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Mr David Shoebridge, MLC
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Dear Mr Shoebridge,

Role of the Board of the State Archives and Records Authority

I write regarding the first report released by the Public Accountability Committee inquiry into Integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government Grants Programs issued on 30 March 2021. Specifically, I reference recommendation six of that report as it relates to the Board of the State Archives and Records Authority and wish to provide the following clarification which has been approved by the Board;

1. Recordkeeping Assessments undertaken by the State Archives and Records Authority of NSW (SARA) are not directed by the SARA Board. These assessments are a matter for the management of SARA to determine.
2. The role of the SARA Board is confined to those responsibilities outlined in s70 of the State Records Act 1998. They do not provide authority for the SARA Board to direct the Authority to commence proceedings or direct the Authority to change the result of a recordkeeping Assessment.
3. The Board has confidence in the SARA Management to make decisions and determinations with respect to recordkeeping assessments.

Yours sincerely

Dr Brian Lindsay
Chair, Board of State Archives and Records Authority