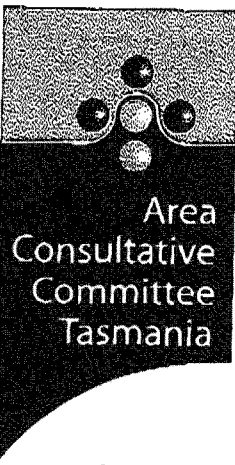


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27th July, 2005.

Alistair Sands
Secretary
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Dear Alistair,

Inquiry into Regional Partnerships Program

Please find attached responses to questions taken on notice, during the inquiry:
Launceston, 30th June, 2005 – by Area Consultative Committee Tasmania.

Annotated pages of changes to transcript have not been undertaken on the "Proof Copy"

Yours sincerely,


Sheryl Thomas,
EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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Responses to Senate Inquiry: 30th June, 2005 – Launceston, Tasmania.
Area Consultative Committee Tasmania.

Page 34 Senator O'Brien In your submission you say:

The "election promises" where projects have received funding, that were not known to the ACC, or where further development was required undermined the voluntary commitment of the ACC Regional Directors.

Can you identify projects to which this passage refers
This question was to be taken on notice –

Projects as follows that required further development

Norfolk project
Tamar Woodworkers Guild
Huon Valley Police Citizens
Young Town Community and Sports complex
Community Facilities George Town
Bridport Bowls Club
Legerwood Memorial Tree Victoria Cross

Extract from Minutes of Meeting 8th December, 2004

S. Boughey, identified there were 31 election promises in Tasmania, - 7 of these projects had come through TEAC – RP projects. Suggested that a clear delineation be made between "RP – promises" and RP "real projects"

The election promises would not affect the RP allocation in Tasmania.

Regional Directors spoke of their concerns and the affects that the election promises were having in their discussions with community groups.

The Directors felt that their commitment to commenting on RP projects had been undermined, and that a breach of conduct, had occurred whilst in Caretaker mode – by the politicians.

Wish to amend a response made in error – back ground as follows in relation to **Emu Valley**

Page 37 Senator O'Brien This may be repetitive, but permit me to be sure. Emu Valley visitors centre \$200,00.

Mrs. Thomas - Yes we have had a long and strong involvement with that applications. We received it prior to the elections, and it had been assessed and recommended to DOTARS for funding.

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Senator O'Brien Sot that was the subject of recommendation and the recommendation was for funding?

Mrs. Thomas – Yes

Senator O'Brien for \$200,000

Mrs. Thomas Yes

(Amendment – The application to TEAC was for \$85,000 – not \$200,000)

I wish for the above amendment to be incorporated in the transcript – as the amount was incorrectly stated.

East Coast Dive Wreck; References were made on pages 41 – 46 –56

Project Name	East Coast Dive
Proponent	Orford Triabunna Chamber of Commerce
\$ Amount	<p>\$219,293 (2/05/05) (second submission) received 2 May 2005 Sub committee met – Recommended 17th May, 2005 forwarded to DOTARS.</p> <p><i>Background.</i> ACC First met with Chamber of Commerce 20th August 03 First Submission Lodged January 2004 – No documents confirming co-funding – or verification of ownership of Cotswold Prince. Sub committee meet 24th March, 2004. Recommended Medium Priority with conditions. Withdrawal of application due to boat not being available. To be re-submitted 2004/05</p>
Description	Funding required for an artificial dive reef off Maria Island.