

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**From:** Graeme Lewis <granorlewis@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 26 November 2012 8:47 PM  
**To:** braedon@bigpond.com; Daniel Davis; Ross Connolly;  
Tory.Mencshelyi@countryliberals.org.au; Terry Mills  
**Subject:** Re: Presidents questions

Good Evening Braedon,

I note your comments that you have not and will not threaten me, and that writing of our friendship, you "hope the current status quo will remain." I cannot see that any of my emails "jeopardise the Party and others," any more than do yours. Indeed I am trying with great patience to address the issues you have created to prevent any jeopardy to the Party.

And so it is that I simply MUST respond to your allegations about Foundation 51. I have discussed its MO with Terry Mills, and I do think that the only solution, especially after this exchange is that it be wound up - a great shame in my opinion.

After several weeks of fending off requests for refunds from donors to the Party and F51, and the breaking of commitments by one company - I have no earthly need to know or understand what happened there, as I was only reporting on "income streams" or lack thereof - and now this latest refund request comes from you of all people. Disappointing to say the least.

Your contribution to F51 was in June 2009. You were drawn in by Lantry, and you have sent me the manifest that he published as a newsletter. There is in my view, no inconsistency at all between the positions outlined by him and by me.

You will recall that in 2009, the NT was dealing with a hung parliament, and the CLP was preparing for a snap election. We worked bloody hard to place ourselves in a strong position for that election - which of course never happened but it could have.

Lantry and the strategists spent a bundle of money - more in fact than was raised. The income in the year to 30 June 2009 was \$206,090, including your welcome contribution of \$20,000. However, spending reached \$240,083, which included \$187,374 of professional fees to researchers and pollsters. All the money raised was spent and overspent.

That shortfall was made up in the 2010 year, when revenue reached \$143,682, and spending on research and functions reached only \$111,989, thus covering the shortfall of the previous year. In 2010/2011, revenue was \$105,318, and expenses totalled \$104,109, showing a small profit. Member revenue fell off, and functions were important to meet the research costs that were essential, aimed at preparation for the inevitable 2012 election.

I suggest therefore that your 2009 contribution was more than well spent according to the Lantry manifest. The smaller number of participants in our programme as time went by, may have been the result of Lantry leaving the NT, but the programmes had to be continued as far as possible. During this time, such concepts as the CLP's planning strategy, its alcohol policy and the law and order strategies were being formulated, costing lots of money, and the success achieved in these areas was borne out in August 2012.

In the year ended 30 June 2012, it was much easier to generate funds, both directly and through very successful functions. Revenue totalled \$237,227. Expenditure in that year amounted to \$224,780, which included the following:

Polling and associated research for the August Election	\$ 195,050
Concept Development for August Election	\$ 21,523

*leaves \$20,657 over*

At 30 June 2012, the Company held just \$1066.63 in funds.)

*which means \$10k unincorporated for*

In the months to 31 August another \$200,000 was received, spent on polling \$110,000, consultants re the debt strategies and policies \$34,000, concept development \$34,160, plus travel, McGrath outgoings etc. Once again, the contributors were clearly aware, and did generally stipulate that the funds raised would be devoted to NT elections in 2012 or thereafter.

These figures may not satisfy your curiosity, but should indicate to you that the strategies outlined by Lantry and me have been followed.

**Like you, I will be mortified if this information becomes widely known. It must be closely held for obvious reasons.**

Finally I turn to your frequently written and stated claim that I have "withheld" financial information from you. All the financial information relating to the Party is maintained by the staff and held at the Secretariat. You have been in your position for just 15 days, during all of which you have been in attack mode, placing me in defence mode. You have now articulated what you want to happen, so I will assist the staff to prepare whatever reports you might request, so that they can be presented either to the Finance Committee or the Management Committee. I have already had discussions with the new Deputy Treasurer, who is most anxious to participate in the processes which might ultimately meet your stated requirement.

I do resent your oft-stated intention that I should hand the "reigns over," only, it seems, on the basis that you do not want me around. But we each have our own thoughts and intentions, and as you make very clear in your email, your opinion is that the options will be played out finally by the Management Committee according to your rules. I guess I must get used to that if I want to stay involved. And I do.

