



**16 OCTOBER 2000**

**Meeting No 1316**

**MINUTES** of a Meeting of the Council of the City of Sydney held in the Council Chamber at the Sydney Town Hall, commencing at 5.50pm on 16 October 2000 pursuant to Notice 13/1316 dated 12 October 2000.

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### PRESENT

The Right Hon The Lord Mayor Councillor Frank Sartor  
(Chairman)

Councillors - Dixie Coulton, Nick Farr-Jones, Kathryn Greiner, Robert Ho, Fabian Marsden and Lucy Turnbull.

At the commencement of business at 5.50pm those present were:-

The Lord Mayor, Councillors Coulton, Farr-Jones, Greiner, Ho, Marsden and Turnbull.

The General Manager, Deputy General Manager, Director City Development, and Acting Director Legal and Secretariat were also present.

#### Opening Prayer

The Lord Mayor opened the meeting with prayer.

### ITEM 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Turnbull, seconded by Councillor Coulton -

That the minutes of the meeting of Council of 4 September 2000, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Turnbull, seconded by Councillor Ho -

That the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Council of 11 September 2000, as circulated to Councillors, be confirmed.

Carried.

**ITEM 2A. SYDNEY'S OLYMPIC SUCCESS**

FILE NO:

DATE: 16/10/00

**MINUTE BY THE LORD MAYOR**To Council:

The Olympic Games must be the one of the greatest challenges any city in the world can be presented with. It's clear that as Host City, Sydney has exceeded all expectations in meeting this challenge with great distinction.

It is appropriate that Council record its appreciation of the contribution made to this success by the many organisations and individuals involved.

These include:

- the NSW Government - by underwriting the Games and building the venues and infrastructure;
- the Olympic organisations – SOCOG, OCA, ORTA and the AOC who made it happen;
- Government agencies especially CityRail, NSW Police Service, State Transit and the Waterways Authority;
- the 47,000 volunteers who kept the crowds happy and moving;
- our Olympic sponsors;
- the City business community and City property owners who helped to present our best face to the world;
- Sydney's local councils.

As highlighted in IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch's Closing Ceremony speech, our own City of Sydney staff also deserve special thanks. As we look back on the days since the arrival of the Olympic torch on September 14. Olympics visitors, the media included, were overwhelmingly impressed by how good the City looked. Their praise was lavish. The sporting achievements elsewhere in Sydney just added to the feeling.

Never has the City looked smarter, cleaner, more colourful or as vibrant as it did during Games time.

The planning and implementation of the City Improvements Program over the past four to five years gave the City a stylish new look and the new cultural facilities and the influx of residents added life and vigor to the streets. The extraordinary efforts of our cleansing team throughout the Games had the city sparkling.

The Olympics Live Sites also worked brilliantly, and while they caused a few early headaches they proved to be one of the major successes of the Games.

Special recognition should be made of the team who worked on the City Hosting Program. It was a remarkable example of professionalism and hard work. The hard work paid off – all our visitors were effusive in their praise of the courteousness and the level of service provided by the team. As a result, we have created a lasting impression around the world.

One of our first visitors was the Mayor of Toronto, Mel Lastman, whose City is bidding for the 2008 Games. He told his hometown newspaper of his visit to Sydney: "I think it's out of this world. It's the most sensational thing I have ever seen in my life. There's nothing else like it."

His predecessor, now chairman of the Toronto Olympic Bid committee commented "We should bring our architects down here, we really should. They could see first-hand what great things can be done when it comes to city-building."

Of course, the goodwill generated locally and internationally is only one of many important legacies from the Olympic Games. The great news for our ratepayers and stakeholders is that 90% of the City's programs during the Olympic Games are permanent additions to city life.

Colourful flower displays, brilliant banners, brighter lighting, wide granite-paved footpaths, street safety cameras, 24-hour street cleaning and graffiti removal, late night dining, free public entertainment, outdoor restaurants and cafes – these made the city look spectacular during the Games. They are here to stay as permanent additions to the City's programs.

