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LEGEND

PO Presiding Officer – ALAN MACSPORRAN QC
CA Counsel Assisting – GLEN RICE QC
30 HRO Hearing Room Orderly – ISABELLA PATTON
W Witness – DR JOHN RYAN
LR Legal Representative – Mr S W ZILLMAN, instructed by Robert Bates
Solicitors

HRO This hearing is resumed.

PO Thank you. Mr RICE.

CA Commissioner, in terms of the programme, there are three witnesses scheduled for appearance today. The first of those is Dr John RYAN, to be followed by Mr Timothy CONNOLLY. There is a third witness, Mr LEEKE, who is not able to appear until 2 pm, so there is likely to be an interval in the course of the morning.

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PO Thank you.

CA I call Dr John RYAN.

PO Dr RYAN, do you have any objection to taking an oath or would you prefer an affirmation?

W I'm sorry, I don't understand.

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PO I just want to swear you in. Do you have any objection to taking an oath on the Bible?

W No, not of course.

PO Thank you.

HRO Would you please take the Bible in your right hand and repeat after me. The evidence.

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W The evidence.

HRO Which I shall give in these proceedings.

W Which I will give in these proceedings.

HRO Shall be the truth.

W Shall be the truth.

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HRO The whole truth.

W The whole truth.

HRO And nothing but the truth.

W And nothing but the truth.

HRO So help me God.

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W So help me God.

HRO Thank you.

PO Mr ZILLMAN, could you announce your appearance?

LR Thank you, sir. ZILLMAN, initials S W, and I'm instructed by Robert Bates Solicitors. I appear for Dr RYAN.

PO Thank you. Mr RICE?

CA Sir, is your name John Alexander RYAN?

W Yes, sir.

10 CA You are a medical practitioner, Dr RYAN?

W Yes, sir.

CA You have a general practice, do you, at Aspley?

W Yes, sir.

CA You are appearing here today in response to a notice to attend?

20 W Yes.

CA Could I show you this, first of all. Just sit there and someone will bring it to you. Is that a copy of the notice that you were given to attend here today?

W Yes.

CA I tender that notice.

30 PO Exhibit 44.

CA Dr RYAN, are you aware of a trust called Moreton Futures Trust?

W I am, sir.

CA I'll show you a document. Just take a moment to have a look at that. Is that a copy of the deed of trust for the Moreton Futures Trust?

W I've recently understood it is, yes.

40 CA I tender that trust deed.

PO Exhibit 45.

CA You will see it is dated 7 April 2010, doctor?

W Yes.

CA It's your signature, is it not, amongst the signatures on the reverse page, on the second page?

50 W It is.

CA There are other parties named. Can I just start with them. Do you see on the top of the document the first name that's mentioned is that of Timothy CONNOLLY?

- W That's up the top here?
- CA On the first page.
- W Yes.
- CA As at 7 April 2010, did you know Mr CONNOLLY?
- 10 W I did know Mr CONNOLLY.
- CA How did you know him?
- W I met him when I was interested in a private property subdivision in the 1990s. I probably met him socially before then and I met him subsequently in the context of Pine Rivers politics.
- CA You mentioned Pine Rivers politics. Can you elaborate? In what context did you meet him with respect to Pine Rivers politics?
- 20 W Well, the first is in the early 2000s, when there was a political committee set up to help fund applicants for council, but in the old Pine Rivers Shire Council.
- CA Did that group have a name?
- W The Pines - it did. Pines-
- CA Friends of Pine Rivers - does that ring a bell?
- 30 W Friends of Pine Rivers. That's it, yes.
- CA Friends of Pine Rivers?
- W Yes.
- CA Was that an entity like this, that is to say, a trust, or did it have some structure?
- 40 W Well, I was invited to committees. I was not aware - I can't remember such a structure.
- CA Okay. In relation to that entity, you mentioned that you went to meetings, committee meetings, I think you said?
- W Yes.
- CA How did that operate?
- 50 W Well, the first time I became seriously involved is in a lead-up to the 2008 Mayor elections, where the Pine Rivers was being amalgamated with Redcliffe and Caboolture into the Moreton Regional Council, and I was supporting Bryan GALVIN, who was probably a 25- to 30-year friend and also my family solicitor for that period, and he was going against the present Mayor, Allan SUTHERLAND, and other candidates for the Mayor position.

