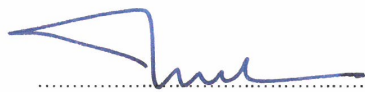


**Public Inquiry into the Norfolk Island Regional Council**

**Supplementary Statement of Andrew Roach**

I, **Andrew Roach**, of 9 New Cascade Road, Norfolk Island, General Manager of Norfolk Island Regional Council, state:

1. I refer to paragraphs 22 and 202 of my statement dated 24 May 2021 (**First Statement**) and the evidence which I provided on 31 May 2021 about meeting with Councillors in June 2020 to discuss an external audit process.
2. I have now had the opportunity to review and refer to:
  - (a) a handwritten note which I took of a meeting on 17 June 2020 (Annexure **AR-31** to this statement); and
  - (b) typed notes prepared by my executive assistant of a meeting which took place on 23 June 2020 (Annexure **AR-32** to this statement).
3. Having refreshed my memory from those notes, I provide the following further information about those meetings.
4. The omission to refer to the meeting of 17 June 2020 in my First Statement was inadvertent and arose because of the compressed time in which my First Statement was prepared.
5. The meeting on 17 June 2020 was the first occasion that I made a formal recommendation to the Councillors to engage external auditors. I gave further evidence about this meeting in response to questions by Counsel assisting on 31 May 2021.
6. The purpose of the meeting on 23 June 2020 was to:
  - (a) confirm the Councillors' position in relation to an audit process prior to the formal (public) Council meeting to take place the next day;
  - (b) to discuss what should happen about the upcoming Council elections during the audit process; and
  - (c) to discuss an unrelated matter (relating to visitor permits for travel to Norfolk Island).
7. The meeting took place at the Council Chambers, Bicentennial Building, Taylors Road.
8. At the 23 June 2020 meeting, each of the Councillors confirmed support for an external audit but each had a different position on what timeframe should be permitted for that process to take place. My best recollection is that:
  - (a) Cr Snell said words to the effect that he supported an external audit but that elections should be postponed by no more than 2 months;
  - (b) Cr Buffett said words to the effect that he supported an external audit process and a deferral of elections for up to 12 months;
  - (c) Cr McCoy said words to the effect that he supported an external audit and a deferral of elections for 6 months;

  
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- (d) Cr Porter said words to the effect that he supported an external audit and a deferral of elections for a period of 2 months but would prefer to allow a period of 6 months for postponing the elections; and
- (e) Cr Adam said words to the effect that she supported a 2 month period for deferring the elections.

I make this Statement conscientiously believing the same to be true to the best of my memory, knowledge and belief.

**Dated** 1 June 2021



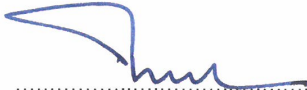
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**Witness's details:**

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**Andrew Roach**




**Signature of witness**

**List of Annexures to Supplementary Statement of Andrew Roach**

<b>Annex</b>	<b>Document</b>	<b>Date</b>
AR-31	Handwritten note prepared by Andrew Roach of meeting on 17 June 2020	17 June 2020
AR-32	Notes prepared by Andrew Roach's executive assistant of meeting on 23 June 2020	23 June 2020

  
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AR-31

COUNCIL BRIEFING 17/6/20.

- Financial Audit - maybe full forensic audit? Boral costs
- Raise with Administrator
- Agree to Audit, but get a trade off for Island.
  - Game changer for the Island.
  - ~~eg.~~ Voluntary Administration?
  - Get Preamble into Legislation
- Set Council up properly for:
  - Finance / Creditors / Payroll
  - Fleet / Purchasing
  - Records management
  - Licencing / Permits
  - Legislation / Regulation
- Meet with the Minister

**AR-32****GM – Mayor and Councillors Meeting: Tuesday 23/06/2020**

i. Calling in Forensic Auditors ASAP to deal with this Council – Mayoral Minute:

Cr. Snell – Two months maximum

Cr. Buffett – Twelve months

Cr. McCoy – Six months

Cr. Porter – support two months (but prefer six months)

Cr. Adams – support two months

ii. Urgent Business – Permit System to be in place for the 10 July (Resident's Pass) plus (Visitor Pass) three to 10 days within of travel to Norfolk Island.

- Data will be collected with the Permit application process.