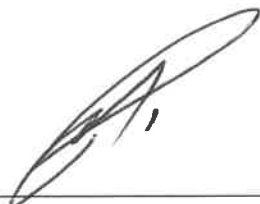# INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION

STATEMENT IN THE MATTER OF: Operation Ember

PLACE: **Sydney**

NAME: **Paul Grech**

OCCUPATION: **Principal Manager**

DATE: **13 May 2019**

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 54 years of age.

3. I currently work for the Roads and Maritime Services ("RMS"). I am the Principal Manager of the Corruption Prevention and Investigation Section, which is part of the Audit & Assurance Branch of the RMS Business Services Division.

4. About 8.30am Thursday 18 October 2018, as a result of information received from ICAC Chief Investigator Tim Fox and together with RMS investigator Wayne McInnes, I attended the RMS Heavy Vehicle Programs Section ("HVS") located at pod G, level 6, 110 George Street Parramatta.

Signature _____   Witness _____
Julia Holden

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5. Upon arrival I spoke to RMS employee Mr Barry Everson, I introduced myself and requested that he show me to the desk of Mr Samer Soliman the Manager, Heavy Vehicle Programs.

6. Mr McInnes and I were escorted to a desk identified by Mr Everson as the workplace of Samer Soliman, I then removed the following items:

   - 1 Lenovo computer Hard Drive with Asset number LEN 0019199

   - 1 Lenovo Think Pad Asset number LEN 0015889

   - A blue 2018 Cos Diary

   - A My Meeting notebook

   - A CS titles Strategic Innovations

   - 1 Blue thumbdrive

   - Assorted files and paperwork located in draws under the desk

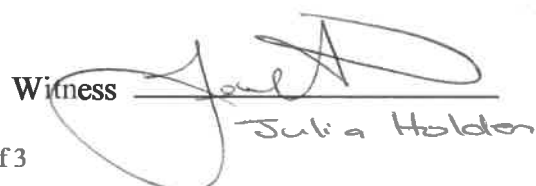   - A sealed box containing electronic equipment

Mr Everson was present during this time.

7. Wayne McInnes and I then conveyed the recovered items to the RMS Heavy Vehicle Investigation Section located at pod E, level 1 of the same building. RMS employee Wendy Pora recorded the recovered items in the exhibit book, entry C09159. The items were then secured the items in the exhibit room.

Signature _____   Witness _____
                                                          Julia Holden

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I attach a copy of RMS exhibit book entry reference number C09159,

dated 18 October 2018, marked as Annexure A

8. About 9am on Thursday 1 November 2018, I attended the RMS exhibit room and handed all of the items recovered from Soliman's workplace to ICAC investigator Adam Griffiths.

Signature _____   Witness _____

Julia Holden
13 May 2019

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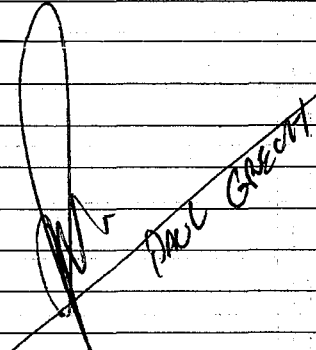# EXHIBIT BOOK

Annexure A

SCAM NO.

PRN E18/0281/AS-10-007/PR-0017

C09159

Parramatta

DEFENDANT: ICAC Ref: E18/0281

EXHIBIT ROOM REF: D5

TICULARS		DESCRIPTION	RECORD OF MOVEMENT			
			DATE/TIME		SIGNATURE/SERIAL No.	PURPOSE TAKEN
18/10/18	1	Lenovo hard drive. Asset no. LEN0019199	IN	OUT		
	1	Thinkpad (Lenovo). Asset no. LEN0015889	8.55 18/10/18		W. Pora UPora	
	1	blue 2018 COS diary		9.00 1/11/18	W. Pora UPora	Released to Paul
	1	My meeting notebook				Grech. PM CP&IS
	1	CD - Strategic Innovations				
	1	blue thumbdrive				
Paul Grech	1	sealed box containing files & paperwork removed from under desk drawers				
arramatta	1	sealed box containing electronic equipment.				

YES ☐ NO ☐

YES ☐ NO ☐

ECEIPT

Paul Grech

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DISPOSAL DETAILS

Date of Final Hearing:

Date may be disposed: 1/11/18   How to be disposed:

Signature of Recipient:

Address: CP&IS - RMS.

Date: 1/11/18   Destroyed by:

Witness (Signature & Name): W. Pora UPora

Title: File No.

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