- CA Did the Friends of Pine Rivers support a candidate, or one or more than one candidate, for the 2008 elections?
- W My memory of that is it supported Bryan GALVIN and mainly other conservative candidates.
- CA In what way was that support made?
- 10 W Well, I didn't have any involvement in the application of funds, but there was some funding that went on, you know.
- CA The support was financial, was it?
- W Of course. Financial.
- CA How was money raised so as to support Mr GALVIN?
- 20 W Well, there were functions held, dinners and functions, I think, at the racetrack out there at Lakeside.
- CA Were you-
- W I wasn't involved very much in those. I was more going along to committees helping in an advisory way.
- CA Just to confirm, you mentioned fundraising activities, but, from what you say, you weren't involved in such activities?
- 30 W I was not involved.
- CA You did, however, attend some-
- W I would have supported - gone to them.
- CA But not organising?
- W I didn't organise them, no, not in any way.
- 40 CA What was the purpose of the committee meetings that you mentioned that you attended?
- W It's to work out various ways other than - you'd be looking at raising funds, certainly, but also how support at the booths might happen at the election time, all that sort of thing, how you might access the media. All that sort of talk went on.
- CA You mentioned that you attended, I think, in an advisory capacity?
- 50 W Well, I went - there were four, five or six of us - I forget. It's now more than a dozen years ago. But there were a few people. You're calling on some collective wisdom of people's experience in life, how they might help.
- CA Were you involved in choosing who would be supported financially from this group?

- W Not in any way, no.
- CA No? Was Mr CONNOLLY involved in meetings such as you attended?
- W Yes.
- CA In what capacity?
- 10 W The same as myself.
- CA To share ideas?
- W Yes.
- CA Do you know whether he was involved in fundraising for that group?
- W Yes.
- 20 CA He was?
- W Yes.
- CA Organising?
- W I wouldn't say - I can't remember who drove, you know, whatever. The things I remember is going to a group of four or five or six people and having an agenda and discussing the upcoming election.
- 30 CA You mentioned four, five or six people. Are you speaking of the numbers of persons who attended these meetings?
- W Yes.
- CA Was it about that number on each occasion?
- W Yes, I'd say.
- CA Were these meetings held regularly?
- 40 W They became, from memory, more frequent as the election came about, but I can't remember - I don't - they didn't go on for four years. They were much nearer the event.
- CA Do you know who was responsible for actually disbursing money?
- W I don't. I had no input how the money was disbursed, and I didn't do it.
- CA Just getting back to the names we were speaking of, the other name that is on the trust deed is that of Bryan GALVIN. Did you know him at the time this deed was signed?
- 50 W Well, I can't remember signing that deed, but I've subsequently found out from him that he presented that to me in my surgery and that's where I signed it.

CA Okay.

W And it's witnessed by my senior secretary, which would support that.

CA I see a name Kerri STILLER.

W That's her, yes.

CA Is she your secretary?

10 W Yes.

CA Or was at the time?

W Yes, and still is.

CA Do you recollect that this was signed at your surgery?

W No.

20 CA No? I misunderstood you.

W I cannot remember this document at all. I do not remember this document at all.

CA You can't remember where it was signed?

W Well, it was signed in my surgery if my - probably.

30 CA Because she is your secretary?

W That's the only reason I know that. But it was in the context of a medical - well, I've talked to Bryan GALVIN since about it, because I was intrigued, and he said he handed it to me. It was in the context of a medical consultation at a busy surgery, handed to me by a solicitor who had been the family solicitor for 30 years, and I signed it and we did not - I don't remember discussing it and I don't remember signing it.

CA It was presented to you - do you have a recollection of it being presented to you in the course of a medical consultation?

