

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

STATEMENT IN THE MATTER OF: Op Dasha

NAME: Brian Robson

DATE: 6 December 2016

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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.

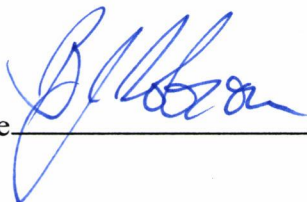
2. I am years 65 years of age.

3. I have been involved in the Computer Industry since 1970 and since 1972 as a Systems Analyst/Programmer. I am currently Managing Director of two Software Companies, Asset Software (Aust) Pty Ltd. and Peerless Software Pty Ltd.

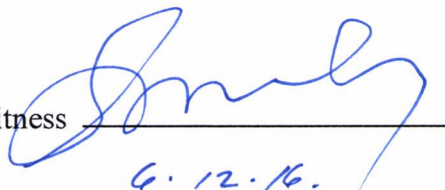
4. I was elected to Canterbury Council as a Councillor in September 1999. In November 2011 I was gazetted as Mayor and popularly elected as Mayor in September 2012.

5. I was dismissed as Mayor, in May 2016, when Canterbury Council was amalgamated with Bankstown Council.

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6. I am aware of the planning proposal and subsequent matters concerning 15-23 Homer Street Earlwood.
7. The above matter came to my attention as an item on the Business Papers for the Canterbury Development Committee (CDC) of the 13th November 2014.
8. As part of my normal procedure pre-Council Meetings I may have discussed this item with the Director of Planning prior to the meeting, however, I cannot recall specifically doing so although the Officer's recommendation was for an increase from 10m to 14m which would normally have caused me to make further enquiries.
9. When the item came before the Canterbury Development Committee (CDC) my recollection is that Cr. Hawatt moved to accept the Officers' Recommendation with an amendment to increase the height to 17m. This was seconded by Cr. Con Vasiliadis.
10. My recollection is that this was supported by all other Councillors present save myself, Cr Eisler and Cr Paschilidis-Chilas.
11. I remember that I spoke vehemently against this motion as the change had been made without due process, examination or public comment. In fact when it was moved that was the first indication of any changes to the officers' recommendation.

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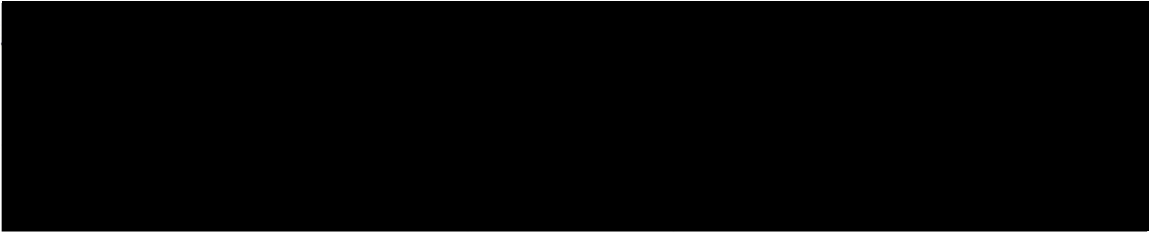
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12. This motion had not been discussed with Cr. Eisler, Cr. Paschalidis-Chilas or myself.

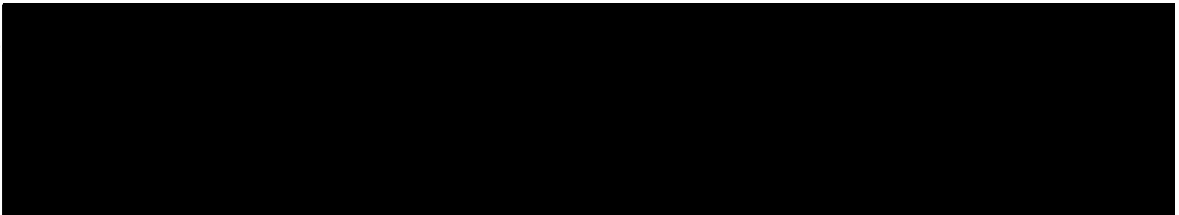
13. I also recollect that subsequently, at the Council Meeting of the 26th February 2015, Cr Hawatt proposed, as a Motion on Notice, that the amendments were not to proceed to Gateway.

14. Cr Hawatt's Motion was too late as the paperwork had already been submitted to Gateway so his Motion was withdrawn.

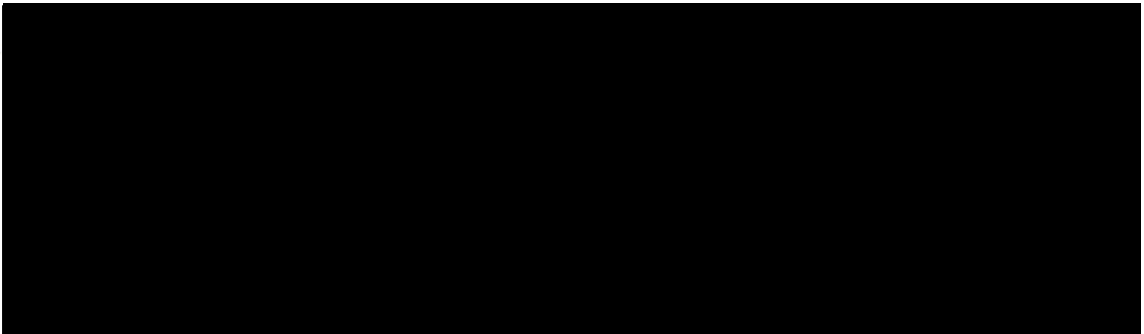
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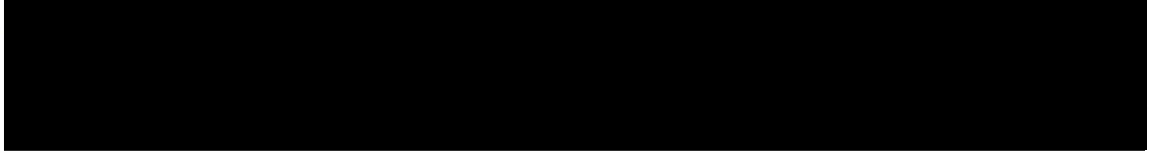


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19. I have known George Vasil as an Earlwood "identity" since probably 1999 when I was elected to Council.

20. My only interaction with George Vasil has been at Council, arranged site inspections, at some Council or Labor Party functions or after Council or CDC meetings.

21. He has attended many Council and CDC Meetings where he often took the opportunity to explain how bad Council Zonings were, how bad Council Development Control Plans were and how they could be rectified. I never took any notice but referred him to the proper procedures for requesting modifications or amendments.

22. I have never spoken with George Vasil from Ray White at Earlwood about the matters concerning 15-23 Homer Street Earlwood either before, or following, the request for the re-zoning. Nor have I ever discussed this with Cr Con Vasiliadis.

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