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Mr Phillip Sweeney 12 Highland Way HIGHTON VIC 3216

Dear Mr Sweeney

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 21 December 2014 in which you requested a copy of the following document:

"...a document which includes on its cover page the words "Australia's Worst White-Collar Crime How the Commonwealth Ombudsman can prove the Fraud that has been covered-up by other Commonwealth Agencies"...'

A search of the records held in this office has located the document you seek.

As you sent the requested document to this office by email on 10 December 2014, I have decided to provide a copy of the document to you outside the Freedom of Information legislation. The document is enclosed.

In this instance, I have decided that the formality of Freedom of Information processes is not necessary to enable us to return a copy of a document which you had provided to this office a few days prior to your email asking for it.

Yours sincerely

Gregory Parkhurst Senior Investigation Officer

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## **Australia's Worst White-Collar Crime**

# How the Commonwealth Ombudsman can prove the Fraud that has been covered-up by other Commonwealth Agencies

This document has been prepared to demonstrate how Mr Colin Neave, the Commonwealth Ombudsman, can prove how widows were defrauded out of their survivorship pension and how former employees of Elders IXL Limited and subsidiary companies received only a token retrenchment or retirement benefit after decades of loyal service

10 December 2014

## **Evidence Provided to AFP**

The following documents have been included in evidence provided to the *Commonwealth Ombudsman*:

- (i) A copy of a consolidation Deed of Variation dated 6 May 1958, and
- (ii) A copy of a purported Deed of Variation dated 26 August 1986.

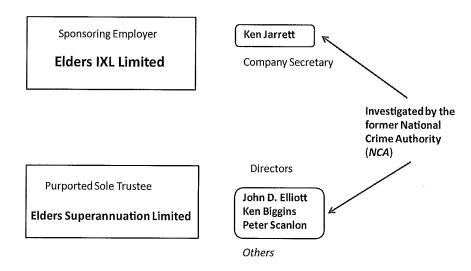
It should be noted that *Responsible Persons* of the purported corporate Trustee, <u>criminally concealed</u> the consolidation Deed of Variation dated 6 May 1958 from the <u>cestuis que trust</u> (ie members and beneficiaries) and that a copy of this important Deed was obtained with the assistance of the Deputy Premier and Attorney-General of South Australia, the Hon John Rau MP.

The former Fund Secretary, Ms Margaret O'Halloran, represented the purported Deed of Variation dated 26 August 1986 as the "*Trust Deed*" of the trust, when the legitimate "*Trust Deed*" that established the occupational pension trust was made on the 23 December 1913 [Exhibit J].

The 1913 Trust Deed was drafted by Sir John Downer who also co-drafted the *Australian Constitution*.

The parties to the document dated 26 August 1986 are as follows:

### Parties to the 1986 Deed



The purported corporate Trustee that was a party to the "Jarrett Deed" had an "all-star cast" of Directors who had been the subject of two major investigations by the former National Crime Authority (NCA).

The National Crime Authority was replaced by the Australian Crime Commission.

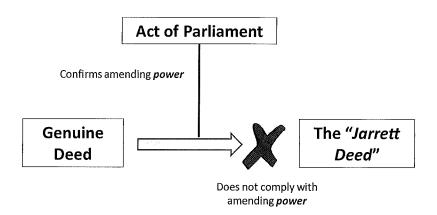
Mr Jarrett served a term of imprisonment for dishonesty, following the investigation known as *Operation Albert*.

The document dated 26 August 1986 should have been a "*Red Flag*" document to any investigative agency.

## **Proving the Fraud**

The fraud can be proven using just two documents and an Act of the Parliament of South Australia.

## **Proving the Fraud**



The Act of Parliament is the Elder Smith & Co Limited Provident Funds Act 1963 (SA).

Why was this Act of Parliament necessary?

Refer to *The Laws of Australia* {Thompson Reuters) at [15.14.1450] under the section "*It is the trustee's plainest duty to obey the terms of the trust*" the following is stated:

"Where the trust instrument confers a power of amendment, the conditions and restrictions imposed on its exercise must themselves be strictly observed."