40 W No, not at all. Not at all.

CA That's what you've been told?

W That's what Bryan GALVIN told me.

CA Do you accept that?

50 W I do.

CA Or you just don't know?

W Well, I asked him straight out, "How come I got to sign that?", and he said, "I gave it to you."

- CA How did you know Mr GALVIN as at April 2010?
- W Well, I met him personally. I was practising medicine in Strathpine and Albany Creek and he was a solicitor with branches in The Valley and in Strathpine, and it was - actually, where I met him, we were both attending a Toastmasters - we joined a Toastmasters meeting - meetings in Strathpine together, so that was in the early 1980s, I'd say.
- 10 CA Were you friends?
- W I'd say over the years, we became good friends. I don't see him that much, but I'd say we're good friends and that, as I said before, he has been - until he got into family law exclusively with his wife in recent years, he was our family solicitor for 30 years or so.
- CA You mentioned earlier your involvement with Friends of Pine Rivers. Was Mr GALVIN part of that group also?
- 20 W Well, you know, I'd - yes, very much so, yes.
- CA Did he go to meetings such as you have described?
- W Yes.
- CA Was he a beneficiary of funds of the group for the purpose of the 2008 election?
- 30 W Well, certainly in the latter part to where I was involved to 2008, with the council election - with the mayoral election, he was the major beneficiary, I would have thought, but I had no - I had no involvement in allocation of funding.
- CA Yes.
- W But he and Mike CHARLTON were the main drivers, I would have thought, and later on Kirby LEEKE. But I wasn't involved in any of that distribution of funds or knowing which politician would get what.
- 40 CA You say that you can't recall signing this document. Looking at it now, do you agree that, as it reads, you accepted the role of acting as trustee for a trust?
- W Well, that might be as it appears, but I thought I was out of politics of all sorts in 2008, and I do not recall signing that document and I did not know until very recently, when I had the interview by the policeman from here, that I was in any way involved after 2008, and that was a surprise to me.
- CA It has the appearance of being a legal document; do you agree?
- 50 W I remind you it was handed to me by my solicitor of 30 years, who's a family friend I trusted, in the context of a medical consultation, thrust in front of me, and I didn't take 15 minutes to read it, so I signed it, and I have no memory of signing it.
- CA Surely, doctor, you didn't just sign something that was thrust in front of you?

- W I did.
- CA Without questioning what it was?
- W I cannot remember the circumstances. I may have - you know, I probably did ask what it was, and then I made a judgment, well, I'm out of - it was 2010. I considered myself psychologically to be out of politics 2008, and I signed it without reading it and almost certainly without understanding it, and so that's exactly what I did do.
- 10 CA Doctor, if you look on the first page under the heading "It is agreed as follows", you've actually agreed to a range of things, haven't you?
- W I have.
- CA Including, firstly, to hold money in trust to be paid in accordance with legislation.
- 20 W I'm a suburban GP, not a lawyer, and I had my lawyer of 30 years asking me to sign it, and I'd had an involvement with him, and I signed it. It was probably not the brightest thing in the world. I should have taken it home and studied it, but I didn't do that.
- CA You didn't consider the legal ramifications for you for signing such a document and agreeing to act in a designated capacity?
- W I considered that my solicitor of 30 years was the one handing me the document, and I did - I think it's reasonable that I had some comfort out of that.
- 30 CA I take it you didn't appreciate that you were accepting an ongoing role-
- W I did not.
- CA -amongst other things for the responsibility of disbursement of money?
- W I did not understand that in any way. I really did think, in 2008, I was out of politics altogether.
- 40 CA Did you receive a copy of this when it was signed - keep a copy, I mean?
- W The first time I - I didn't recall the day that I signed it, but the first time I knew of it was when the policemen were doing a telephone interview leading up to this Commission and they asked me did I know of this document, and I said, "What document?", and they said I had signed a document, and I said - I might have said, "May I have a copy?" or they offered a copy, and then they sent it to me by email that evening, and I immediately wrote back to them and said, "Well, I did sign it", and it must have been - it almost certainly was in my surgery because the person who witnessed it was my personal secretary. But I had no recollection of it until the policeman had told me about that.
- 50 CA Well, you weren't given a copy to keep, by the sound of it?
- W Well, it's not a very impressive-looking document. You know, it's two

pages and it-

CA It has an impressive legal effect, doctor.

