From:
 Neil Skill

 To:
 Melanie Kleyn

 Cc:
 Kate McGuinness

 Subject:
 FW: WSU - next steps

Date: Friday, 7 February 2020 8:14:00 AM

Hi Mel

FYI in case Gaven mentions WSU Parramatta.

As mentioned, I met with Eric Napper and a group of WSU staff yesterday to explore the WSU Parramatta option. It was a fairly benign meeting, but WSU did express a desire to explore options for utilising some of the available space in a

Parramatta building that houses their business school. \$ 47C

I'll keep you informed of Eric/Genevieve's response to my note below.

Kind regards

Neil

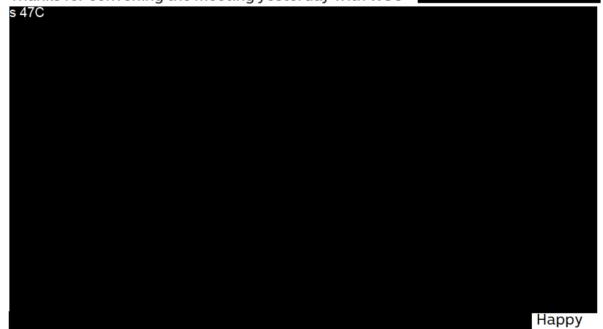
From: Neil Skill

Sent: Friday, 7 February 2020 8:09 AM

To: Eric Napper < Napper.Eric@abc.net.au>; Genevieve Hussey < Hussey.Genevieve@abc.net.au>

Subject: WSU - next steps Hi Eric and Genevieve

Thanks for convening the meeting yesterday with WSU -



to convene again and discuss further as appropriate.

Kind regards

Neil



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From:

Melanie Kleyn; Kate McGuinness To:

Subject: FW: ABC/WSU space requirements overview Wednesday, 6 May 2020 6:50:00 PM s 47(1)(b) Date:

Attachments:

Hi Mel – FYI, Gavin is still keen on pursuing the Parramatta idea. I'll keep you appraised if things progress.

Kind regards

Neil

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From: Neil Skill

Sent: Wednesday, 6 May 2020 6:49 PM

To: Eric Napper < Napper. Eric@abc.net.au>; Genevieve Hussey

<Hussey.Genevieve@abc.net.au>; Cate Davey <Davey.Catherine@abc.net.au>; Melanie Withnall

<Withnall.Melanie@abc.net.au>; Chrissie Henebery <Henebery.Chrissie@abc.net.au>; Mark

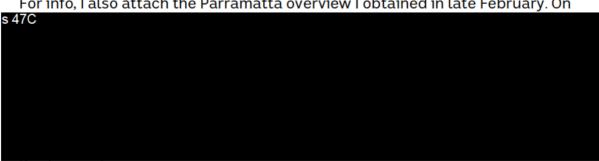
Davies <Davies.Mark@abc.net.au>; Luke Howlin <Howlin.Luke@abc.net.au>

Subject: ABC/WSU space requirements overview

As discussed this afternoon, please find attached an overview spreadsheet of

the requirements for space in a Parramatta location.

For info, I also attach the Parramatta overview I obtained in late February. On



Kind regards Neil

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From: Genevieve Hussey
To: Gaven Morris
Subject: Re: WSU Parramatta

Date: Monday, 25 May 2020 5:32:05 PM

Hi Gav,



Gen

From: Gaven Morris < Morris. Gaven@abc.net.au>

Sent: Monday, 25 May 2020 5:06 PM

To: Genevieve Hussey < Hussey. Genevieve@abc.net.au>

Subject: RE: WSU Parramatta



Gaven

From: Genevieve Hussey < Hussey. Genevieve@abc.net.au>

Sent: Monday, 25 May 2020 10:28 AM

To: Gaven Morris < Morris. Gaven@abc.net.au>

Subject: Fw: WSU Parramatta

Hi Gaven,

Please see the email below from Neil Skill regarding the brief we gave WSU for a bigger operation.

I've has a quick chat about it with Mel Withnall, Mark Davies and some of the Exec team. We agree Neil has summed up the issues and that this building is not the right fit for us at this time.

s 47C

Have a read and let me know how you see it.



Let me know any thoughts and how you'd like to proceed so I can let Neil know.

