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Dear Commissioner

Please find attached a Minute and Decision Paper for the Cabinet Standing Committee on Infrastructure from December 2013.

These materials were discovered by a staff member in my electorate office after moving into the office used by the previous Member for Newcastle, Mr Tim Owen.

I am providing these materials to the Commission given the serious allegations raised at the Commission regarding Mr Owen and his relationship with property developers. I have no evidence of corrupt conduct however it is unclear why Mr Owen would have access to Cabinet material.

Further I note that Mr McCloy had been lobbying for the light rail line to run along Hunter Street (Newcastle Herald, 11 October 2013).

The Cabinet Standing Committee materials show the Transport for NSW recommended the light rail run through along the existing rail corridor for a number of reasons including:

- Minimising impact on the traffic network;
- Reducing delays for road traffic and light rail commuters;
- Being the most cost effective option;
- Allowing re-use of the heavy rail infrastructure; and
- Minimising project delivery risks.

Shortly after this Standing Committee meeting (11 December 2013) Mr McCloy once again began publicly lobbying for the light rail to run along Hunter Street (Newcastle Herald, 24 December 2013).

As you are aware the government has since proceeded with an alignment along Hunter Street rather than the preferred route put forward by Transport for NSW.

I am happy to make myself available to discuss the details of this matter further with you or officers of the Independent Commission Against Corruption.

Yours sincerely

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