Graeme Lewis

# Fund no secret to CLP



**CHRISTOPHER WALSH**  
christopher.walsh@news.com.au

**EXCLUSIVE**

COUNTRY Liberal Party officials knew about alleged slush fund Foundation 51's involvement with the party since 2009 but did not disclose it, letters and emails released through the Freedom of Information Act show.

The letters forwarded to the police for investigation have now been released.

They indicate that CLP officials were still denying connections to the mysterious company to electoral commissioner Iain Loganathan until late 2014, despite its director Graeme Lewis developing policy for the party since 2009 that "(cost) lots of money" for researchers and pollsters.

Current CLP president and then-secretary Tory Meneshelyi wrote to the commissioner in a letter dated October 10, 2014 to amend the 2012-13 annual party donor returns to include Foundation 51 for the first time.

"I make this amendment based on information provided to me by Graeme Lewis (director) of Foundation 51 Pty Ltd on 22 September 2014," she wrote. "Previously, I was unaware of this information."

But an email from Mr Lewis two years earlier, dated November 26, 2012, to then Chief Minister Terry Mills, former president Braedon Earley, as well as subsequent party presidents Ross Connolly and Ms Meneshelyi, clearly outlined the contributions Foundation 51 was making to the CLP.

"The income in the year to

30 June 2009 was \$206,090, including (Mr Earley's) welcome contribution of \$20,000," Mr Lewis wrote. "However, spending reached \$240,083, which included \$187,374 of professional fees to researchers and pollsters. All the money raised was spent and overspent."

The email continues to outline how Foundation 51 funded research and policy development for the party up to the 2012 election campaign through funds obtained from local businesses.

"During this time, such concepts as the CLP's planning strategy, its alcohol policy and the law and order strategies were being formulated, costing lots of money, and the success achieved in these areas was borne out in August 2012," Mr Lewis wrote.

Despite being included in that email, then party president Mr Connolly wrote in a letter dated July 17, 2014 that the CLP had no financial interest in Foundation 51.

Mr Loganathan told the *NT News* he was familiar with the letters and had forwarded them on to police last year.

The NT Police released the findings of their investigation last October, which indicated a prima facie case had been established with "a reasonable chance of conviction".

However, Director of Public Prosecutions Jack Karczewski dropped the matter claiming it was not in the public interest to pursue it.

Mr Karczewski declined to comment on this story. Ms Meneshelyi did not respond to questions Mr Lewis said Foundation 51 only contributed "m-kind donations" based on his knowledge that was used to develop policy.



18 June 2009

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Bill Shephard,  
Electoral Commissioner  
Northern Territory Electoral Commission,  
GPO Box 2419,  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Sir,

Foundation 51 Pty Ltd

We refer to your letter dated 9 April 2009 referring to matters surrounding a Company called Foundation 51 Pty Ltd. Thank you for your analysis of issues that relate to the legal reporting requirements of the Northern Territory Country Liberal Party ("Country Liberals"). We assure you of this Party's intention to adhere to the requirements of Northern Territory legislation.

You have prefaced your letter by referring to correspondence from the Australian Labor Party requesting that you urgently and formally investigate "the current status of Foundation 51" and you have set out certain "assertions" which have been made. We are uncertain as to why you would comply with this request, and ask whether you propose to transmit our response to the Australian Labor Party. We are desirous to satisfy your enquiry, but not that of the Australian Labor Party.

We make the point herein that the Company, Foundation 51 Pty Ltd, is not in any way related to, or controlled by this Party. Whilst we are well aware of assertions that you raise, our enquiry of the Directors of the Company enables us to assure you that all legal requirements of this Party will be met.

Furthermore, at this time, there is no event or financial transaction that would in any way establish the relationship that you describe as an "associated entity" and variously as a "related entity."

We are not aware that the Foundation 51 Pty Ltd has given assurances to anyone about disclosure under the Electoral Act, and we have certainly advised them, consistent with your letter, that this would be inappropriate. We concede that there has been literature circulated by Foundation 51 - not this Party - that the Company is "an initiative of Country Liberals," and we have requested that the Company desist from this statement. We have however, been advised by the Directors of Foundation 51 Pty Ltd, that the business plan of the Company describes its business as, engaging in commercial activities consistent with policies of "liberal and conservative politics in the Territory."