Regards,

Genevieve

From: Neil Skill < sent: Thursday, 21 May 2020 7:58 AM

To: Eric Napper < Napper.Eric@abc.net.au >; Genevieve Hussey < Hussey.Genevieve@abc.net.au >

Cc: Melanie Kleyn < Kleyn.Melanie@abc.net.au>

Subject: WSU Parramatta

Hi

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Kind regards Neil



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4 March 2022

Mr David Anderson ABC Managing Director Australian Broadcasting Corporation GPO Box 9994, Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Mr Anderson,

Recently it has been reported that former ABC head of news, Gaven Morris, was awarded a contract to advise on the relocation of ABC staff to Parramatta. This has occurred allegedly without a tender process, and just weeks after Mr Morris departed his previous employment at the ABC to join Bastion Transform as a chief executive.

Did Mr Morris have insider knowledge that this contract would be awarded to Bastion Transform before he began employment his employment at the firm?

It concerns me that the ABC has awarded this contract to a former executive member without apparently first going to tender, and it suggests the potential presence of a conflict of interest or possible corruption.

What was Mr Morris' involvement in the awarding of this contract?

How was this contract awarded to Bastion Transform?

That Gavin Morris departed the ABC in December of last year, joined Bastion Transform in the same month, and has subsequently been awarded this contract in the following weeks is of great concern.

How can we be sure that the taxpayers of Australia are getting value for money when there has been no competitive tender process?

What is the value of the contract awarded to Bastion Transform?

I have long advocated for the relocation of ABC staff and services to suburban and regional Australia. This important step must not be jeopardised by allegations of a conflict of interest or corruption. As the publicly funded national broadcaster, the ABC must be transparent and open in every sense of the word.

I look forward to hearing back regarding these serious allegations and the questions I have raised within this letter.

Kind regards,

JAMES McGRATH

LNP Senator for Queensland

Deputy Government Whip in the Senate

CC: The Hon. Paul Fletcher MP - Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts

From: Genevieve Hussey

 To:
 Neil Skill

 Cc:
 Gaven Morris

 Subject:
 Re: WSU Parramatta

Date: Thursday, 28 May 2020 4:42:55 PM

Dear Neil,



Thanks very much

Genevieve

From: Neil Skill < Skill.Neil@abc.net.au> Sent: Thursday, 28 May 2020 9:43 AM

To: Genevieve Hussey < Hussey. Genevieve@abc.net.au>; Eric Napper < Napper. Eric@abc.net.au>

Subject: RE: WSU Parramatta

Hi Gen

Did you get any further info on this from Gaven?s 47C

Kind regards Neil



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From: Genevieve Hussey < Hussey.Genevieve@abc.net.au>

Sent: Monday, 25 May 2020 8:17 AM

To: Neil Skill < Skill. Neil@abc.net.au>; Eric Napper < Napper. Eric@abc.net.au>

Subject: Re: WSU Parramatta

Hi Neil,

I've just been consulting with the managers and News Exec.

I'll email Gaven Morris today and come back to you.

Regards

Genevieve

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From: Neil Skill < Sent: Monday, May 25, 2020 7:52:37 AM

To: Eric Napper < Napper.Eric@abc.net.au >; Genevieve Hussey < Hussey.Genevieve@abc.net.au >

Subject: RE: WSU Parramatta

Hi and good morning



Kind regards Neil



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From: Gaven Morris
To: David Borger

Subject: Re: Property industry report names Parramatta as one of the most liveable suburbs | thetelegraph.com.au

Date: Wednesday, 24 June 2020 4:45:53 PM

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Hi David, there sure will be. I'd been talking a lot to Western Sydney Uni .. and that may not pan out but I am very keen on a significantly expanded presence and maybe in partnership with the cultural precinct.

Happy to renew our conversations.

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Gaven

From: David Borger s 47F

Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2020 3:23:52 PM **To:** Gaven Morris < Morris. Gaven@abc.net.au>

Subject: RE: Property industry report names Parramatta as one of the most liveable suburbs

thetelegraph.com.au

Gaven g'day

Congrats on your beefed up Western Sydney team they are doing a great job. I think Lydia and Kathleen in particular are very talented.