Last week, after discussions with the General Manager, the City took the initiative of publicly thanking the organisations and individuals involved in the Olympics through newspaper advertisements.

I now move that the Council notes this outstanding and unique achievement and that we record our thanks to the organisations and individuals involved in the organisation of the Games and the associated programs.

Special recognition should be given to our own staff at the City of Sydney, particularly the General Manager, Greg Maddock, who steered the planning and operations, served on OCA's Urban Domain Executive and oversaw many of the Olympics Live Sites issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

That arising from consideration of a Minute by the Lord Mayor to Council on 16 October 2000, it be resolved that Council note the outstanding contribution made by the many agencies and individuals involved in planning and presenting the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Council records its thanks to all involved in the organisation of the Olympic Games and its associated programs, with a special thanks to our own staff at the City of Sydney and endorses the actions taken by the Lord Mayor and the General Manager in this regard.

(SGD) COUNCILLOR FRANK SARTOR  
Lord Mayor

Moved by the Chairman (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Greiner -

That arising from consideration of a Minute by the Lord Mayor to Council on 16 October 2000, on Sydney's Olympic Success, it be resolved that -

- (A) Council note the outstanding contribution made by the many agencies and individuals involved in planning and presenting the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Council records its thanks to all involved in the organisation of the Olympic Games and its associated programs, with a special thanks to our own staff at the City of Sydney and endorses the actions taken by the Lord Mayor and the General Manager in this regard;
- (B) Council note the Resolution of the United States Senate (as follows) commending Sydney for its successful conduct of the 2000 Summer Olympic Games, and request the Lord Mayor to respond to the President of the U.S. Senate;
- (C) Council note the correspondence, emails, faxes and other messages received from both Sydneysiders and people all around the world, commending the Sydney Games.

Carried unanimously.

Note - the text of Senate Resolution 364, adopted on 3 October 2000, is as follows -

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**RESOLUTION OF UNITED STATES SENATE**

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Resolution commending Sydney, New South Wales, Australia for its successful conduct of the 2000 Summer Olympic Games and congratulating the United States Olympic Team for its outstanding accomplishments at those Olympic Games.

Whereas the city of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia and its residents have hosted a notably successful 2000 Summer Olympic Games:

Whereas the country and citizens of Australia have warmly welcomed visitors and athletes from around the world;

Whereas the ideals of the Olympic movement to promote mutual understanding, friendship, and peace among nations through sport have been clearly displayed during the 2000 Summer Olympic Games;

Whereas the United States Olympic Team has represented the United States with sportsmanship, honor, courage, and excellence; and

Whereas the United States Olympic athletes have competed at the highest level of sport in the 2000 Summer Olympic Games, earning 39 gold medals, 25 silver medals and 33 bronze medals:

Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate -

- (1) commends the city of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia for its outstanding accomplishments at the 2000 Summer Olympic Games, and
- (2) congratulates the United States Olympic Team for its outstanding accomplishments at the 2000 Summer Olympic Games

SEC.2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Mayor of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, and to the United States Olympic Committee.

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**ITEM 2B. PROCESS FOR RECRUITMENT OF NEW GENERAL MANAGER**

At this stage of the meeting the Chairman (the Lord Mayor) advised that he would be circulating a confidential Minute by the Lord Mayor on Process for Recruitment of New General Manager at a later stage of the meeting.

**ITEM 3. MEMORANDA BY THE GENERAL MANAGER**

There were no Memoranda by the General Manager at this meeting of Council.

**ITEM 4. MATTERS FOR TABLING**

Disclosure of Interest returns that had been lodged in accordance with Section 449(3) of the Local Government Act 1993 were laid on the table.

Moved by the Chairman (the Lord Mayor), seconded by Councillor Turnbull -

That the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests returns be received and noted.

Carried.

**ITEM 5. INVESTMENTS HELD BY COUNCIL AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2000  
(AO2-00360)**

Moved by Councillor Farr-Jones, seconded by Councillor Turnbull -

That arising from consideration of a report by the Management Accounting Officer to Council on 16 October 2000, on Investments Held by Council as at 30 September 2000, it be resolved that the report be received and noted.