We will continue to monitor the activities of Foundation 51 Pty Ltd as far as it is possible for us to do so, and will without qualification, assure you, that this Party abides strictly by the reporting requirements of the relevant legislation; and in accordance with your advice.

We further advise, that we are obtaining an independent legal opinion in this matter; and if it transpires that any activity or relationship, financial or otherwise, becomes apparent between the Company and this Party, we can assure you of our intention to ensure prompt and effective compliance with both Federal and Northern Territory Legislation.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Allen".

Peter Allen  
Director  
Country Liberals



ABN 58 029 065 407

17 July 2014

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Attention: Mr Iain Loganathan

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Dear Iain,

Thank you for your letter dated 6 June 2014 advising receipt of a complaint by the Australian Labor Party (NT Branch) in relation to various documents they purport to evidence an 'associated entity' relationship between the Country Liberals (CLs) and Foundation 51 Pty Ltd (F51). I apologise sincerely for the delay in forwarding this response.

As my presidency of the CLs is relatively recent in relation to some of the matters raised in the complaint, my response to your letter is necessarily based on discussions with other senior members of the party.

Your letter provides the basis upon which the assessment must be made as to whether an 'associated entity' relationship exists, and seeks response in relation to those criteria.

The first is in relation to control. In this regard, it is my advice that F51 has been, and remains, an independent legal entity in which the CLs have no financial or management interest, and over which we certainly exercise no control. We acknowledge that Graeme Lewis is a member of our Management Committee, and also a director of F51, however I note that Mr Lewis does not report to the CLs in relation to F51, regularly or otherwise, nor do the CLs direct, instruct or review F51.

The second relates to the significance of the extent to which the entity (F51) operates for the benefit of the political party. I suggest to assess this matter requires an understanding of the breadth of operations of the entity and the amount and nature of the support provided to the party relative to its total revenues and other expenditure. While the party acknowledges that support has been received from F51, we are not aware of the significance of this support in relation to F51's other activities or its financial position. Accordingly, I regret I am unable to assist with this aspect of the assessment, but assume enquiries of F51 will allow an appropriate assessment of significance to be made. I also note that we enjoy the support of other donors from time to time that support the CLs to a more significant financial extent than does F51.

I make the following observations in relation to the documentation furnished in support of the complaint, which comprises, in chronological order:

1. A copy of a letter dated 24 March 2014 addressed to me from Deputy Treasurer Eli Melky,
2. A copy of an email from me to Graeme Lewis and others dated 26 March 2014,
3. A copy of an email from Graeme Lewis to me and others also dated 26 March 2014.

1. Eli Melky's letter of 24 March 2014.

The fact that Mr Melky felt the need to write the letter after spending a significant and active time in the party, including at quite senior levels, actually illustrates that the CLs do not maintain any close or proprietary relationship with F51.

2. My email to Graeme Lewis and others dated 26 March.

My email to Graeme Lewis does not address F51 in any respect.



3. Mr Lewis's email to me and others.

Mr Lewis's response to my email references to 2 issues of concern.

The first is said to have existed briefly several years ago, remedied promptly, and 'addressed with the AEC'. I have been unable to determine what this issue involved, but I am advised that at no time has F51 shared a PO box with the CLs.

The second issue related to the establishment of the F51 website. I am advised that F51 engaged an independent commercial service provider to undertake this task, and it is now evident that the license for the domain was inappropriately obtained in the name of the Country Liberal Party. The contracted service provider had also provided services to the CLs at that time, but was not briefed to create the website by or for the Party, nor to style the licence in this way. It was an administrative error of which neither the CL's senior management nor the directors of F51 were aware until recently. At no time did the CLs pay any domain licence establishment or renewal fees, with these costs presumably being met by F51 at all times. I am advised that when the error was identified, it was immediately remedied by the transfer of the domain licence ownership to an appropriate holder, although the record of previous 'ownership' will remain a matter of public record indefinitely.

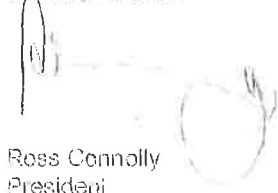
It is appropriate to note that the activities of members of the Legislative Assembly, either as individuals or collectively as the Parliamentary Wing, is to a significant degree separate from the activities of the Party, and we are not always aware of their initiatives.