I saw the news today about the five year plan and wondered if there are further opportunities here in Parramatta for a larger presence? \$ 22

Best regards

David

David Borger

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Thursday 10 March 2022

Senator the Hon James McGrath LNP Senator for Queensland Tenancy A 2-4 Mitchell Street Nambour QLD 4560 C/- senator.mcgrath@aph.gov.au

Cc The Hon Paul Fletcher MP

Dear Senator McGrath,

I refer to your letter dated 4 March 2022.

As outlined in its Five-Year Plan, the ABC is committed to having 75 percent of its content makers outside of Ultimo by 2025 as part of its objective to be More Relevant to More Australians.

Relocating up to 300 staff to Parramatta is a complex undertaking. Like other media organisations relocating key worksites, the scale of the task requires detailed planning and support.

The ABC will manage the project, but there will be an ongoing need to engage the services of consultants who have relevant expertise in order to ensure the project progresses appropriately and quickly.

The ABC released a request for proposal in July 2021 seeking property consultancy and related services. No one supplier could meet all requirements however, as is commonplace, this raised awareness of the services the ABC required and the process generated approaches to provide various services.

All responses and unsolicited proposals are assessed in line with our procurement guidelines. Those guidelines recognise that there are circumstances where a tender process will not realise value for money. They also provide that the ABC is able to single source a supplier of service where there is only one or few respondents capable of supplying the ABC's requirements. The contract with Bastion Transform was executed in accordance with those guidelines.

From: David N Anderson
To: Gaven Morris

Subject: Re: ABC office and studio requirements in Parramatta

Date: Friday, 4 September 2020 4:28:40 PM

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Ok. I've met with Geoff Roberts from the GSC and were formalising something next week which I think includes that development. We are thinking big.

Let's discuss early next week.

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From: Gaven Morris < Morris.Gaven@abc.net.au>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 4:26:52 PM

To: David N Anderson < Anderson. David. N@abc.net.au >

Subject: FW: ABC office and studio requirements in Parramatta

Just FYI .. I spoke to David Borger, from the Western Sydney Business Chamber a few weeks back – he's now put the Walker Corporation in touch. They're building a massive new development at Parramatta Square. At some point soon, I might go and meet them, take Neil Skill along etc.

Gaven

From: David Gallant s 47F

Sent: Wednesday, 2 September 2020 7:54 PM

To: David Borger **S 47F** ; Gaven Morris

<Morris.Gaven@abc.net.au>

Cc: Lang Walker S 47F ; Glenda Stein

Subject: RE: ABC office and studio requirements in Parramatta

Thank you David for the introduction.

Hi Gavan

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We look forward to meeting with you.

Regards

David

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Sent: Wednesday, 2 September 2020 11:41 AM **To:** Gaven Morris < Morris.Gaven@abc.net.au>

Cc: Lang Walker \$ 47F ; Glenda Stein

s 47F ; Rebecca Cribbs 47F

David Gallant s 47F

Subject: ABC office and studio requirements in Parramatta

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I have copied in Lang Walker AO the founder and executive Chairman and David Gallant Director and Chief Operating Officer.

I hope you are able to undertake a visit and tour of the Parramatta Square project to understand the potential office and studio space available in the heart of this new business and retail precinct.

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Best regards

David

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From: Gaven Morris
To: Jodi Fleming

Subject: RE: ABC office and studio requirements in Parramatta

Date: Tuesday, 8 September 2020 2:26:00 PM

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Probably just Neil ATM. It'll be his project really.

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From: Jodi Fleming Fleming.Jodi@abc.net.au> **Sent:** Tuesday, 8 September 2020 11:54 AM **To:** Gaven Morris Goven Morris

Subject: FW: ABC office and studio requirements in Parramatta

Who did you want to go out with you?

Neil Luke

Mark?

Jodi

From: Rebecca Cribb <s 47F

Sent: Tuesday, 8 September 2020 10:53 AM **To:** Gaven Morris < Morris.Gaven@abc.net.au **Cc:** Jodi Fleming < Fleming.Jodi@abc.net.au

Subject: RE: ABC office and studio requirements in Parramatta

Hi Gaven,

The team would be delighted to take you for a tour around Parramatta Square. We generally allow for 1.5 hours for the tour so you can see all facets of Parramatta Square.

Would either of the below dates suit you?