Carried.

## **ITEM 6. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

### **SECURITY DURING OLYMPICS (S010694)**

1. By Councillor Greiner -

#### **Question**

Lord Mayor, the security of the Town Hall and Town Hall House during the Olympic Games period was highly successful. The comment was made to me that even pilfering from the library ceased during this time.

Could you give Council an estimate as to the cost of the scanners which were placed at the entrances, as well as the cost of the additional security personnel manning the machines, and would there be a view as to whether this arrangement should be retained on a long term basis?

#### **Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The Director Living City Services advises that -

“The estimate of costs for security for Town Hall and Town Hall House during the Olympics are -

- Scanning Machines      \$9240
- Security Personnel      \$13608

It is considered that the cost would be prohibitive to long term usage. However, the Olympic experience has demonstrated that this type of equipment will be useful during major events or any future security threat.”

### **OLYMPIC HOSPITALITY - EXPENDITURE (S010694)**

2. By Councillor Greiner -

#### **Question**

Lord Mayor, I am sure you did a great deal of entertaining during the Olympic period.

Could you please provide us with details of the expenditure for Council receptions and would you also provide us with details of Council's expenditure at Olympic Park venues?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The General Manager advises that:-

“Expenditure for Council’s Host City Olympic Civic Program was approved as part of Council’s 2000/2001 net \$10 million Olympic Budget, down from \$15 million which Council voted in the previous budget. Olympic Civic Program activity at Olympic Venues was provided through the marketing rights secured under the City’s Funding Agreement with SOCOG. The Funding Agreement was also included in the 2000/2001 Olympic budget of \$10 million.

All budget expenditure will be reported upon in the next quarterly report.”

Initial estimates from the General Manager are that the cost of hospitality at both suites at Sydney Olympic Park could be in the order of \$200,000. There were five Olympics related receptions held, costing about \$130,000, and several still coming for the Paralympics, with all costs expected to be accommodated within the total net budget expenditure for the Olympics.

**IMAX FILM PROMOTING SYDNEY (S010694)**

3. By Councillor Greiner -

**Question**

Lord Mayor, during the Olympic Games period NBC et al gave Sydney free publicity that we could never have afforded to buy in promoting the beauty of our city.

I am reminded that Council invested \$2m in the Imax film promoting Sydney. Was it seen by the 10 million people as proposed, and was there any financial return to Council from the circulation of this film?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The General Manager advises that:-

“The City of Sydney’s involvement in the IMAX film project was to support an initiative that would promote Sydney locally and internationally. It was explained in Council briefings and the Council reports that an Imax film, as compared to a normal feature film or television promotion, has long term value for the City. This is because Imax films are screened for long periods and have a long “shelf life” similar to documentary films.

The Imax film has been screened continuously in Sydney since its launch in August 1999. The performance of the IMAX film is the responsibility of the Production Company and distributors. As such it has been unfortunate that the circumstances of the local distributors, Cinema Plus, and the relatively poor performance of the film locally to date, have meant that local audiences in Sydney have not been as high as anticipated. To overcome these problems, the City has supported other initiatives that promote the film, including those which will generate additional revenue and

improve the overall circulation of the film (in various media), subject to the contractual arrangements and rights.

Examples of additional initiatives include:-

1. The film has been screened internationally in Singapore in January 2000;
2. There has also been in-house screenings of both the trailer and the film on Qantas inbound flights to Australia;
3. The film has been translated to video and DVD;
4. The City included the IMAX film in the CITY OPEN DAY II event on 30 July 2000 with free screenings at the Imax Cinema in Darling Harbour.
5. The City's staff negotiated with Channel 7, a major sponsor for CITY OPENDAY II, to incorporate the Imax film in their commentary and promotion for the event.
6. The City hosted various international dignitaries over the Olympics including the Mayors of several international cities. We promoted the IMAX film to these dignitaries and offered VHS copies of the film.
7. The City has commenced discussions with the administrators of Cinema Plus to seek additional screenings in all its cinemas in Australia. No commitment has yet been given.