The Act of Parliament confirms this principle of trust law. The *Power of Amendment* provided by the original Trust Deed prohibited the application of the funds of the trust to unauthorised purposes. Therefore the holder of the *Power of Amendment*, the Board of the sponsoring Employer, could not amend the terms of the trust to allow benefits to be paid to employees of the new company that had acquired the original sponsoring employer.

Therefore an Act of Parliament was required to amend the terms of the trust, that was otherwise prohibited by the **Power of Amendment** contained in **Regulation 50**.

Examples of where the Courts have applied this principle of trust law are listed in Appendix A.

Here are the steps that the *Commonwealth Ombudsman* needs to take in order to prove *Australia's Worst White-Collar Crime*:

#### Step 1

Go to Regulation 50 in the consolidation Deed of Variation dated 6 May 1958 (Refer to Appendix A).

Regulation 50 provides the Power of Amendment.

Note how it is a condition imposed by the amending power {Regulation 50} that a <u>majority of the Directors</u> of the sponsoring Employer must execute any Deed of Variation.

This condition cannot be ignored as confirmed by the *Elder Smith & Co Limited Provident Funds Act* 1963(SA).

#### Step 2

Go to the *testimonium* (execution clause) of the 1958 Deed of Variation {Exhibit B} and note how a majority of the Directors have executed this Deed. In fact all the Directors in 1958 executed this Deed.

#### Step 3

Go to the *testimonium* (execution clause) of the purported 1986 Deed of Variation {Exhibit C} and count how many Directors of the sponsoring Employer have executed this Deed.

### Step 4

Refer to the number of Directors required to constitute a majority in 1986 {Exhibit D}.

### The Fraud is Proven

By counting the number of Directors' signatures, *the Commonwealth Ombudsman*, can prove *Australia's Worst White-Collar Crime*, committed by a well known white-collar criminal and his associates.

This is the crime that other Commonwealth Agencies have attempted to cover-up.

How difficult is that?

Mr Jarrett served a term of imprisonment for dishonesty.

The "Jarrett Deed" is void ab initio and the terms of the trust {Regulations of the Fund} were not amended by the "Jarrett Deed" or any instrument executed after the "Jarrett Deed".

The right of a widow to receive a survivorship pension was not abrogated by the "Jarrett Deed" and a token lump sum benefit did not replace the entitlement to a pension for life for qualifying male officers.

## **Next Steps for the Commonwealth Ombudsman**

The next step for the Commonwealth Ombudsman is to investigate why:

- ASIC
- The Australian Federal Police, and
- The Australian Crime Commission

Do not have the expertise to count the number of Directors' signatures that appear on a document signed by the well known white-collar criminal Ken Jarrett.

## **Exhibit A**

### **Regulation 50**

Referenced by the Elder Smith & Co Limited Provident Funds Act 1963 (SA)

#### ALTERATION OF DEED

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50. No alteration to this Deed may be made which may authorise the application or use of any part of the Fund for any purpose other than—

- (a) The provision of pensions and benefits for officers their wives widows or dependants;
- (b) The making of any refund or allowance to officers;
- (c) The payment of the expenses arising out of the management control administration or protection of the Fund;
- (d) Indemnity to the Trustees as hereinafter provided;
- (e) Reimbursement to the Company of any losses of the nature herein specified.

But subject to this provision the Board by a majority of all the Directors for the time being testified by their executing the Deed hereinafter mentioned may from time to time and at any time by deed with the assent in writing of the majority of the Trustees alter all or any of the provisions of this Deed (including the provisions for the appointment and retirement voluntary or compulsory of the Trustees) and may make new provisions to the exclusion of or in addition to all or any of the provisions of this Deed and shall by such deed declare the time retrospectively or otherwise when such alterations or new provisions shall be deemed to be provisions in relation to the Fund of the same validity as if they had been originally contained in this Deed and shall be subject in like manner to be added to altered or modified. The provisions of this Deed and of any future deed are and shall be and shall be deemed to be regulations in relation to the Fund.

