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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

AT SYDNEY

ON MONDAY 19 NOVEMBER, 2018

AT 10.00AM

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THE COMMISSIONER: I confirm that the scheduled hearing for this week and next week will not proceed. The proceedings will be listed for directions, that will be on Friday, 8 February, next year, 2019, at 10 o'clock. The parties appearing in the inquiry will be notified in due course as to the further hearing dates for the public inquiry.

10 In relation to applications made by Mr Petroulias for summonses to issue for documents and for applications for cross-examination of witnesses, those applications will be dealt with in due course. However, in relation to those  
10 and other matters, the Commission will make these directions with respect to the matters set out in a document, I'll shortly hand down, related to directions for Mr Petroulias. Do we have copies of those? Perhaps if a  
copy could be made available to Mr Petroulias. Thank you. Mr Petroulias, these directions are being made so that the matters referred to in the document can be dealt with in an orderly fashion and will require your  
attention. There's no need for you to, as it were, take on board everything that's in the document at this stage but they are intended to assist you in  
doing what's necessary so that the matter can go forward and hence I have reduced them to writing. So accordingly I make directions in accordance  
20 with the document entitled Directions with Respect to Operation Skyline, 19 November, 2018, a copy of which has just been handed to Mr Petroulias. Mr Petroulias, it will be necessary for you, as the document indicates, for  
you to respond in terms to the directions in accordance of paragraph 1, by 4.00pm on Friday, 7 December, 2018.

Mr Petroulias, one matter, you're not presently legally represented, is that the position?

30 MR PETROULIAS: That's correct.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr Petroulias, it would be advisable I think for you – it's not my position to give advice but it's entirely a matter for you, of course – that if you wish to have legal representation there is an office referred to as the Legal Representation Office. I'm unsure as to whether  
you're aware of that. That office exists for the purposes of arranging legal representation in proceedings before this Commission, and if you wish to  
avail yourself of that service or to apply to that service for legal representation, the Commission officers can provide you with contact  
40 details, that's if you don't have those details. Do you understand?

MR PETROULIAS: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: And it would be advisable, I think, for you too, if you're going to be legally represented, to secure that legal representation this year rather than next year in order to give yourself the time necessary to prepare. Now, are there any other matters you want to raise?

MR CHEN: No, there's not, Commissioner.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very well. Well, then I confirm the position that the proceedings will be listed aforementioned on Tuesday, 7 December, 2019 at 10.00am.

MR CHEN: No, sorry, 8 February, 2019.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Sorry, thank you. 8 February, 2019, at 10.00am. Yes, very well. So, I'll adjourn. Sorry, just before I do adjourn, Mr Petroulias, are there any matters you wanted to raise concerning what's transpired this morning or otherwise?

MR PETROULIAS: Just looking briefly at this document you've handed me, sorry, just looking briefly at this document you've handed me, in terms of evidence, I've got heaps of original documents that go to the background of the first Gows and second Gows agreement. It doesn't fit within (not transcribable) so I just give them to you as an attachment?

20 THE COMMISSIONER: No, no. As you'll see, what's required from you is set out in paragraph 1.1, the matters that you will be relying upon, at the end of that day, that you'll be making submissions about as to your explanation of those various transactions and associated matters and the justification for your role in them. It will be of benefit to the Commission at least to have it clear as to what your, as it were, affirmative case is but it's also I think something that will assist you and address your mind to what it is that you want to raise in submissions ultimately in this matter. So, those particular matters set out in paragraph 1.1 and 1.2 and 1.3 are therefore designed to ensure that, as it were, we're on the same page, we understand what you're going to assert in submissions, and also so that I can understand  
30 any applications you make in their context, as to the relevance, for example, of the documents you've already identified that you'll want summonsed, the relevance of the witnesses you want to have to give evidence or to be cross-examined. You understand?

MR PETROULIAS: Yeah, I do.

THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you. I'll adjourn.

40 **AT 10.13AM THE MATTER WAS ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY**  
**[10.13am]**