

Project No: 953
20th August, 2013

The Hon Robert Borsak MLC
Committee Chair
Parliament House
Macquarie Street,
SYDNEY NSW 2000

**RE: Inquiry into the Agistment of Horses at Yaralla Estate –
Response to Supplementary Questions**

Dear Sir,

In reference to your letter dated 12th August 2013, please find below a response to the supplementary questions as requested from the Committee:-

- (1) *Has Blue Visions Management Pty Ltd ("blueVisions") conducted any work for, or on behalf of, the NSW Police in the last ten years?*
- (a) *If so, please provide details including the nature of the work and the position or organisational unit within the NSW Police for which the work was conducted.*

blueVisions has never been directly commissioned by the NSW Police to undertake any project work.

blueVisions did act as a sub-consultant to United Group Limited (UGL) to provide risk management facilitation on the proposed redevelopment of Manly police station, a short assignment of 2-3 days effort in mid 2012.

Additionally, blueVisions was commissioned as a sub-consultant by the NSW Department of Commerce (now known as the Department of Finance & Services) to provide strategic project advice for the redevelopment of several (7 in total) police occupied facilities between 2003 and 2007. Typically each role lasted less than one (1) week in duration.

While providing the services to UGL and the NSW Department of Commerce, blueVisions never came into contact with any staff members of the NSW Police and its services were used as advisory and facilitation as a sub consultant.

- (2) *On what date was contact first made between blueVisions and the NSW Mounted Police in respect of the prospective use by the NSW Mounted Police of the Yaralla land?*

The first contact with the NSW Mounted Police (NSWMP) was made early in January 2013.

- (a) *Who initiated the contact?*

The first contact was made by phone from Ron Turner to the Commander of the NSWMP (Inspector McFadden).

- (b) If blueVisions, or someone acting on behalf of blueVisions initiated the contact, what reason did blueVisions have for believing that the NSW Mounted Police were a prospective tenant?*

It was considered due to the relatively proximity of the existing NSWMP Redfern stable facility, that the NSWMP facility does not have suitable grazing or turnout space nearby and my knowledge of the difficulties arising from management of horses that are continually stabled.

- (3) On what date was the idea of the NSW Mounted Police as a prospective tenant on the Yaralla land first raised with the Sydney Local Health District (SLHD)?*

The idea was discussed with the SLHD in early January 2013, prior to my first approach to NSWMP.

- (a) With whom was it raised and who initiated the contact between blueVisions and SLHD?*

The NSWMP option was discussed with Ms. Deborah Flood, SLHD's Director Capital Asset and Contract Services. The contact with SLHD was part of my day to day engagement with SLHD.

- (4) Apart from the SLHD and the NSW Mounted Police, was the concept of the NSW Mounted Police using the Yaralla land raised with anyone outside of blueVisions prior to the submission of the Sydney Local Health District (SLHD) Dame Edith Walker Estate Agistment Facility Report to the SLHD?*

- (a) If so, who and when?*

Not to my knowledge.

- (5) Please provide details of all contact between blueVisions and the NSW Mounted Police from the time that their prospective use of the land was first raised until 1st August 2013.*

- (a) Please provide the identity of the person who initiated the contact, the nature of the contact and the outcomes of the contact.*

The initial telephone contact was made in early January 2013 by Ron Turner. The person contacted was Inspector Kirsten McFadden. The conversation provided details of the size and location of the Estate and the contact was made to determine if the NSWMP had any interest in leasing the site.

The first site meeting occurred on the 18th January, 2013. Those present included SLHD's Deborah Flood, Inspector McFadden, Leading Senior Constable Rod Cillero and I, Ron Turner.

This was followed by a meeting on the 15th February, 2013 with SLHD's Deborah Flood and Deborah Jenkins (SLHD Property Manager), NSWMP's Inspector McFadden and Leading Senior Constable Rod Cillero and I, Ron Turner, to discuss the proposed terms for a Heads of Agreement.

A second site meeting was held on the 5th March, 2013 with representatives of the NSW Police Property Managers, SLHD's Deborah Flood and Deborah Jenkins and NSWMP Inspector McFadden. The purpose of this meeting was to orientate the property managers and discuss the details of the proposed heads of Agreement.

Other informal contact included emails, phone calls and meetings organised by SLHD with the community that was attended by myself, Ron Turner and NSW Police.

I trust that the above responses have addressed the questions to your satisfaction. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email on

Kind Regards,

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