

Inquiry on the planning process in Newcastle and the broader Hunter region

Additional questions: Mr Paul Broad, Chairman, Hunter Development Corporation

1. Please confirm the dates and occasions on which Mr Hawes, as General Manager or consultant of the HDC declared a conflict of interest in relation to his ownership of properties in the vicinity of Wickham railway station;

Response: As recorded in the HDC annual declarations on the following dates:

- 14 February 2011
- 21 November 2011
- 19 February 2013
- 13 February 2014

as recorded on the HDC pecuniary interest register.

2. In relation to each instance in (1) please provide all supporting documentation;

Response: Copies of each declaration and copy of register provided as attachments A,B,C, D, and E.

3. Please provide all **minutes of the HDC Board** on and from 1 January 2009 where the questions of Newcastle Urban renewal and/or the future or possible truncation of the Newcastle railway line were considered;

Response: For the purpose of determining which minutes include items relating to “*where the questions of Newcastle Urban renewal and/or the future or possible truncation of the Newcastle railway line were considered*”; the definition used is where the Board made a decision endorsing Newcastle Urban Renewal Strategy and/or the future possible truncation of the rail line. This is consistent with the limited decision-making role that the Corporation has on these matters. Accordingly, the following extract from the HDC Board meeting of 13 March 2009 is attached (attachment F)

4. In respect of each instance in (3) please advise each occasion Mr Hawes was present and on each occasion he declared a conflict of interest together with all supporting documentation.

Response: A standing item on each HDC Board agenda is an invitation to disclose conflicts of interest in relation to agenda items. Mr Hawes was not employed at the Corporation at the date of this meeting.

5. When was the **Minister** responsible for the HDC first advised of Mr Hawes ownership of properties in the vicinity of Wickham railway station;

Response: The CEO of the Corporation, being firstly the then Chief Executive of the Land and Property Management Authority and subsequently the then Director General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (as it was known at the time) were made aware through the declarations already noted, however it is not known if this information was relayed to the then Minister.

6. How was the Minister responsible for the HDC first advised of Mr Hawes ownership of properties in the vicinity of Wickham railway station and in what form? Please provide all supporting documentation.

Response: As above (5).

7. When was the **Board** of the HDC first advised of Mr Hawes ownership of properties in the vicinity of Wickham railway station?

Response: The Chairman of the Board was informed via declarations made during the course of Mr Hawes' appointment as was the Chief Executive of the Land and Property Management Authority (and Board member). This occurred in February 2011. Subsequently, the then Director-General of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (also a Board member) was provided with the declaration.

8. How was the **Board** of the HDC first advised of Mr Hawes ownership of properties in the vicinity of Wickham railway station and in what form? Please provide all supporting documentation.

Response: As above (7).

9. When was the **Board** of the HDC first advised of Mr Hawes' **intention** to increase his ownership in the property at 1-9 Beresford Street, Newcastle West from a 25% interest to a 50% interest?

Response: HDC does not have any process for capturing "intentions" of this nature.

10. When was the **Board** of the HDC first advised that Mr Hawes' increased his ownership in the property at 1-9 Beresford Street, Newcastle West from a 25% interest to a 50% interest? Please provide all supporting documentation.

Response: The increase was noted in the declaration of 19 February 2013 (refer attachment C).

11. How was the **Minister** responsible for the HDC first advised of Mr Hawes ownership of properties in the vicinity of Wickham railway station and in what form? Please provide all supporting documentation.

Response: Declarations were made to the chief executive of the Land and Property Management Authority and subsequently to the Department of Planning. It is not known if this information was relayed to the then Minister.

12. When was **Minister** responsible for the HDC first advised of Mr Hawes' intention to increase his ownership in the property at 1-9 Beresford Street, Newcastle West from a 25% interest to a 50% interest?

Response: HDC does not have any process for capturing "intentions" of this nature.

13. When was **Minister** responsible for the HDC first advised that Mr Hawes' increased his ownership in the property at 1-9 Beresford Street, Newcastle West from a 25% interest to a 50% interest? Please provide all supporting documentation.

Response: Declarations were made annually to the Department of Planning and Land and Property Management Authority. It is not known if this information was relayed to the then Minister.