W Well, I'm not a lawyer, sir, but I can say that I almost certainly didn't keep a copy because I sign a lot of things that lawyers give - that lawyers and accountants give me and other people give me, and I perhaps place too much trust on the people looking after me, but there you go.

10 CA When a Commission police officer called you recently, is it the case that you couldn't even recall what document he was speaking of in reference to this?

W I told him that. I said, "I have no idea what you're referring to", and I either said, "May I have a copy?", or I think - I think they did say, "Would you like us to send you a copy?", and I said, "I'd love that. I'd like to see what I've signed." But I would not - I had certainly not kept that document from 2010 to 2017.

20 CA Can I ask you this: subsequent to your signing this in April 2010, did you carry out the role of trustee as described in this document?

W No.

CA Did you carry out any role?

W No.

30 CA Did you have anything to do with the operation of the Moreton Futures Trust-

W No.

CA -subsequent to signing this?

W No.

CA Did you attend any meetings of persons interested in the raising-

40 W No.

CA -or spending of money under this trust?

W And not one phone call or email or whatever to do with it, no.

CA Nothing?

50 W Nothing, which situation made me more surprised when the police officer said there is such a document and sent it to me.

CA If you have a look on the reverse side, where your signature is, you will see at number 6 one of the things that you agreed to do was to ensure that money drawn by the trustees on trust money would be authorised jointly and in writing?

W Yes, I did sign a document that said that.

- CA From what you have said, I take it you didn't carry out that role?
- W I've already told you that I had no knowledge of what was in this document.
- CA Did you at any stage authorise a disbursement of moneys held by the trust-
- 10 W No.
- CA -in writing or otherwise?
- W No.
- CA Do you know Kirby LEEKE?
- W I do.
- 20 CA Would you say, firstly, your background to knowing him? Where did you first meet him?
- W Well, I met him in that Pines - the first time I actually remember him is not in early times, in the early 2000s, but leading up to Bryan GALVIN's and - the first mayoral election for the amalgamated Moreton Shire, Moreton Region.
- CA What was his occupation?
- 30 W Accountant.
- CA In what capacity did you meet him?
- W Well, he used to come to those meetings I referred to.
- CA That's the Friends of Pine Rivers?
- W Yes. Well, they were specifically - I'm just unclear. It's now - 2002 is now 13 [sic] years ago, but the thing I do remember - his involvement in the several months leading up to the first Moreton election where I think he was fairly active in that.
- 40 CA In the context of the Friends of Pine Rivers or more widely?
- W Well, if that's what it was still called leading up to the 2008 election, yes.
- CA Whatever it was called, there was a group-
- W Yes.
- 50 CA -in which you were a participant-
- W Yes.
- CA -involved in choosing how money would be spent and on which candidate?