- Monday 14 Sep at 10am
- Tuesday 15 Sep at 2pm
- Monday 21 Sep at 10am
- Tuesday 22 Sept at 11am
- Thursday 24 Sep at 10am
- Monday 28 Sep at 11am

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards Rebecca

Rebecca Cribb

EA to David Gallant, Chief Operating Officer



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Subject: RE: ABC office and studio requirements in Parramatta

Thanks Gaven

We can work around your schedule but I will have Rebecca send through some times on Monday.

Cheers

David

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; Rebecca Cribb's 47F ; Jod

Fleming < Fleming.Jodi@abc.net.au >

Subject: RE: ABC office and studio requirements in Parramatta

Hello everyone, yes as David B hinted, the ABC is very keen to establish a much more significant footprint in Western Sydney and we'd love to have a look at Parramatta Square and / or discuss any options that might be possible.

Please let me know when might suits and I can bring a few of our key people along for a visit.

Thanks for being in touch and David, for putting us in touch.

Best.

Gaven



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From: Gaven Morris
To: Jodi Fleming

Subject: Re: Parramatta Square

Date: Wednesday, 16 September 2020 7:59:56 PM

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From: Jodi Fleming <Fleming.Jodi@abc.net.au> **Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 2:06:31 PM **To:** Gaven Morris <Morris.Gaven@abc.net.au>

Subject: Parramatta Square

Scheduled for Friday 25 September with Neil.

Can I grab your rego for parking please?

They've also asked for our space requirements so they can prepare some options \dots ?

Jodi



Jodi Fleming

Executive Manager News, Analysis and Investigations



 From:
 Neil Skill

 To:
 Kate McGuinness

 Subject:
 RE: Parramatta bureau

Date: Tuesday, 20 April 2021 1:00:10 PM



Regards Neil



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From: Kate McGuinness < McGuinness. Kate@abc.net.au>

Sent: Tuesday, 20 April 2021 12:51 PM
To: Neil Skill <Skill.Neil@abc.net.au>
Subject: RE: Parramatta bureau

Hi Neil, have you heard from News?..... thanks, k

From: Neil Skill < Sent: Tuesday, 20 April 2021 9:26 AM

To: Melanie Kleyn <<u>Kleyn.Melanie@abc.net.au</u>>

Cc: Kate McGuinness < < McGuinness.Kate@abc.net.au >

Subject: Re: Parramatta bureau

Hi again



Thanks

Neil

Neil Skill

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From: Neil Skill < Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 8:24:09 AM

To: Melanie Kleyn < Kleyn. Melanie@abc.net.au >

Cc: Kate McGuinness < < McGuinness.Kate@abc.net.au >

Subject: Re: Parramatta bureau

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Regards

Neil

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From: Melanie Kleyn < Kleyn. Melanie@abc.net.au>

Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 8:19:48 AM

To: Neil Skill < Skill.Neil@abc.net.au>

Cc: Kate McGuinness < < McGuinness.Kate@abc.net.au >

Subject: Parramatta bureau

Hi

I forgot to ask yesterday - can I get a brief update on where things are at with the parra bureau expansion

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

Bastion have wide media experience, and the ABC has engaged them previously. Mr Morris, who has since been employed by the group, adds unparalleled knowledge of the ABC's operations and a detailed understanding of the ABC's future strategic objectives to Bastion's existing capabilities. He also has strong connections with relevant organisations in Western Sydney. The ABC considers that Mr Morris' skills and experience, specifically on the team that established Al Jazeera English and then at the ABC establishing both the ABC News Channel and ABC News digital will allow Bastion to, importantly, move very quickly to contribute in making this project a success.

With Mr Morris, Bastion will assist with specific matters on the project, primarily connected to content and technology strategy and approaches that are required to make the ABC premises more than a simple 'shift' of people to Parramatta, but a state-of-the-art news and content hub that engages properly with the community. It is an appropriate use of an external service provider with a distinct combination of experience and corporate knowledge.

The ABC has also separately engaged with and plans to engage with a range of consultants to help guide and deliver on the project, including but not limited to engineers, quantity surveyors, tenancy representatives, builders, architects and experts on the preparation of the public works submission.

The ABC wholly rejects the suggestions or aspersions to wrongdoing included in your letter.

Yours sincerely,

David Anderson

Managing Director