Appendix 5

Correspondence from Indigenous Business Australia

19 June 2012



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Senator Claire Moore Senator for Queensland Chair, Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs Parliament House CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator

I am writing to you concerning a final report prepared by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu (Deloitte) on the independent investigation into anonymous allegations raised against the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of Indigenous Business Australia (IBA). At the Senate Committee Hearing of 11 May 2012, IBA suggested that there were a number of minor errors in the Deloitte report. After a review of the review of the report, these matters are detailed below:

- Section 5.1.3 (page 14). IBA Pty Ltd should be referred as IBA (Property Holdings) and has no connection with Tjapukai Pty Ltd.
- Section 5.6.3 5th dot point (page 31). The report states: 'We have not been able to locate the minutes of the Board meeting'. IBA provided Deloitte with full access to all documents including the minutes of the Board meeting in question.
- Appendix A (page 33). Mr Chris Fry is not a company director of the following companies as listed in the appendix: Public Policy Solutions Pty Ltd and Commercial Freedom Australia Pty Ltd.
- The report refers in an number of places to 22 people who attended the conference. There were 18 staff who attended part or all the conference.
 In addition, there were 6 non-IBA staff who presented at the conference.

These matters have been communicated to the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), who were responsible for managing the investigation.

In addition, I have attached communication between Dr Dawn Casey and FaHCSIA correcting evidence within the Deloitte report.

Please contact me if I can provide any further advice or assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Subject: Deloitte Report into IBA: Errata letter (confidential)

Dear Simon

In my discussions in the Sydney interview with Graeme Newton, Partner with Deloitte I recalled to him that, in 2009, as well as my extensive museum experience that was extremely would be highly beneficial I declared a perceived conflict of interest to the Board due to my distant family connection to a current Tjapukai employee Mr Hudson. I am concerned that this statement may have been misconstrued. I did not mean that I made a formal declaration of a material personal interest in the legal sense at that time. I have never considered my distant connection with Mr Hudson to be close enough to give rise to a conflict of interest with my position as Chair of IBA. However, while I did not declare a material personal interest in relation to Tjapukai, I did disclose my distant connection to David Hudson and childhood relationship with Cairns to IBA directors in 2009. For this reason I did not believe that there was a need to formally record this discussion in the Board minutes.

In 2010, the Board considered whether any involvement I have had with Tjapukai, or any person associated with Tjapukai, could amount to a material personal interest. The Board accepted that this relationship does not give rise to any conflict of interest.

Mr Bator has confirmed with Mr Peter Thomas that I had disclosed my distant connection with Mr Hudson and my childhood upbringing in Cairns from an earlier stage of my Chairmanship.

I would appreciate it if you could arrange for the abovementioned details to be included in the errata letter from Deloittes to IBA.

Kind Regards

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