

AUSTRALIAN SENATE  
FINANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
REFERENCES COMMITTEE  
PARLIAMENT HOUSE  
CANBERRA  
ACT 2600

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Good Afternoon Alistair,

**Re: Inquiry into a funding matter under DRAP**

The Moruya Steel Profiling Plant in NSW known as Moruya Decking & Cladding Pty Ltd T/A Mordek has achieved the main objective for the DRAP funding by providing sustainable employment to local people who were previously unemployed in a dairy dependant community and has successfully opened up the area for further creation of jobs. This has been achieved with the building of a larger factory with more machines and by extending the production of sheds, garages and carports. The new factory had to employ more staff while the construction of sheds, garages and carports is being carried out as a subcontracted activity to builders in Moruya, Nowra and Canberra - this venture continues to grow.

With the support of the Eurobodalla Shire Council the company has been able to successfully utilise the DRAP funding by building a larger factory which in turn has helped the unemployment in the area as well as encourage economic growth within the Shire.

The application for funding from the Dairy Rap was submitted by Moruya Decking & Cladding Pty Ltd; The Eurobodalla Shire Council fully supported the application; The company received the grant, and Dotars oversaw the project through each stage that the company was required to meet before further funding was advanced and final payment made.

The preliminary work for the building of the factory commenced well before the date that the project should have commenced. Between this date and the end of the funding period steel framing for the construction of the new factory commenced on the 3rd December 2001. The audit and the final inspection have all been approved and acquitted by Dotars. The factory became fully operational on the 6th May 2002.

In relation to the sewerage project mentioned in the letter dated 7th April 2003 informal discussions were held with the Eurobodalla Shire Council over an extended period of time prior to the signing of a Letter of Understanding in August 2002. No formal contract has been signed in relation to the sewerage of the North Moruya Industrial Estate at this point in time and no monies have passed hands.

I wish to reinforce that every move the company took was closely monitored by Dotars. The Eurobodalla Shire Council has supported the funding of the new factory because of the creations of jobs in the area and because of the development of the industrial site. Obviously the sewerage will further assist the development of the site, but in relation to the funding the main principals (stakeholders) were Mordek, Dotars and the contractors etc involved in the building of the factory. Not one cent of the funding has been spent other than on the factory development as acquitted by Dotars.

Yours sincerely,

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