14. When Mr Hawes submitted draft ministerial correspondence to then Minister Hazzard office under his signature dated 27 February 2012 did Mr Hawes' disclose his ownership of properties in the vicinity of Wickham railway station?

Response: No

15. If the answer to (14) is yes please advise in what form the disclosure was made and please provide all supporting documentation.

Response: not applicable.

16. If the answer to (14) is no please advise why this conflict of interest was not disclosed.

Response: Declarations were made through the pecuniary interest register.

17. Please note that in relation to these questions “HDC” is a reference to the Hunter Development Corporation including in its former name as the Honeysuckle Development Corporation.




Conflicts of Interest Declaration Statement

~~I, [insert name and title]~~ am not aware of any conflicts of interest that may influence, or could be perceived to influence my actions/decisions in the discharge of my responsibilities for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011.

- OR -

I, *Bob Hawes, General Manager* am aware of potential conflicts of interest that may influence, or could be perceived to influence my actions/decisions in the discharge of my responsibilities for the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011. I have listed this/these in the table below.

Details of Conflicts of Interest

Name	<i>Bob Hawes.</i>
Position	<i>General Manager (Appointed 25/2/11.)</i>
Division / Business Unit	<i>Hunter Development Corporation.</i>
Agency (if contracted staff)	
Branch	
Phone no.	
Position you report to	<i>Chief Executive / Director General.</i>
Nature of conflict of interest	<i>(i) Company Director / property ownership. (ii) Former Employment, Builder Group.</i>
Signature	
Date	<i>14/2/2011.</i>

Action Recommended (LPMA Audit and Risk Committee)

Action Recommended	
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Action Approved (By Chief Executive)

Action Approved (as above or detail other course of action)	
Signed	
CHIEF EXECUTIVE	
Date	

Added to Conflicts of Interest Register

Signed	
Date	Corporate Governance Officer

¹ [insert name and title]



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STANDING NOTICE OF INTERESTS

To be completed by Staff

1. Personal details

Given names and family name	ROBERT JOHN HAWES.		
All former given names and family names			
Usual residential address			
Contact details	Telephone:.....	Fax:	
	Mobile:..	

2. Appointments to other Federal, State and Local Government Boards, Trusts Advisory Councils or Committees

- (i) Community Reference Group - Burwood Beach Waste Water Facility, Hunter Water Corp.
- (ii) Member, Hunter Chapter Committee, Property Council of Australia.

3. Notice of Interest

I understand that as a staff member of the Hunter Development Corporation, I must give the Chief Executive notice of any material personal interest in a matter that relates to the affairs of the Hunter Development Corporation or any of its subsidiaries (conflict).

I give notice of the following interests:

A Shares, debentures and other securities which may give rise to a conflict			
	Name of company	Number of shares, debentures and other securities	Nature and extent of interest
	Nil.		

B	Rights or options to dispose of shares, debentures or other securities which may give rise to a conflict		
	Name of company	Number of rights/options	Nature and extent of interest
	<i>Nil.</i>		
C	Contracts		
	Parties	Description of contract	Nature and extent of interest
(i)	<i>Builder / Sabstan Equity Plc</i>	<i>'Employment' Contract</i>	<i>In process of being dissolved.</i>
D	Real property which I hold, or a body in which I have an interest holds, which may give rise to a conflict		
	Address of property	Description of interest	Nature and extent of interest
(i)	<i>1-9 Beresford St Newcastle West.</i>	<i>Part owner through Meremur Plc.</i>	<i>25% - Site for sale</i>
(ii)	<i>780 Hunter Street Newcastle West.</i>	<i>Part owner through Ledroc Plc.</i>	<i>7% - Investment property.</i>
E	Other corporate offices which I hold where a conflict may arise		
	Name of body corporate	Office held	Nature and extent of interest
(i)	<i>Hunter Business Chamber</i>	<i>Director.</i>	<i>Board member - NFP. Also chair of HBC Regional Infrastructure Committee.</i>

F	Firms/partnerships I am a member of which may give rise to a conflict	
	Name of firm/partnership	Nature and extent of interest
(i)	Meremen P/L	Director; Property owning entity
(ii)	Ledroc P/L	" ; " " "
G	Other interests (including, for example, as a trustee or beneficiary of any trusts, any intellectual property rights or other business interests) which may give rise to a conflict	
	Description	Nature and extent of interest
(i)	Sebastian Family Trust.	Trustee: operates Castlewest Consulting, a locally based firm.