Given the performance of the film, there has been no financial return to Council after the first year of screenings and associated activities. However Council has benefited from the promotion obtained through local and international screening. It is anticipated that the products launched from the film will ultimately result in significant circulation of the film which will improve financial returns to all parties involved."

This film was supported and approved by Council as a promotional film for Sydney and the cost was seen as a promotional expense. A financial return was not anticipated at the time. This situation has not changed.

#### **KING GEORGE V AND COOK AND PHILLIP PARK RECREATION CENTRES (S010694)**

4. By Councillor Greiner -

#### **Question**

Lord Mayor, could Council officers please provide a status report on the financial position and usage of KGV Recreational Centre and Phillip and Cook Park Pool and Recreation Centre?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The Deputy General Manager advises that

“I will supply the appropriate reports for both facilities in the Councillors’ Information Service.”

**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE****DISTRIBUTION OF OLYMPIC TICKETS (S010703)**

1. By Councillor Turnbull -

**Question**

Lord Mayor, it was reported during the Olympic Games that the City was distributing Olympic tickets – which had been seized from scalpers – to charities.

Can you enlighten us on this?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Thank you, Deputy Lord Mayor, for that interesting question. You are obviously very concerned about these issues, as was I. Ticket scalping was one of the few negatives to emerge during the Games – but I certainly congratulate staff on turning it into a positive.

Many of the tickets which were confiscated were for imminent events and the time frames were such that they could not be distributed to a charity.

However I am advised that approximately 182 tickets were forwarded to charities, namely:

Mission Australia	30
Salvation Army	21
Anglicare	16
YWCA	15
Wesley Mission	25
Jeff Gambin	5
Fr Riley	39
Exodus Foundation	16
St Vincent de Paul	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>182</b>

**INQUIRY INTO COUNCIL BOUNDARIES (S010700)**

2. By Councillor Greiner -

**Question**

Lord Mayor, are you aware that the Minister for Local Government has set up an Inquiry into boundaries of inner city councils. Are you aware of the criteria of this Inquiry? I do not know what the Inquiry is for and I think it is a missed opportunity. If it's not about lines on the map, I feel it should be about how Councils can deliver services better and more effectively. Do you not agree that it would have been preferable for the criteria to

have focussed not on the boundaries of local council areas but rather on how local councils can deliver more efficiently.

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

The Terms of Reference were in four parts. They are about the structure of local government within those eight municipalities, so I think it is open to make comments on those other issues. We have to prepare a submission by 18 December 2000. We have to decide whether it should be a Council submission or whether we want to divide politically. We should have a discussion about that in late November or early December. The General Manager is organising resources to provide us with advice, so he will be looking at getting people on board to assist us.

The other thing is that whilst it does deal with structure and therefore it is open to raise issues other than lines on maps, we have to be careful how far we venture away from those sorts of issues for the simple reason that when we did have cross servicing it was the biggest disaster you could ever imagine. I think there was bi-partisan agreement in the previous Council that it was a disaster, because you lost accountability in your services. The City was going downhill, and we had no flexibility at all. There was no incentive for efficiency, so I would not recommend cross-servicing except where it's competitive.

I think we would be wanting to look at more than just boundaries in the sense of governance of areas - I mean how do you govern Kings Cross if you take over Kings Cross? I think we are going to be more innovative than local government in Australia has been to date, but that's a matter for discussion. The agenda is quite a tight one; we will need to talk about it at the end of November when we have some thoughts on paper.

My personal philosophy is for much bigger local councils, but I would also urge other amendments to go with it, personally, because I think it's about more than size. Anyhow, the answer is, I think there's scope.

**SMARTPOLES IN MILLERS POINT AND THE ROCKS (S010702)**

3. By Councillor Marsden -

**Question**

Lord Mayor, I refer to the minutes of Council on 4 September, under Item 12, which referred to investigation and consultation on the use of Smartpoles in Millers Point and The Rocks. Could you tell me whether there is a time frame for this?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

I ask the Director City Projects to advise Councillors via the Councillors' Information Service when a discussion can be held on this matter.

