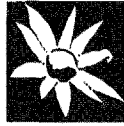




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11 August 2005

The Committee Secretary  
 Of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee  
 Department of the Senate  
 Parliament House  
 CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Secretary

I refer to the comments made by Senator O'Brien in the Senate on Tuesday, 9 August 2005 in relation to the Federal Government's Regional Partnerships Program.

It has never been, nor is it, my intention to mislead a Senate enquiry.

I have reviewed past emails on Councils files in relation to this matter, including the e-mail referred to by Senator O'Brien dated Monday, 9 August 2004.

In that email, advice was given that an announcement would be made at Tumby Creek.

Neither the extent or details of what was to be announced was divulged to me, but Council obviously required advice that an announcement was to take place so it could plan for a Ministerial visit.

When I was asked by the Senate committee if I was aware of "any earlier decision to approve or a proposed decision to approve funding" then I am still confident the answer I provided - 'no' - is correct.

I regret any misinterpretation of the question or my response.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely

Brenton Pavier  
**MAYOR**

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