

Now you recall the gist of his evidence on the 13 July, to which you have drawn attention a moment ago, was that he had sought commission for brokering a sale of Sydney property by certain Chinese interests. Is that consistent with your recollection as to the evidence that was abduced on that occasion? --- Well I don't think I would have made the connection as to the ethnicity of what he was or the company or anything like that but I but obviously um once it became public I was um absolutely um devastated and aghast because it was not to the character of the person I knew and to this day um I trust this process and I will wait to the conclusion of the process to judge to the matters surrounding that.

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But you are aware the gist of evidence at least was that Mr Maguire, least there was evidence that Mr Maguire was attempting to broker a deal and obtain some profits for himself? --- Well certainly that was on the public record, absolutely.

That's what you understood to be part of the evidence? --- Yes but I can't...

True or not that was the nature of the evidence before the Commission as you understood it? --- Yeah... yeah but Mr Robertson I also wanted to be clear that I do not know the context in which that arose so I do not know the details of which, what may have happened to lead to that evidence being given.



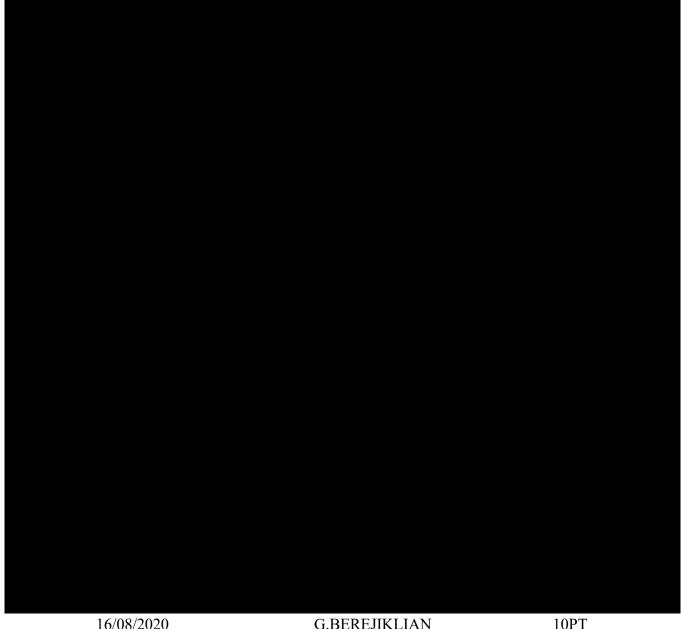


MR ROBERTSON: Prior to becoming aware of the evidence that you and I have just discussed for the 13 July 2018, were you aware of whether Mr Maguire had previously sought or had been paid a commission in connection with the sale of property while he was a member of Parliament? --- I was not aware.

You were not aware of any other example in which Mr Maguire sought to be paid an amount of money by way of a commission? --- Uh can I be frank that if he had mentioned any meetings or dealings or whatever else I would have dismissed them because I would have assumed and strongly assumed that any interests he had outside his role as member of parliament would have been disclosed as appropriately as per the Ministerial Code of Conduct, so I did not pay attention I don't know unintentionally if he had said something to me but I certainly don't recollect anything.

If we could just focus carefully on my question. What I would like to know is whether before the 13 July 2018 when Mr Maguire gave evidence before this Commission, you were aware of any circumstances in which Mr Maguire had either sought or obtained a commission in connection with the sale of property in New South Wales? --- I certainly don't have anything concrete or anything I don't, I don't know of that at all.

You don't recall anything of that kind being drawn to your attention by Mr Maguire, is that right? --- No.. No and if he did I would have not I would not have realised that's what it was. Never I did not have any cause for concern because I assumed anything he did was outside his role as a member of Parliament would have been disclosed the appropriate way and to be honest I was rather dismissive and did not take notice of things outside his role as a member of Parliament because I assumed that would have been done under... disclosed in the proper way.



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MR ROBERTSON: Prior to the 13 July 2018 to your knowledge did Mr Maguire have any business interests in the property development industry? --- I knew he had lots of friends in that industry, I did but I did not assume there was anything improper, but I knew he had lots of friends.

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Just, just be careful to listen to the question I'm asking, I'm not asking any question about it being proper or improper at the moment, just asking a specific question about your knowledge of Mr Maguire's business interests, right, wrong or indifferent, were you aware that Mr Maguire had any business interests before the 13 July 2018 that were related to the property development industry? --- Not that I knew of, I knew he had friends.

You knew he had friends in that industry? --- Correct

But didn't, wasn't necessarily seeking to make his own money in relation to that industry, is that right? --- Well I can't tell you that I didn't, because I don't know. But I felt he may very well have, he may have very well said he was seeking but I didn't pay attention to it because even though morally It's not something I would have done, uh if he had any interests, he should have disclosed them.

I'm not asking you about disclosing them, or anything like that at the moment --- Yeah.