It is submitted that the trivial nature of these two matters should be assessed in the context of the behaviour of both the CLs and F51 over the years of F51's existence. The CLs have completed their annual and electoral returns diligently and honestly throughout, and I assure you that the return in relation to the recent Blain by-election will be completed accurately and honestly and lodged in a timely manner.

In regard to the financial disclosure requirements of the Act, your third dot point relates to the activities of the CLs, with the others relating to obligations of F51. I assure you that we remain committed to completing the return described accurately and completely.

The Country Liberals are committed to maintaining an honest and respectful relationship with the NTEC and AEC. We will naturally accept the outcome of your inquiry and undertake to comply fully with any changes required to future reporting.

yours faithfully  
Country Liberals



Ross Connolly  
President

10 October 2014

Mr Iain Loganathan  
Electoral Commissioner  
Northern Territory Electoral Commission  
GPO Box 2419  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Mr Loganathan,

I am writing to you as Party Agent for the Country Liberals (Northern Territory) for the purposes of the Northern Territory Electoral Commission.

Please find enclosed an Annual Return Amendment for the financial year 2012/2013.

I make this amendment based on information provided to me by Mr Graeme Lewis of Foundation 51 Pty Ltd on 22 September 2014. Previously I was unaware of this information.

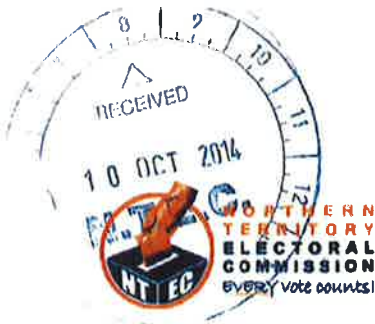
Should you have any enquiries in regard to this matter please contact me on 0419 289 891 or 08 8948 1744.

Yours sincerely,



Victoria Mentshelyi





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# POLITICAL PARTY AND BRANCH

Annual Return Amendment 2012/2013  
(Insert Financial Year)

Refer to the *Disclosure Handbook for Political Parties* at [www.ntec.nt.gov.au](http://www.ntec.nt.gov.au) before completing this return

## 1 PARTY DETAILS

Name of Party		
COUNTRY LIBERALS (NORTHERN TERRITORY)		
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DARWIN NT 0801		
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## 2 AGENT DETAILS

Name		
VICTORIA MENCSELYI		
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Tel no. (BH)	Facsimile no.	E-mail address
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## 3 CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information in this return and its attachments is true and complete

Agent's Signature <i>V. Mencshelyi</i>	Date <u>10, 10, 2014</u>
PRINT NAME <u>Victoria Mencshelyi</u>	

Previous amendment number (if this year's return has previously been amended): \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Address enquiries and returns to:</b> Northern Territory Electoral Commission GPO Box 2419 DARWIN NT 0801 Telephone: 08 8999 5000 and 1800 MYVOTE Facsimile: 08 8999 7630 E-mail: <a href="mailto:mail.ntec@nt.gov.au">mail.ntec@nt.gov.au</a>	<b>NTEC use only</b> Amendment No. Date received Registration No.
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**5 PAYMENTS**

<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR</b> <i>(Write 'N/A' if no change to this part)</i>			
Previous amount \$	N/A	Amended amount \$	N/A

**6 DEBTS**

<b>6.1 TOTAL DEBTS AS AT 30 JUNE</b> <i>(Write 'N/A' if no change to this part)</i>			
Previous amount \$	N/A	Amended amount \$	N/A

**6.2 DEBTS OF \$1500 OR MORE** *(Write 'N/A' if no change to this part)*

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- Clearly identify the item being changed, eg by restating the original item and noting or by resubmitting the original part of the return with the item highlighted and the change shown on the amending return.