**EXCESSIVE NOISE (S010701)**

4. By Councillor Ho -

**Question**

Lord Mayor, two days ago I received a complaint from a shopkeeper in Sussex Street, about an engineering sub-contractor making a diamond cut on the footpath in front of his shop at 11 am. The noise was unbearable and his business was affected. Should the shopkeeper have been notified in advance?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

There is supposed to be a notification process, as part of the contract. I ask the General Manager, could the staff please report via the Councillors' Information Service as to what the notification process is meant to be and could the staff be directed to adhere to it.

**CITY FLAG (S010700)**

5. By Councillor Greiner -

**Question**

Lord Mayor, were you really driving round during the Olympic Games with your flag on your car? As I saw you leaving, the flag was on the front of the bonnet. Are you going to drive around in the Paralympic Games with your flag on the front of your car, like you did during the Olympic Games?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Councillor Greiner, you can't help yourself; you spend a lot of your life being negative about what other people do. Never, if you see something that you don't personally understand, do you assume that there is a logical reason or that it is a bona fide action on the part of someone else. Yes, I did use the City flag on the vehicle some of the time during the Olympic Games when I felt it would assist me with access; it did assist me with access and I make no apology for using it.

Unlike my predecessors I shed all that paraphernalia almost all of the time. I don't ever recall you criticising previous Lord Mayors for dressing up in robes, chains and whatever else at every opportunity. I have shed that paraphernalia for most occasions but I wear the small chain only very rarely. I wear it for citizenship ceremonies because it assists the recipients with their photographs.

The flag was used during the Olympic Games when there was something official and also to assist with access on some occasions. I have not thought about whether to use the flag at the Paralympic Games and if I choose to, I will and if I choose not to, I won't. I won't be consulting you about that. Some of my predecessors used the flag and the mayoral badge everywhere, the flag and mayoral numberplates, almost invariably, especially the conservatives of the 70's and others.

**REGULATION ON MAYORAL FLAG (S010702)**

6. By Councillor Marsden -

**Question**

Lord Mayor, is there a Council regulation against using the mayoral flag?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

No, there is no such regulation; in fact, it was the custom and practice until I put a stop to it.

**LIGHTING IN CHINATOWN (S010701)**

7. By Councillor Ho -

**Question**

Lord Mayor, the minutes record that I put a question at the last meeting regarding the lighting in Chinatown. You answered that you had spoken to the Director City Projects about it and it was supposed to be fixed. So far nothing has been done.

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

I spoke to the Director City Projects last week and he assures me that it is being looked at. I ask the General Manager, could we please have a report within a month as to what he intends to do about this.

**LIGHTING IN OTHER CITY AREAS (S010703)**

8. By Councillor Turnbull -

**Question**

There is a similar problem with lighting in Clarence Street from DrUITT Street for several blocks, and I think possibly also in Kent Street. Lord Mayor, could we please have an assessment and a report?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

I ask the General Manager, could we have an assessment made of lighting levels in Clarence, Kent and Sussex Streets, from DrUITT through to Erskine Street.

**LATE NIGHT DINING PROGRAM (S010700)**

9. By Councillor Greiner -

**Question**

Lord Mayor, of the many comments about the success of the City during the Games, one of them was a sense of security and safety in the City late at night. Are we investigating what we may need to pursue to ensure that the late night dining program remains intact and continues to allow people to have meals much later in the evening than they previously were able to access restaurants?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

We introduced the program last summer and it continued, because there was enough support, through to the Olympics. My understanding is that it is continuing through next summer. We had a sponsor, Amex - I don't know if the sponsor is going to come back in. We are hopeful of the sponsor continuing.

I will ask for a report in the Councillors' Information Service on the program and how it is going. It relies on three things: one is the licensing laws which are gradually being improved; the second is labour laws, which include penalty rates for late night opening; and thirdly the culture of the city. We are working hard to effect change in all those areas.