Please note that the onus is on you to identify any situations that should be declared. Should you wish any assistance or clarification, you can contact the Chief Executive.

Undertaking

I undertake to notify Hunter Development Corporation immediately of:

- (a) any material change in the facts set out in this Notice; and
- (b) any material personal interest I have in a matter that relates to the affairs of the Hunter Development Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, unless I have already given a standing notice of the nature and extent of the interest and the notice is still effective in relation to the interest.

In conducting my duties as General Manager, I will comply with the Corporation's *Code of Conduct* and policy guidelines.

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Signature

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Date

Privacy

The *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (the Act) aims to protect the privacy of individuals from the inappropriate collection, storage, use and disclosure of personal information by NSW public sector agencies.

The information you provide in this declaration may be made available to the Minister for the Hunter and the Chairman. The information will be stored in a secure environment only accessible by the General Manager and will not be released to anyone without the written authorisation of the Chairman.



STANDING NOTICE OF INTERESTS

To be completed by Directors and staff

1. Personal details

Given names and family name	Robert John Hawes
All former given names and family names	-
Usual residential address	
Contact details	Telephone: Fax:

2. Appointments to Federal, State and Local Government Boards, Trusts Advisory Councils or Committees

- Hunter Water Community Consultation Committee for Burwood Beach Waste Water System Upgrade.
- Newcastle Council Merewether Public Domain Reference Panel.

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	Name of company	Number of shares, debentures and other securities	Nature and extent of interest
	Nil		
B	Rights or options to dispose of shares, debentures or other securities which may give rise to a conflict		
	Name of company	Number of rights/options	Nature and extent of interest
	Nil.		



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C	Contracts		
	Parties	Description of contract	Nature and extent of interest
	N/A		
D	Real property which I hold, or a body in which I have an interest holds, which may give rise to a conflict		
	Address of property	Description of interest	Nature and extent of interest
	1-9 Beresford Street 780 Hunter Street	25% interest. 7.5% interest	Property ownership. Property ownership.
E	Other corporate offices which I hold where a conflict may arise		
	Name of body corporate	Office held	Nature and extent of interest
	Hunter Business Union FI	Director	Non-exec. director.
F	Firms/partnerships I am a member of which may give rise to a conflict		
	Name of firm/partnership	Nature and extent of interest	
	Fintroy Pty Ltd. (Castle crest Consultants)	Director	
G	Other interests (including, for example, as a trustee or beneficiary of any trusts, any intellectual property rights or other business interests) which may give rise to a conflict		
	Description	Nature and extent of interest	
	Property Council of Australia - Hunter Chapter	Committee member.	

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In conducting my duties as staff member, I will comply with the Corporation's *Code of Conduct* and policy guidelines.

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Signature

21/11/11
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Date

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All former given names and family names	
Usual residential address	
Contact details	Telephone: Fax:

2. Appointments to Federal, State and Local Government Boards, Trusts Advisory Councils or Committees

Hunter Water Community Consultation Committee for Burwood beach Waste Water system upgrade ...

Newcastle Council Merewether Public Domain Reference Panel

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	Nil		

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	Nil		
D	Real property which I hold, or a body in which I have an interest holds, which may give rise to a conflict		
	Address of property	Description of interest	Nature and extent of interest
	1-9 Beresford Street Newcastle West	50% interest	Property ownership – currently leased; DA in place for redevelopment. Property has been for sale for sometime.
	780 Hunter Street	10% interest	Commercial investment property currently leased
E	Other corporate offices which I hold where a conflict may arise		
	Name of body corporate	Office held	Nature and extent of interest
	Hunter Business Chamber	Director	Non-executive director
F	Firms/partnerships I am a member of which may give rise to a conflict		
	Name of firm/partnership	Nature and extent of interest	
	Fintraz Pty Ltd trading as Castlecrest Consultants	Non executive Director	
G	Other interests (including, for example, as a trustee or beneficiary of any trusts, any intellectual property rights or other business interests) which may give rise to a conflict		
	Description	Nature and extent of interest	
	Property Council of Australia Hunter Chapter	Committee member	

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In conducting my duties as staff member, I will comply with the Corporation's *Code of Conduct* and policy guidelines.