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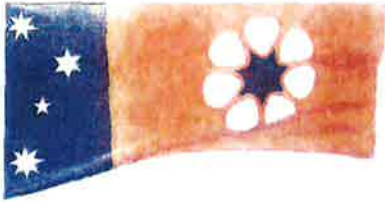
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**4 RECEIPTS**

4.1 TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR <i>(Write 'N/A' if no change to this part)</i>			
Previous amount \$ 1,873,684-		Amended amount \$ 1,893,684 -	
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31 October 2014

The Electoral Commissioner  
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Attention: Mr Iain Loganathan

Dear Iain,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 07 October 2014 in relation to the matter of Foundation 51 Pty Ltd (F51), and note the provision by them of a late donor return covering the 2012 election. You note that F51 is proposing to comply with the disclosure requirements of an 'associated entity' of the Country Liberals, but your letter does not make clear whether this intention applies from the inception of the Company or some later date.

Your letter invites the Party to reassess its relationship with F51 and to reconsider returns lodged since the inception of F51 in February 2009.

The Party asserts that its returns throughout the period from 2009 have been completed in good faith and in accordance with the then held records.

From the material newly provided by you, the Party now understands that F51 provided 'in-kind' support to the estimated value of \$20,000 in relation to the 2012 election. Accordingly, the Party has already lodged an amended return matching the 'in-kind' support declared by F51. We have no basis for attributing a value to this support other than acceptance of the value declared by F51.

The Party understands that F51 undertaking of their own volition to comply with the disclosure requirements of an 'associated entity' of the Country Liberals generates obligations more for them than the Party. In preparing future returns, however, we will seek formal advice from F51 in regard to what, if any, declarations of 'in-kind' support they are planning to make, and include a matching entry on our declaration.

yours faithfully  
Country Liberals

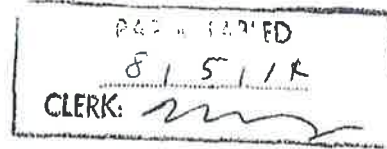
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Ross Connelly  
President

**ATTACHMENT 3**

**From:** Graeme Lewis [mailto:granorlewis@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 March 2014 10:14 PM  
**To:** Ross Connolly  
**Cc:** Eli Melky; Daniel Davis; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: SMS messages to Eli Melky

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WRITTEN AND SENT IN ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE

Good Evening Ross,

Thank you for your email/letter. I note that it is copied to three other gentlemen, and therefore I shall respond in that same way.

There is an old mission statement used by a well-known service club "to build up and not destroy," and you have been the epitome of exercising that mission throughout your Presidency. I commend you for that, and in that same spirit, I too offer you this response.

I note that Mr Melky tabled two transcripts of SMS items that I sent to him. In fact I sent four such messages and he responded in kind with four also. Would you like to see all of them? Whilst I do reject his characterisations, I recognise that I was justifiably angry with his actual and implied various attacks on both you and me, on Saturday and in his letter. I can give you the undertaking you request that all future written communications from me, whether by text, email or letter to anyone, will be professional and respectful. Indeed there shall be none, after this.

I do hope you will find this response meets the criteria to be professional and respectful.

I acknowledge that as Deputy Treasurer (not "assistant" -am I right?), Mr Melky may well be entitled to information regarding the Party's finances, and I did previously offer to assist him in his mission, but that was in vain. But his letter to you stepped well outside of that range of enquiry, and canvassed other issues to which he is not necessarily entitled, by virtue of his Deputy Treasurer position. The information regarding Party finances is of course freely available from elected officers of the Party, including your good self. I have recently briefed one of the Vice Presidents and of course the Treasurer.

Ross you did advise me of the discussions this morning regarding Foundation 51, and I thank you for that. Out of that discussion came two issues that may well be breaches in the wall that must rightly exist between the Party and the Foundation. One of those issues was remedied within days of it occurring several years ago, but I am well aware of that item remaining on Google pages to this day. Perhaps Daniel knows how to deal with that too. The matter has long ago been addressed with the Australian Electoral Commission, and is an issue no longer.

The other matter - that of the domain address and ownership - you brought to my attention just today. It is quite disappointing that this has in fact been known to members of the team even for years, but was never ever advised to me as a member of the team. The position will now be remedied as quickly as possible. It may or may not be prudent to raise the issue with

the AEC. I think not, but I shall refer it for further confirmation, and I will advise you personally Ross. Facts are facts, and whilst regrettable, as long as they are addressed when identified, I believe the bonafides of the situation will win out. The error was made by an IT operative who has in fact also worked professionally for the Party and the Parliamentary wing in this IT area, and he is today licking his wounds. I would recommend that his services be terminated, although he is a financial Life Member. The Foundation has in fact always paid the fees attached to this domain registration.