**CORPORATION BUILDING (S010701)**

10. By Councillor Ho -

**Question**

Lord Mayor, the minutes of the last Council meeting record that I asked about the Corporation Building in Haymarket. You replied that the first exhibition would commence there the next week, which was 11 September, and that the ground floor would be occupied from that week also. So far I have not seen any action. At the beginning I did not support the applicants because I did not think they were on the right track, so I wonder if further down the track, if nothing positive happens, you would reconsider the tenancy?

**Answer by the Lord Mayor**

Councillor Ho, I think we are nowhere near the point of reconsidering the tenancy. I will ask the Deputy General Manager to provide an update. I think it is a question of implementation, and when they will actually move in.

**Deputy General Manager**

They did have an exhibition that lasted for a few days around the period we spoke about, in the first floor area, but they haven't permanently occupied. That will happen by the

end of this month. The other tenancy will be occupied by the end of October. Another tenancy has been occupied since before the Olympics, and Bodhe's will be occupying by the end of this month

**ITEM 7. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no Notices of Motion for this meeting of Council.

**Closed meeting**

At 6.30 pm Council resolved -

That the meeting be closed in accordance with the provisions of

- Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993 to discuss Item 8 on the agenda as this matter comprised discussion of commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the persons who supplied it; and
- Section 10A(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1993 to discuss Item 2B on the agenda as this matter comprised personnel matters concerning particular individuals

and it was further resolved that the meeting be closed for these items on the basis that discussion of these matters in open session would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest, specifically, there was a need to preserve confidentiality having regard to the subject matter and the circumstances of communications.

Items 8 and 2B were then dealt with by Council while the meeting was closed to the public.

**ITEM 8. GEORGE STREET SYDNEY, ADJOINING 540 GEORGE STREET, WOOLWORTHS SUBWAY ENTRANCE - PROPOSED LEASE OF STRATUM UNDER (S012264)**

Moved by Councillor Farr-Jones, seconded by Councillor Turnbull -

That arising from consideration of a report by the Senior Property Manager to Council on 16 October 2000, on George Street Sydney, Adjoining 540 George Street, Woolworths Subway Entrance - Proposed Lease of Stratum Under, it be resolved that -

- (A) Council approve the granting of a lease pursuant to Section 149 of the Roads Act 1993, to the lessee of 540 George Street Sydney, currently Woolworths Limited, for a term commencing on 4 November 2000 and expiring on 8 October 2005, of the stratum under George Street shown on the plan shown at Attachment A to the subject report, subject to the proviso that should the main lease be surrendered or terminated for any reason before its current expiry date, the lease of the stratum shall expire at the same time;
- (B) authority be delegated to the General Manager to determine the initial rental after negotiation, for an amount generally in accordance with market valuation;
- (C) Council's Attorney be authorised to execute all necessary documentation.

Carried.

Note - At 6.40 pm, prior to discussion on Item 2B, all staff left the Council Chamber, with the exception of the General Manager.

Note - The confidential Minute by the Lord Mayor on Process for Recruitment of new General Manager was circulated to all Councillors.

**ITEM 2B. PROCESS FOR RECRUITMENT OF NEW GENERAL MANAGER  
(S013510)**

Moved by the Chairman (the Lord Mayor), seconded Councillor Turnbull -

That arising from consideration of a confidential Minute by the Lord Mayor to Council on 16 October 2000 in relation to the process for recruitment of a new General Manager, it be resolved that:

- (A) Council notes and endorses the procedure outlined in the Minute by the Lord Mayor which the Lord Mayor has adopted in respect of the recruitment of a new General Manager, and the hiring of Mills Oakley Consulting to assist with that process;
- (B) the Minute by the Lord Mayor not be printed in the Minutes of Council, with the exception of the resolution passed by Council.

Carried unanimously.

At 6.50pm the meeting concluded.

Chairman of a meeting of the Council of the City  
of Sydney held on 6 November 2000 at which  
meeting the signature herein was subscribed.