- W Well, I'm not - I had no input on how much any candidate would get.
- CA But you had input, didn't you, as to who would be funded? Wasn't that the purpose of the meetings?
- W No, that was not done - I had no input into that. I was not invited to give an opinion on that.
- 10 CA Just to get back to Kirby LEEKE, you met him, did you, in the context of the carrying out of this Friends of Pine Rivers activity? He was interested in that?
- W Yes. In the latter stages leading up to the 2008 election, he was the man that did the IT stuff and I imagine he was doing internet banking and all that, but I never saw any funds, never signed a cheque or anything like that. I certainly had no input to where that money - which candidate would get that money.
- 20 CA Did you know that in 2011 Mr LEEKE replaced Bryan GALVIN as a trustee of this Moreton Futures Trust?
- W I only found that out in the last couple of weeks.
- CA Subsequent to, if we make a point of demarcation being the 2008 elections, what contact have you had with Kirby LEEKE since the 2008 council elections?
- 30 W Well, I think the last time I talked at any length with Kirby LEEKE was on the night of the election, and he was doing a lot of statistics.
- CA 2008?
- W 2008. And I may have had one more conversation, and I've reflected upon this, and I don't think it had to do with that document. I think it had - well, it did have to do with that document in that I didn't know what it had - I didn't know about this document, so I didn't understand that - Quest Newspapers from Strathpine had rung me a couple of times asking to talk to me. They must have had a copy of this document. And I didn't return their call, but I may have talked to Kirby once since 2008 about that Quest inquiry because I didn't know what it was all about and I thought he might.
- 40 CA Is that in recent times?
- W Oh, no, that would be three or four years ago.
- CA I see.
- 50 W It would be some time ago.
- CA Are you fairly clear about that, that there was only one conversation with Kirby LEEKE-
- W I-

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- CA Just listen, please. There was only one conversation with Kirby LEEKE since the 2008 elections - are you fairly clear about that?
- W I've done a lot of thinking about that. I think that's right.
- CA Did you know that Kirby LEEKE had a connection of some kind with the Moreton Futures Trust?
- 10 W I found out - yes. Well, I found out subsequent to Bryan GALVIN stepping down in 2011, he stepped in as my fellow trustee.
- CA When did you find that out?
- W Last week.
- CA You didn't know at all before that?
- W No. I didn't know-
- 20 CA Did you know anything-
- W I didn't know I had any involvement with the Moreton-
- CA Futures Trust?
- W -that I can recall.
- CA Okay. You've made that clear. I am asking you now about Kirby LEEKE and what you know of what connection he may have had with the Moreton Futures Trust. Do you know of any?
- 30 W Yes, yes. What I understand is that in 2011, Bryan GALVIN stepped down and apparently it did require two trustees, and Mr LEEKE took his spot.
- CA But that's something you found out quite recently?
- W Yes.
- 40 CA All right. In the interval between 2010 and this year, did you know of any connection between Kirby LEEKE and the operation of this trust?
- W Well, I had no interest until the policeman told me my name was on this document. But Kirby LEEKE was running it right up to the time of the 2008 election, and I didn't really give it much thought what happened after that. I had absolutely no involvement.
- CA Right.
- 50 W But I subsequently found, I think, that he was involved in keeping the show rolling.
- CA You have mentioned a couple of times the interview that you had with police. Just for context, then, to put a date on that, would that have been the 30th of January this year? Does that sound about right?

- W That sounds about right.
- CA Just going back to the trust deed on the first page, do you see the first thing that was agreed was that the trustees would hold moneys paid to the trust. Do you see that, paragraph 1?
- W "It is agreed"?
- 10 CA Yes.
- W "The trustees agree"-
- CA That's the first thing that you agreed to - to hold money in trust.
- W Well, I have no knowledge of agreeing to anything, I've said a few times.
- CA Yes, okay. Did you know whether Moreton Futures Trust had an account so as to hold money in trust?
- 20 W I knew - I didn't know the Moreton Trust existed until the interview that you referred to with the policeman, and I certainly had no idea whether there was money in the trust.
- CA Can I show you a copy of a bank statement, Dr RYAN. Just take a moment to look at that bank statement, Dr RYAN. I want to suggest to you that that is a bank statement for an account entitled "John Alexander RYAN as trustee for the Moreton Futures Trust business cheque account"?
- 30 W And that's dated 2012.
- CA Yes, it commences 2012.
- W Yes. That's-
- CA Do you accept that's what it appears to be?
- W Yes.
- 40 CA I tender that bank statement.
- PO Exhibit 46.
- Mr RICE, I assume that's the address of Dr RYAN that has been redacted from the statement. Is that the case?
- CA Well, there is an address - well, at the top, yes, there is an address that has been redacted there. There is another address shown, 74 Robinson Road, Virginia. Do you know that address, Dr RYAN?
- 50 PO It might be the bank, is it?
- W That's the bank's address.
- CA All right, yes.

