

**OPERATION CAVILL****TRANSCRIPT OF AUDIO EXTRACT OF CITY OF RYDE COUNCIL MEETING  
26 MARCH 2013****PETCH  
ETMEKDJIAN  
UNKNOWN****IVAN PETCH  
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UNKNOWN**

- PETCH:** The sit the situation is quite is quite clear um newspapers today are battling for survival and they're battling to get the sponsors.
- UNKNOWN:** Point of order Mr Mayor councillor Etmekdjian has put a question to Mr Johnson in relation to (indecipherable).
- PETCH:** I got in before him.
- UNKNOWN:** Well I'm all for your your diatribe's about (indecipherable) print media but.
- PETCH:** Thank you councillor Simon.
- UNKNOWN:** It's the future in progress
- PETCH:** Yeah I I got in before him and the situation is quite clear that the ah the media themselves are all strung out at the moment financially they are not going well. Newspapers are closing down you've only got to look at your national papers they are all closing down. If we want to have a newspaper to report council's activities and everything else then we've got to support them. If they have been in business for a long time doing that work how in the hell are we going to start a newspaper and get all the people to report it and then we introduce all these other problems that we have with with having as councillor Etmekdjian said with probity. It opens up a whole minefield I I don't want to get we are not in the publishing business let's face it we we are running the community events here for and managing the affairs of the of the Ryde community that's what we're we are not in the newspaper publishing business. You leave that to the specialists and they do it and I think you know that is what I that's the only problem I have with part 4 that if we want to start competing with them we are not going to succeed they can't make it happen well how in the hell can we do it go councillor Etmekdjian.
- ETMEKDJIAN:** Well point taken Mr Mayor and I think we are happy to I think leave it there and I wish....

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