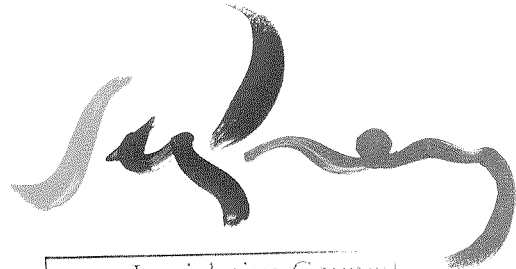
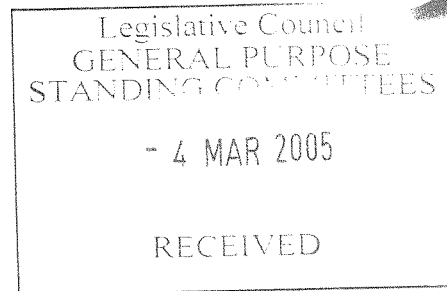


4 March 2005



Mr Steven Reynolds
Director
General Purpose Standing Committee No 4
Legislative Council
Parliament House, Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000



Dear Mr Reynolds

**RE: INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF
SYDNEY HARBOUR FORESHORE AUTHORITY**

I refer to your letter of 23 February 2005 seeking provision of documents to assist the Committee with its inquiry.

I offer the following comments in relation to the Committee's request:

All files in the possession or control of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority of the former Chairman Mr G Gleeson, whether in written or electronic form, provided that in relation to any electronic files the Committee does not, at this stage, require attachments to emails.

No such files exist. The former Chairman did not keep his own files (but rather used the Authority's files) and did not use e-mails.

All directions pursuant to Section 28 of the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority Act 1998 from the Ministers responsible for Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority and all notes prepared by recipient executives or officers of Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority detailing such directions, the circumstances in which the directions were given and action taken pursuant to the directions.

No such directions have ever been issued in writing. The only such direction ever given, in relation to withdrawal of the Authority's bid to purchase SuperDomø, was verbal and file notes relating to that direction are attached.

Please let me know if the Authority can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

Robert Lang
Chief Executive Officer

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Memo

Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority



Attention: **Rob Lang, Chief Executive Officer**

Date: 26th May 2004

CC:

From: **Gerry Gleeson, Chairman**

Subject: **SuperDome Bid**

1. Yesterday afternoon Minister Craig Knowles telephoned me to advise that the Premier was seriously concerned about SHFA bidding for the leasing rights of the SuperDome.
2. I forwarded to the Minister a set of notes concerning the acquisition.
3. About 5.45 p.m. the Minister telephoned from the Premier's Office to inform me that the Premier was issuing a Press Release to the effect that he had instructed through the Minister that the bid be withdrawn.
4. I immediately informed you of this and I appreciated the quick action that you took in that Rothschilds were advised both orally and by e-mail at about 6.30 p.m. of the withdrawal of the bid.
5. As discussed this morning, I should be pleased if you would now take legal advice concerning any further formal steps that need to be taken by SHFA, particularly directed to mitigation of any damages that might be claimed.
6. The article in the Sydney Morning Herald today not only is factually incorrect in many aspects but also must have resulted from one of the parties breaking the confidentiality agreement into which we entered when we were considering bidding.


Gerry Gleeson