- PO Doctor, I'm just wondering whether you recall receiving these statements at all?
- W Not at all, no.
- PO Do we have a copy of the statement we can show Dr RYAN without the address redacted, without revealing it to the hearing?
- 10 CA I will just check, Commissioner.
- PO We might come back to that.
- CA Yes. We don't have it to hand.
- At any rate, you have told us, Dr RYAN, you don't recall receiving bank statements from the National Bank?
- W If that came to my home, I would certainly say, "What the hell's going on?" No, I don't.
- 20 CA As you look at it, you can't recall seeing anything like that?
- W Never.
- CA Do you have any explanation for the existence of a National Bank account entitled "John Alexander RYAN as trustee", et cetera?
- W The 2012 date is - well, you've explained - I found out that I am still a trustee, recently found out I was trustee. And maybe because I was the first mentioned in that document - where did that go? The trust deed document - did someone take that away? There were two of us mentioned as trustees and I was the top of the queue. I have no idea. But I had no input into any financial dealings with Moreton, ever.
- 30 CA Did you have anything to do with the opening of a National Australia Bank account in your name as trustee for the Moreton Futures Trust?
- W Oh, dear. The only thing that has been explained to me is by the policeman, in that this 2010 deed was to enable funds left over from Pines to morph into the expanded Moreton thing. Now, unless I signed something with Bryan GALVIN to that effect on the same day, I don't know. But would my signing that two-page document empower that?
- 40 CA Well, ordinarily I'd suggest to you that to open a bank account, you have to provide the bank with some identification and actually participate in the opening activity. I am really asking you if you recall doing that?
- W No, I don't.
- 50 CA So you couldn't shed any light on the flow of funds into and out of this account?
- W Well, even if, with some miracle, I had something to do with - or some poor memory I'd signed something to open that account, I certainly would have had nothing to do with the figures involved here. I have no memory whatsoever of being involved in any financial activities of Moreton Trust.

- CA And never received statements from this account?
- W Well, would they be recurrent statements coming through regularly?
- CA Well, ordinarily.
- W Well, no, never.
- 10 CA Perhaps we could take that National Bank statement from you so it doesn't distract you, Dr RYAN, but I want to show you two other documents. Before you take a moment to look at those, can I ask you this: do you know anything about Moreton Futures Trust changing banks from National Bank to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia in February 2014?
- W Well, I can see I've signed a document here on the 4th of the 2nd '14, and I don't know how I got that document and, again, I don't remember signing it.
- 20 CA Let's take them one at a time. There are two sets of documents pertaining to two accounts, I'd suggest. The first account is a business transaction account. Do you have the document that bears those words? You'll see it-
- W I've got business online saver and business transaction account.
- CA Let's take the business transaction account first. Do you accept that within that document, there is a copy of an application for a business account?
- 30 W Yes.
- CA Do you accept that you signed that on the 4th of February 2014?
- W Yes.
- CA And in fact it bears a stamp with the details of your medical practice?
- W Yes.
- 40 CA Did you put that stamp on it?
- W Almost certainly I did. I've got my signature there, and rather than write out my name, it's handy to use the stamp, yes.
- CA Those pages were loose. I am going to tender them, so I will just ask you to put them together for the moment so I can do that.
- 50 I tender that account confirmation and account application for the business transaction account.
- PO Exhibit 47.
- LR Might I see them after they have been marked, Commissioner?
- PO Certainly, Mr ZILLMAN, yes.

