

From: [Chris Rath](#)
To: [PAWC](#)
Cc: [Office of Abigail Boyd](#); [Abigail Boyd](#)
Subject: FW: Further comments regarding inquiry into LSCA
Date: Friday, 28 March 2025 2:55:21 PM
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Dear Secretariat,

Please see email below that we have received from the Member for Kellyville.

Kind regards,

Chris

From: ElectorateOffice Kellyville
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 4:48 PM
To: Abigail Boyd
Cc: Sarah Mitchell
Subject: Further comments regarding inquiry into LSCA

Chris Rath

Dear Chairperson and Committee Members,

I wish to provide some additional information in light of recent updates which have been made in Parliament regarding my testimony at your inquiry into the Local Small Commitments Allocation program.

I refer to both a speech given last night in the Chamber by Mr Warren Kirby, and a submission received by the committee by Ms Suzanne Lawrence, which I will address separately.

Speech by Mr Kirby:

Mr Kirby made three comments which require individual attention.

1. *"...the neighbourhood centre and the business chamber are strong advocates for the region, regularly collaborating to deliver positive community outcomes. I served as vice-president of both organisations on a volunteer basis until 2022"*

I was not aware of this fact at the time of my testimony, but this further bolsters my comments, noting that this increases the probity risk of a conflict of interest. In other grant programs, such as the CBP, such a conflict would need to be declared.

2. *"The member for Kellyville also claims that I failed to declare a conflict of interest regarding the grant. That is yet another false allegation."*

I was advised by Mr Rath in the committee that Mr Kirby failed to declare a conflict of interest, and that projects in the Division of Riverstone did not form part of a DPC review. I think the committee ought to further clarify this matter, and understand why Mr Kirby would state such a thing if it were not true.

3. *"There was no mention of a \$50,000 grant."*

I remind the committee that I mentioned in my testimony that \$50,000 was explicitly requested during my meeting with Ms Lawrence and Ms Dyke. Whilst this is my word against theirs, I categorically confirm that this occurred.

Correspondence from Ms Lawrence:

1. *"Ms Van Dyke had written to Mr Williams to request a meeting. All correspondence before and following*

the meeting where addresses by Ms Van Dyke CEO of NWCS, not me."

This is patently untrue, my staff keep detailed notes of all correspondence and they show that Ms Lawrence both emailed and called the office to organise a meeting (see below).

2. *"Mr Williams asked if I intended to nominate for the Riverstone seat."*

This is again, patently untrue. Ms Lawrence declared early in the meeting that she was not seeking to be the Labor candidate for Riverstone. This came unprompted. Further, Ms Lawrence went on to say that she was seeking \$50,000 for her organisation, she denies this in her submission but I have a concrete recollection of this conversation occurring as described.

Please find attached further information below.

Best regards,
Ray Williams MP

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lcdocs/submissions/89498/Lawrence%20Sub.pdf>
<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Hansard/Pages/HansardFull.aspx#/DateDisplay/HANSARD-1323879322-151328/HANSARD-1323879322-151408>

From: ElectorateOffice CastleHill
Sent: Thursday, 17 November 2022 9:23 AM
To: Ray Williams <
Subject: FW: Foundation Stone

Ray – Sue Lawrence just rung, wants to know if you can come along to attached event.

If not asked if she can book a time and come see you in the office??

Jacky

From: President
Sent: Thursday, 17 November 2022 9:14 AM
To: ElectorateOffice CastleHill
Subject: Foundation Stone

Thank you for your time

Attached is the invitation to Foundation Stone

If Ray is unable to attend I would appreciate the opportunity to come and speak with him in his office

Regards

Sue Lawrence
NWRG

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