I just want to exhaust your recollection, as to what you understood Mr Maguire's business interests to be before the 13 July 2018, and what I would really like to know is whether as you recall, you knew Mr Maguire, you knew whether Mr Maguire had any business interests in that industry? You're explained he had friends, as I understand it friends in that industry, but did you understand him to have any personal business interests in that industry? --- Well.. Well I don't know, I don't think I did, I don't know if anything materialised. I don't know. Put it this way if he had, it would have materialised I would have felt extremely uncomfortable but would have assumed he had disclosed anything as is the law, and given after a certain time, given a certain time, even donations from developers were prohibited I would have been extremely uncomfortable if I knew for sure that was what was occurring.

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You're used the word 'materialised' do we take it from that you were at least aware he was attempting to make some deals or property arrangements 20 in the development industry for his own personal benefit or profit? --- But I can't confirm that as its clouded by what I know now which was the conversation which was publicly recorded in 2018 and Mr Robertson I am being extra cautious because there has been hundreds of conversations, thousands, and I don't want to, don't want to say anything that I did not know at the time. I don't want to say anything that I may not have knowingly known at the time, that he was telling me something, which ended up being something bad, but at the time I did not know or, or think there was anything bad going on, because I would have said to him 'you can't do that' or I would have said to him 'you should disclose that' or I don't, to be honest, I took zero interest because he often, if I can be frank, went on frolics and had big ideas, it never even crossed my mind.

So to be clear I'm not talking about good, bad or indifferent, I'm just trying to exhaust your recollection --- Right, yeah.

And is it fair to say, doing the best you can sitting there now, you recall there being, you having some knowledge, before the 13 July 2018, of at least friendships between Mr Maguire --- Definitely

40 And people in the property development industry, is that right? ---Definitely

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Do you recall Mr Maguire having any involvement in relation to land, around or near Badgerys Creek? --- No.

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Not at all? --- No, his friends may have. He was always complaining, he was always complaining to me and the government generally, it wasn't just to me, that we were too slow in doing things, and I just ignored it. He would always say, not just to me, but colleagues would mention to me that he had, he was concerned with, a number of members of Parliament, would have been that were holding things up or that but again I ignored it or perhaps just dismissive of it.

Do you recall any particular friends coming to mind when I say a reference to Badgerys Creek? --- I can't recall, he may have mentioned things but I don't recall, he sometimes went off, not just to me but I know to others, that such and such is frustrated with such and such, if you remind me I can tell you anything I know about it or don't know about it

Again I just want to see the best you can --- Nothing to my immediate recollection but it doesn't say it didn't happen, doesn't say it didn't occur.

Well just doing the best you can, sitting there now, do you have any recollection of Mr Maguire having involved with any land abutting or being near to what will in due course become Sydney West airport? --- I didn't believe he had any land out there, no.

Not necessarily him having any land out there but him having any interest in or association with, friends with, involvement with anything of that kind? --- MR ROBERTSON if could very well be...

MR MOSES: Commissioner, can my friend put that question again as its not clear in terms of that question.

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MS BEREJIKLIAN: Thank you, yep.

MR ROBERTSON: What I'm asking you is to do the best you can, to see if you can recall Mr Maguire having any involvement of any kind, be it an interest, a business interest himself, an involvement in the sense of him

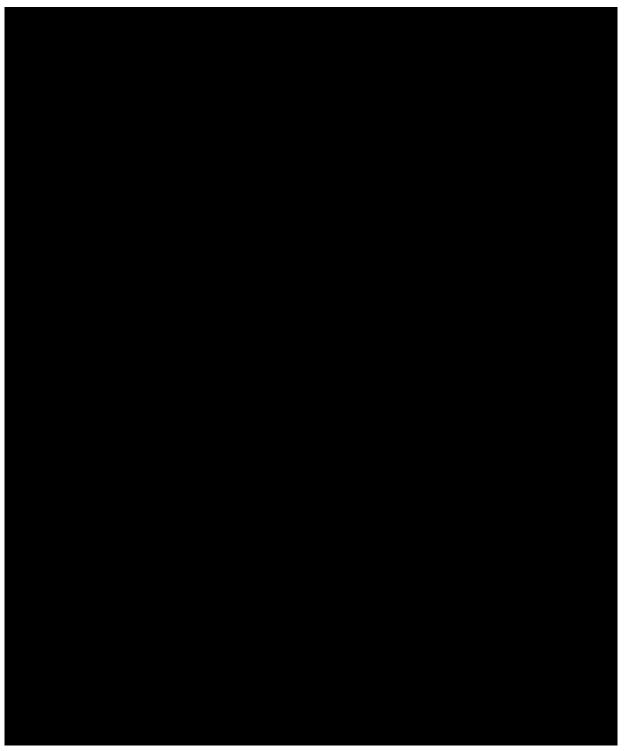
having friends or other contacts who may be interested in or have some involvement in, anything to do with land in or around Badgerys's Creek or in or around what will be the site of Sydney West airport. So I'm deliberately asking that to you in the broadest way --- He may very well, I know he complained all the time about various frustrations that we weren't moving quick enough on things.

THE COMMISSIONER: In connection with Badgerys's Creek? --- Oh a whole range of things, like all the time and it wasn't just him, there were unfortunately a number of colleagues who would always say the development industry hates, they are going to launch a campaign against you, you're not moving quick enough and I didn't care and it could very well have been he had friends who put it this way, that was probably, and the reason I can't answer definitely, it was a highly sort after, people knew the airport was coming so obviously there was a lot of interest there, and I suspect many people had but I don't remember definitely but if I can help you with anything please let me know and I will try and recall.