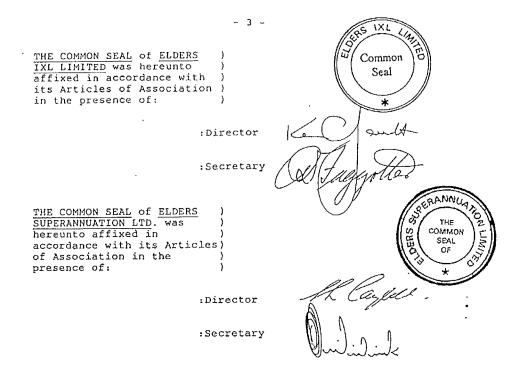
## **Exhibit B**

The testimonium (execution clause) of the 1958 consolidation Deed of Variation

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	SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said  COLLIER ROBERT CUDMORE in the presence of:  Line presence of:
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	SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said ALFRED MOXON SIMPSON in the presence of: }
	SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said HENRY HORMAN GILES in the presence of:
:	SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said NORMAN SMITH YOUNG in the presence of :
	SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said ALEXANDER JOHN MELROSE in the presence of: }
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	SIGNED SEALED AND DELIVERED by the said REGINALD WALTER SEEDSMAN in the presence of: \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \

## **Exhibit C**

The testimonium (execution clause) of the purported 1986 Deed of Variation



## **Exhibit D**

## **Directors of Elders IXL Limited**

Executive Directors		<u>Director Since</u>	<u>30-Jun-86</u>	<u>30-Jun-87</u>		
J.D. Elliott	#1	27-Nov-81	Chairman	Chairman		
K.C. Jarrett	#2	1984	Director	Director		
K.R. Biggins	#1	1986		Director		
P.D. Scanlon	#1	27-Nov-81	Director	Director		
G.F. Lord		1983	Director	Director		
P.T. Bartels		1985	Director	Director		
M.R. Nugent		1983	Director	Director		
<u>Independent Directors</u>						
J.M. Ballieu		27-Nov-81	Dep Chairman	Dep Chairman		
E.A. Burton		27-Nov-81	Director	Director		
D.I. Darling		27-Nov-81	Director	Director		
S.B. Myer		27-Nov-81	Director	Director		
G.M. Niall		1953	Director	Director		
A.G. McGregor		1979	Director	Director		
I.M. McLachlan		1980	Director	Director		
O.R. Gunn		1984	Director	Director		
J. Ralph		1984	Director			
The Hon Sir Edwin Will	iams	1984	Director	Director		
B.T. Lotton		1986	Director	Director		
Total Number of Direct	OFS		17	17		

#### <u>Notes</u>

(#1) Charged by the former National Crime Authority (NCA)

(#2) Charges dropped after turning Crown Witness and pleading guilty to lesser charges

# Appendix A

## Cases where the Courts have declared purported Amending Instruments Invalid

- Briggs v Gleeds (Head Office) [2014] EWCH 1178 (Ch)
- Walker Morris Trustees Ltd. v Masterson & Anor [2009] EWHC 1955 (Ch)
- Sovereign Trustees Ltd & Anor v Glover & Ors [2007] EWHC 1750 (Ch)
- Trustee Solutions Ltd & Ors v Dubery & Anor [2006] EWHC 1426 (Ch)
- Meier v Dorzan Pty Limited & Anor [2010] NSWSC 664
- NSW MASONIC YOUTH PROPERTY TRUST & ANOR v HER MAJESTY'S ATTORNEY-GENERAL IN AND FOR THE STATE OF NSW & ANOR [2009] NSWSC 1301
- Hillcrest (Ilford) Pty Ltd v Kingsford (Ilford) Pty Ltd (No.2) [2010] NSWSC 285
- Re Cavill Hotels Pty Ltd [1998] 1 Qd R 396.