- CA If you wouldn't mind just looking at it on the screen - if you want to see the hard copy again, just say so, Dr RYAN.
- W Mmm.
- CA You accepted, I think, that that was your signature dated 4 February 2014?
- 10 W Yes.
- CA Is that date written in your handwriting?
- W Yes.
- CA And you think you must have put the stamp on?
- W Yes.
- 20 CA No-one else would have, would they?
- W No.
- CA Over the page, there is handwritten an email address "drjohnryan", et cetera. Do you see that?
- W Yes.
- CA Is that your handwriting?
- 30 W Yes.
- CA So you wrote that email address in that document?
- W Yes.
- CA And is that your signature underneath it?
- W Yes.
- 40 CA Adjacent to it, there's a date 13 February 2014?
- W Yes.
- CA That's your handwriting also?
- W Yes.
- 50 CA There are two different dates on this document that you have signed, Dr RYAN, one the 4th of February and one the 13th of February. Can you recall the circumstances in which you came to sign twice?
- W I can't recall the circumstances where I signed once. I cannot recall this.
- CA You don't remember doing this?

- W No.
- CA You can't recall where this document may have been signed?
- W No.
- CA On that page, just above your signature, there is the details of another signatory, being Kirby James LEEKE. Do you have any recollection whether that section of the document had been signed when you signed it?
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- W I have no recollection of the document at all.
- CA I take it, then, you would have no recollection of whether you signed it in the presence of Mr LEEKE or not?
- W I think I would remember if Mr LEEKE was there. As I said, I sign a lot of things, but if he was there, I would have remembered that, I'm sure. No, I'm certain he wasn't there.
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- CA All right. There is a second document. Do you still have that? No.
- A second document relating to the business online saver account - I'm not sure if that has now become part of the same exhibit. Can I just see that, please, just to make sure what the doctor is being given? All right. Mr Commissioner, the exhibit also includes similar documentation for a business online saver account.
- PO Thank you.
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- CA Do you see some pages relating to the business online saver account, and they're stapled, Dr RYAN?
- W This one?
- CA Yes. It is a very similar looking document, except that it relates to another account, do you accept?
- W Yes.
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- CA And likewise with this document, there is an application form and is it correct that that's your signature and date, 4th of February 2014?
- W Yes.
- CA It's the same date as the other application for the business transaction account, so it looks very much like you've signed two such documents at the same time, Dr RYAN. Does that help your memory at all?
- W Is the other one the 14th or the 4th?
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- CA Well, on that particular page of the application, both are dated 4 February 2014.
- W Well, I have to say again I have no memory of this documentation.

- CA Okay. On the next page of this application for the business online saver account, there is similarly your email address in your handwriting?
- W Yes, that's correct.
- CA And your signature, and dated 13 February?
- W Yes.
- 10 CA None of that assists, does it, your memory of having signed these documents or the circumstances of them?
- W No. I just have no memory of this.
- CA Do you recall ever receiving Commonwealth Bank statements for either of those accounts by email or otherwise?
- W No.
- 20 CA There are bank statements. There may not be much point in showing them to you because you say you have no knowledge of the accounts or their operation; is that so?
- W I've never signed a cheque right throughout since - this century, I haven't signed a cheque or transferred money or allocated funds in any way, ever.
- CA You would know nothing, then, I take it, about the inflow and outflow of money to either of those accounts?
- 30 W Not at all. No knowledge whatsoever.
- CA Do you recall whether you received a PIN number or password for the purpose of internet banking on either of those accounts?
- W Well, I don't. But it would be no interest to me because I wouldn't be using it.
- CA And you didn't use it?
- 40 W Well, I didn't receive one, I don't think. But if I had, I don't think I'd ever use it. I had no - I'd have to be instructed or requested to do that, and I've never been.
- CA I take it, then, that you would know nothing about the use of those accounts for the funding of Mayor SUTHERLAND's campaign for the 2016 elections?
- W I've had no knowledge of funding activities this century in either the Pines or that and never signed a cheque, never operated an account, never known who was going to get the money, never allocated it to any councillors. I have not been involved financially whatsoever.
- 50 CA That's the evidence, Mr Commissioner.
- PO Mr RICE, are you saying both of those account confirmation applications for those separate accounts are the one exhibit?

CA They appear to have been handed up and marked together.

PO Okay, that's fine. Thanks.

Mr ZILLMAN, do you have any questions?

LR I have no questions. Thank you.

10 PO Thank you.

Thank you, Dr RYAN. You are excused.

W Thank you, sir.

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