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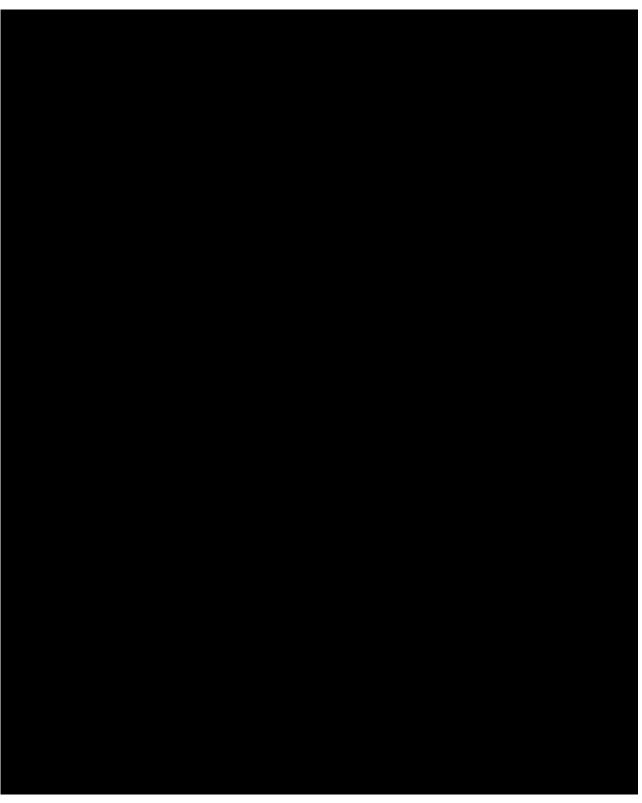


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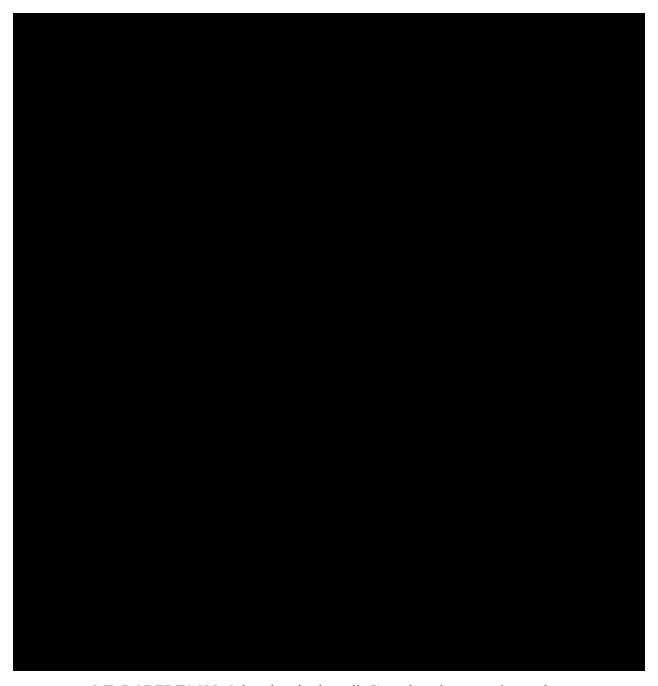
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Can we go back please to page 2 of the transcript, bundle 174. First of all you agree I take it, that the male voice was Mr Maguire and the female voice, was you? --- Yep.



If you have a look a little bit further down the page there's a reference about seven tenths on the way down the page to 'Jimmy', 'Jimmy is here'--- Yeah I don't know who Jimmy is, I don't know his last name, I don't know if that's his, I had a, had a notion that he was Chinese but I don't know if he was or not, but I've known that they have been friends for a long time.



MR ROBERTSON: Other than in the calls I've played to you, do you have any other recollection of Mr Maguire raising 'Jimmy' as an issue or as a matter of concern --- 'Jimmy' I assume was his friend, I didn't know who he, I still don't know his last name, if you've mentioned it to me I apologise, but I just didn't know.

Does the name Jimmy Lui ring any bells? --- Maybe, but I don't know who he was.

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THE COMMISSIONER: And how did it affect you personally, if he decided to retire? --- Because, I'm embarrassed to admit, but I had feelings for him, and I was contemplating whether there would be a future for us at a personal level.

Whether his retirement would, affect your personal relationship? --- Yes because, well no, no I didn't feel it was appropriate for me to be involved with him whilst he was a Member of Parliament.

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But you have been involved with him since he was a Member of Parliament --- No in terms of, in terms of a proper future.

I'm not sure I understand that Ms Berejiklian --- Oh, I was actually contemplating whether we would have a future as a couple into the future.

If he retired? --- If he retired, yep. I didn't feel, I could, I was old fashioned and didn't believe it was appropriate for us to be in a relationship whilst he was a Member of Parliament, in terms of a formal relationship

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I see, was your relationship with him a public one? --- No.

