan area on this date.

17. On 15 October 2012 my motor vehicle BE90FZ was working on the Pacific Highway and Herons Creek project at Port Macquarie for BMD Construction. I am able to state that this vehicle was not used for any driving assessment training on this date nor was the vehicle in the Sydney metropolitan area on this date.
18. On 17 October 2012 my motor vehicle BE90FZ was working on the Pacific Highway and Herons Creek project at Port Macquarie for BMD Construction. I am able to state that this vehicle was not used for any driving assessment training on this date nor was the vehicle in the Sydney metropolitan area on this date.
19. On 20 October 2012 my motor vehicle BE90FZ was parked at our home/business residence due to wet weather and unable to work on this particular day. I am able to state that this vehicle was not used for any driving assessment training on this date nor was the vehicle in the Sydney metropolitan area on this date.
20. On 21 October 2012 my motor vehicle BE90FZ was parked at our home/business residence due to wet weather and unable to work on this particular day. I am able to state that this vehicle was not used for any driving assessment training on this date nor was the vehicle in the Sydney metropolitan area on this date.
21. On 10 November 2012 my motor vehicle BE90FZ was parked at our home/business residence due to wet weather and unable to work on this particular

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day. I am able to state that this vehicle was not used for any driving assessment training on this date nor was the vehicle in the Sydney metropolitan area on this date.

22. On 11 November 2012 my motor vehicle BE90FZ was parked at our home/business residence due to wet weather and unable to work on this particular day. I am able to state that this vehicle was not used for any driving assessment training on this date nor was the vehicle in the Sydney metropolitan area on this date.

23. On 15 November 2012 my motor vehicle BE90FZ was working on the Pacific Highway and Herons Creek project at Port Macquarie for BMD Construction. I am able to state that this vehicle was not used for any driving assessment training on this date nor was the vehicle in the Sydney metropolitan area on this date.

24. On 16 November 2012 my motor vehicle BE90FZ was working on the Pacific Highway and Herons Creek project at Port Macquarie for BMD Construction. I am able to state that this vehicle was not used for any driving assessment training on this date nor was the vehicle in the Sydney metropolitan area on this date.

25. On 19 November 2012 my motor vehicle BE90FZ was parked at our home/business residence due to wet weather and unable to work on this particular day. I am able to state that this vehicle was not used for any driving assessment

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training on this date nor was the vehicle in the Sydney metropolitan area on this date.

26. I am able to state since I have owned my Mack Fleetliner Tipper truck, registration number BE90FZ (NSW), I have never driven it to the Sydney metropolitan area.

27. On Monday 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 BE90FZ (NSW), on various dates between 7 July 2012 to the 19 November 2012 inclusive for medium and/or heavy truck license assessments.

I am able to state the following:-

28. I do not know the following persons:-

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29. Nor have any of these persons ever been given access to my vehicle, BE90FZ
(NSW) at any stage to undertake any medium or heavy truck driving assessments.

30. As previously stated in this statement, the vehicle is used on a daily basis by
myself during the normal course of our business.

31. I would never allow any person not associated with my family or business or
without the appropriate class of license to drive my vehicles.

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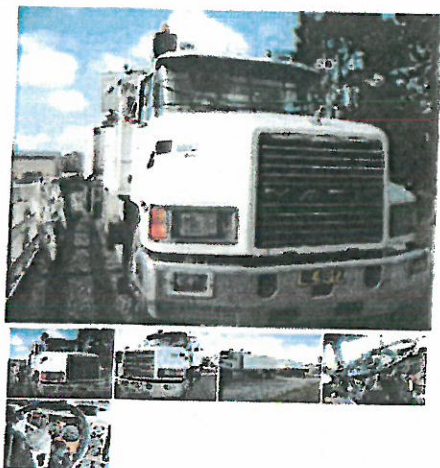
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Liner



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Engine		Product Details	
	EA74352F2203	Make	Mack
Engine Power	470	Model	Fleet Liner
Engine Type	Diesel	Item Condition	Excellent
Cabin Features		Year	2002
Air Conditioning	yes	Price	\$115,000*
Radio	Yes	Colour	White
Speed Limiter	Yes	Odometer	829256
Tyres & Wheels		Coupling	Ringer feeder
Condition Front	Good	GCM	7000
Condition Rear	Good	GVM	2600
Accessories		Registration	BE90FZ
Ladders	Yes	Suspension	Air Bag
Lighting	Yes	Category	Trucks
Tarp	Electric	Sub-Category	Tipper
Description		Reference Code	809466
2002 18 speed Mack Fleet liner with Electric Tarp. 1999 Huskey dog trailer with roll over tarp. Bin height 160. bisloy bins on truck and dog. Both with air bags. Alcoa wheels. Lots of money spent to keep both in A1 condition. dog Rego 28.06.2013. Mack rego 10.12.2013 Ready to work now. \$115,000.00 includes GST		Last Modified Date	25/05/2013
		Seller Details	
		Suburb	Port Macquarie
		State	New South Wales

* If the price does not contain the notation that it is "Drive Away No More to Pay", the price may not include additional costs such as stamp duty, GST (Goods and Services Tax) and other government charges. If you require item configuration or item application there may also be charges in addition to those displayed. GST may be refundable to overseas purchasers. Prospective purchasers should ensure that they are aware of their local import regulations, duties, taxes or freight costs which may affect the advertised price. Items advertised by Private Sellers may not include additional costs, such as stamp duty, GST and other government charges. Please confirm price and features with the seller of the advertised item.

POA - stands for price on application. Under the Trade Practices Clarity in Pricing legislation, a dealer must provide you with a single figure price when they make a price representation. In this situation, a single figure price cannot be provided to you at this point in time as the dealer may require further details from you.



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