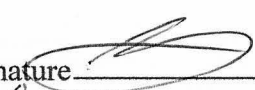


**INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION****STATEMENT IN THE MATTER OF: Operation Dasha****PLACE: Bankstown Council****NAME: Simone Cook****OCCUPATION: Director of People and Performance****DATE: 6 April 2017****States: -**

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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 46 years of age.
  3. I am currently employed at Canterbury Bankstown Council in Bankstown. I hold the position of Director of People and Performance. I am responsible for a number of elements within council including but limited to Human Resources, Safety and Payroll to name a few. I have held this position since October 2016.
  4. In late December 2016, I received a request from Interim General Manager Matthew Stewart. I was made aware that a number of records from the former General Managers office at Campsie had been secured in the records room at Campsie Administration Building.

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5. In January 2017, I attended the Administration building and retrieved those documents on 17 January 2017 and took them to my office. There was a substantial amount of documentation including loose paper work, council documents and other material. On 17 January 2017, Cristina Castro and I began to go through the documents. This was a lengthy process.

6. Sometime in Mid-February 2017 I located a hand written document.

**EXHIBIT: I produce and here to attach an undated hand written note on A4 paper with the initials JM.**

7. At the conclusion of this task the files were secured in a locked cupboard within the Human Resources Office.

8. This hand written document was brought to the attention Manager Corporate Services Adam Brownlee.

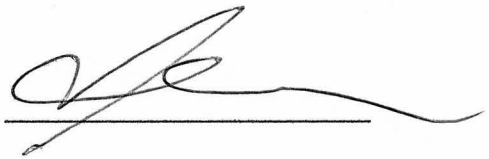
9. I am aware that this matter had been referred to the Independent Commission against Corruption. On 6 April 2017, I spoke with Investigator Simon Berry and handed the document to him. I also provided two record folders relating to Mr Spiro Stavis and other material.

10. As a result of that review Investigator Berry retained a number of documents that were voluntarily provided to him, which include the following;

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- a) Undated Handwritten document with initial JM
- b) City of Canterbury Council Memo relating to GM Montague termination offer dated 12 January 2015
- c) Canterbury City Council Interview schedule, short listed reports and suggested questions with perforated holes on left of document

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It is with a heavy heart  
that I advise you  
of my decision to step  
into retirement, until my  
last day of service  
being Friday ~~20~~<sup>13</sup>  
February 2015.

The events of the last  
several weeks have  
created a climate  
- which I can no  
longer serve the  
residents of the City  
of Castlereagh.

I take this opportunity  
to thank you and  
~~some past mayors~~  
and ~~some present~~

support and  
 and encouragement over  
 my 32 years as  
 Law Clerk and  
 since 1993, General  
 Manager.  
 My heartfelt thanks  
 also go to many  
 wonderful ~~and~~ staff  
 it has been my pleasure  
 to work with during  
 that time.

~~and  
 Council is pleased  
 I will return my  
 happy memories of  
 my time at  
 I trust you  
 Natwestday recent work  
 of a immensely proud  
 of my achievements~~

to engage my  
success - I feel  
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