

## SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT SESLHD BOARD REFERRAL NOTE

<b>Referral From</b>	Michael Still, Chair of SESLHD Board	18 August 2015
<b>Submitted for (bold relevant)</b>	Approval                      Discussion <b>Noting</b>	Information

**Purpose:**

- To note the procedure undertaken to ensure appropriate Board governance in the circumstances of the Local Health District (LHD) purchasing the services of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in which Board Member Kristin Stubbins maintains a financial interest.

**Background:**

- In the past year the consulting firm of which Ms Stubbins is a partner, PwC, has been engaged to perform consulting assignments for the LHD. These have been notified to the Board, as has a potential or perceived conflict of interest of Ms. Stubbins, due to her partnership in PwC and her consequent financial interest.
- In March 2015 and prior to any negotiation or contract with PwC Ms Stubbins and with the consent of the Board at its meeting in March 2015 meeting, temporarily stepped aside from her Board position so as to remove herself from the decision of the board to engage PwC and its approval of payment sum and contract terms.
- In May 2015 the Chief Executive again wished to instruct PwC to provide consulting services. This was approved by the Board. Again, Ms. Stubbins, with the consent of the Board, stepped down from the Board. This will continue for the period of the consultancy.
- Ms Stubbins personally is currently also involved in mentoring the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in order to improve the financial reporting of the LHD and the stress testing of the 2015/16 budget. No payment will be made to Ms Stubbins or to PwC for this assistance.

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