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Signature

19/2/13
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Date

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Usual residential address	
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2. Appointments to other Federal, State and Local Government Boards, Trusts Advisory Councils or Committees

- Hunter Water Community Consultation Committee for Burwood Beach Waste Water System upgrade
- Newcastle Council Merewether Public Domain Reference Panel

3. Notice of Interest

I understand that as a Director of the Coordination and Delivery Group I must give the other Directors notice of any material personal interest in a matter that relates to the affairs of the Coordination and Delivery Group or any of its subsidiaries (conflict).

I give notice of the following interests:

A	Shares, debentures and other securities which may give rise to a conflict		
	Name of company	Number of shares, debentures and other securities	Nature and extent of interest
	Nil		
B	Rights or options to dispose of shares, debentures or other securities which may give rise to a conflict		
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F	Firms/partnerships I am a member of which may give rise to a conflict		
	Name of firm/partnership	Nature and extent of interest	
	Fintraz Pty Ltd trading as Castlecrest Consultants	Non-executive Director	
G	Other interests (including, for example, as a trustee or beneficiary of any trusts, any intellectual property rights or other business interests) which may give rise to a conflict		
	Description	Nature and extent of interest	
	Property Council of Australia Hunter Chapter	Committee member	

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Undertaking

I undertake to notify Hunter Development Corporation immediately of:

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- (b) any material personal interest I have in a matter that relates to the affairs of the Coordination and Delivery Group or any of its subsidiaries, unless I have already given a standing notice of the nature and extent of the interest and the notice is still effective in relation to the interest.

In conducting my duties as Board Member / Director, I will comply with the Conduct Guidelines for Members of NSW Government Boards and Committees.

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Signature

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Date

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Extract from HDC Declarations of Interest Register - Robert John Hawes via Annual Declarations

Name	Date of Declaration	Document	Item
Robert John Hawes	14/02/2011	Appointments to other Federal, State and Local Government Boards, Trusts Advisory Councils or Committees	1. Community Reference Group, Burwood Beach Waste Water Facility, Hunter Water Corp 2. Member, Hunter Chapter Committee, Property Council of Australia
Robert John Hawes	14/02/2011	Contracts	Buildev / Jabstan Equity P/L "Employment" contract, in process of being dissolved
Robert John Hawes	14/02/2011	Real property which I hold, or a body in which I have an interest holds, which may give rise to a conflict	1-9 Beresford Street, Newcastle West. Part owner through Meremen P/L, 25% interest, site for sale
Robert John Hawes	14/02/2011	Real property which I hold, or a body in which I have an interest holds, which may give rise to a conflict	780 Hunter Street, Newcastle West. Part owner through Ledroc P/L, 7% interest, Investment property
Robert John Hawes	14/02/2011	Other corporate offices which I hold where a conflict may arise	Hunter Business Chamber (Director) - Board member, NFP. Also chair of HBC Regional Infrastructure Committee
Robert John Hawes	14/02/2011	Firms/partnerships I am a member of which may give rise to a conflict	Meremen P/L - Director, Property owning entity. Ledroc P/L - Director, Property owning entity.
Robert John Hawes	14/02/2011	Other interests which may give rise to a conflict	Jabstan Family Trust - Trustee: operates Castlecrest Consulting, a locally based firm
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Robert John Hawes	21/11/2011	Real property which I hold, or a body in which I have an interest holds, which may give rise to a conflict	1-9 Beresford Street, Newcastle West. 25% interest - Property ownership
Robert John Hawes	21/11/2011	Real property which I hold, or a body in which I have an interest holds, which may give rise to a conflict	780 Hunter Street, Newcastle West. 7.5% interest. Property ownership
Robert John Hawes	21/11/2011	Other corporate offices which I hold where a conflict may arise	Hunter Business Chamber (Director) - Non-executive Director
Robert John Hawes	21/11/2011	Firms/partnerships I am a member of which may give rise to a conflict	Fintraz Pty Ltd trading as Castlecrest Consultants - Director
Robert John Hawes	21/11/2011	Other interests which may give rise to a conflict	Property Council of Australia Hunter Chapter - Committee member
Robert John Hawes	19/02/2013	Appointments to other Federal, State and Local Government Boards, Trusts Advisory Councils or Committees	Hunter Water Community Consultation Committee for Burwood Beach Waste Water System upgrade, Newcastle Council Merewether Public Domain Reference Panel
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Robert John Hawes	13/02/2014	Other corporate offices which I hold where a conflict may arise	Hunter Business Chamber (Director) - Non-executive Director
Robert John Hawes	13/02/2014	Firms/partnerships I am a member of which may give rise to a conflict	Fintraz Pty Ltd trading as Castlecrest Consultants - Non-executive Director
Robert John Hawes	13/02/2014	Other interests which may give rise to a conflict	Property Council of Australia Hunter Chapter - Committee member

Meeting date Item no.	Extract of minutes	Resolution Action	Bob Hawes attendance
13 March 2009	<p>CBD PROJECT – HDC STRATEGY ON WAY FORWARD - Extraordinary Meeting</p> <p>The Board was advised that the final CBD PCG meeting took place on 12 March 2009. A copy of the draft submission to the State Government (Newcastle City Centre Strategy, March 2009) was provided to the PCG members which outlines the following recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Strategy is endorsed. • A strong preference be given to the State Attorney General's department to relocate its justice facilities in Newcastle's Civic Precinct as a matter of priority. • Support be given to the staged relocation of approximately 60,000m² of the University of Newcastle's faculties into the CBD in accordance with the Strategy. • The heavy rail terminus be relocated at Wickham subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Federal Government funding; - the introduction of an improved public bus system that supports the goals outlined in the CBD Strategy; and - the rail corridor remaining in public ownership and used as a combination of public domain, pedestrian, cyclist, tourist and disabled route. • Support be given to the tripartite development and implementation of a Public Domain Plan which includes the future of the "rail corridor", the proposed interchange, north south connections, opening of the mall to traffic, Hunter Street improvements and an expanded and integrated public space network. • The Strategy forms the basis for any submission to the Federal Government and that a submission for funding to implement infrastructure and catalyst projects within the Strategy be made as a matter of priority focussing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Relocation and expansion of the University of Newcastle's campus in the city centre; - Detailed planning through to implementation of the removal of the rail line to Wickham and upgrading of public bus transport system and appropriate use of the rail corridor for pedestrian, cyclist, tourist and disabled use; and - Implementation of the Public Domain Plan for the CBD. • New South Wales Government provide funding for the continuation of further detailed feasibility and planning studies to support the submission to the Federal Government. <p>It was noted the Board received a paper on 12 March 2009 (CBD Project – HDC Strategy on Way Forward) which outlines a strategy for HDC's future involvement in the projects that are proposed to be recommended to the NSW Government and form the basis of a submission to the Federal Government in order to secure funding for their delivery. Attachments to the paper included a copy of draft Cabinet Minute, copy of draft briefing note to the Minister for Planning, copy of draft media release and a paper on Staging, Funding and Financials.</p> <p>The recommended next steps to initially be taken are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint briefing of the Minister for the Hunter and the Minister for Planning. The Board was advised that the General Manager will be meeting the Ministers on Thursday 26 March 2009. • Minister for the Hunter and Minister for Planning to brief the Minister for Transport. • Minister for the Hunter to brief the Attorney General. 	<p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Management to ensure that requests for funding clearly indicated that the State government would need to be prepared to not only fund further planning studies but significantly contribute to funding of physical works particularly for the transport component of the strategy. 2. Management to meet and obtain written confirmation from the University of Newcastle that they are committed to the relocation of the Business, Law, Education and Arts faculties to a CBD location. <p>Resolution:</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Board adopt the final draft report subject to highlighting the need for the State government to</p>	Not employed at HDC

Meeting date Item no.	Extract of minutes	Resolution Action	Bob Hawes attendance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Minute presented to NSW Cabinet. • Public announcement by NSW Government. <p>The Board requested management to ensure that requests for funding clearly indicated that the State government would need to be prepared to not only fund further planning studies but significantly contribute to funding of physical works particularly for the transport component of the strategy.</p> <p>Once management has met with the Minister for the Hunter and the Minister for Planning the Board will receive a final draft report, with any amendments highlighted, for endorsement. The Chairman advised he is available to discuss any material changes should they arise in the meantime.</p>	<p>contribute to physical works in the event that Federal funding was secured.</p>	