But the issue of the Foundation does need to be clarified. The wide canvassing by Mr Melky's widely-circulated letter, of the existence of Foundation 51 and its now-claimed relationship with the Party, draws the whole matter into wide focus. The intent of Mr Melky to further canvass issues of the Foundation at future meetings causes me to actively consider disposing of the whole concept, refund the monies in hand, and forfeit the opportunities that have been built in past years, to assist in the political spectrum of the Northern Territory. It would be a shame, just to satisfy the egos of a few, and one hopes that garage sales will be able to replace the Foundation in providing adequate resources for future profile building. I have made the Chief Minister aware of this probability, much to his concern. He and I have on many occasions discussed the matter of the Foundation, and he is well disposed to having the Foundation continue its activity, with the wall between the entities currently, fixed in place.

I reiterate to you that I believe I am duty bound to advise other people, including contributors, of the danger now at hand that the wall will be torn down. I cannot know how this can now be resolved. The horse may well have bolted already, and the more public discussion that takes place, the more I personally with others, are vulnerable, and accountable to the many contributors who support the Foundation regularly. I cannot fathom what is the motivation of those who would attack in this way, what has been built with great success and goodwill, and I have to question how many garage sales and golf days will be needed to produce the many millions of dollars that will be required before the end of the year 2016.

Indeed a plan to set up a communication network under the F51 banner, must now be scrapped. The Foundation has already contributed significantly towards the activities of the Blain by-election. In retrospect - not clever in view of this current interrogation!

Your email did not canvass the issue of the Foundation, but I am compelled to comment, knowing the tenor of the letter from Mr Melky, the certainty that these matters were discussed this morning, and regrettably, will be again.

You have sought commitment from me to "commence this task" of addressing the audit backlog soon after the completion of the by-election, and I give you that commitment. I note the timetable you have set and I hope your timetable is achievable! The dollar cost will be considerable and is not included in the budget.

Ross I have long enjoyed the cut-and-thrust of politics. I do ask you whether you think our Party has outgrown the concept of family and teamwork as it used to be. Process is essential, I readily agree, but there seems to be so much effort in many quarters these days,

put into destroying what we achieved when we won Government in 2012, and through the forty years prior. Sitting in the Parliament today, I was drawn to reflect on the massive responsibility that is with our Parliamentarians, responsibility that we have thrust upon them, and I considered whether our Party was in fact worthy to support them as we should. This interchange with Mr Melky causes me to wonder more, but I will, from here on, keep my thoughts to myself, as I have promised.

In the meantime, as you anticipate, I assure you of my cooperation, to the extent I am able.

Although I have herein pondered some questions to you Ross, it is preferable you do not respond in written form to this email, and we should simply let the matters rest.

Best Regards,

Graeme Lewis  
Management Committee Member

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Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2014 01:16:37 -0700  
From: [ross\\_connolly@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ross_connolly@yahoo.com.au)  
Subject: Your SMS messages to Eli Melky  
To: [granorlewis@hotmail.com](mailto:granorlewis@hotmail.com)  
CC: [eli.melky@goldenhome.com.au](mailto:eli.melky@goldenhome.com.au); [daniel.davis@lasseters.com.au](mailto:daniel.davis@lasseters.com.au);  
[REDACTED]

Graeme,

Today our assistant treasurer, Eli Melky, met with me and our vice presidents to raise further concerns arising from his recent letter to me that was copied to Management committee and Branch Chairs.

Eli tabled the content of two SMS messages sent to him by you responding to his letter to me, and expressed in the strongest terms his concern that your attitude in the texts was demeaning, dismissive and very inappropriate. He correctly noted that as assistant treasurer he was both entitled and duty bound to understand the finances of the party, and that it was entirely unacceptable that you, as former treasurer, would deny him information relevant to the financial management of the Party and refuse to engage with him in the future.

Graeme, I agree with Eli that your texts were intemperate and inappropriate, and I require your undertaking that all future written communications, whether by text, email or letter will be professional and respectful. We're all members of a volunteer organisation, and energy spent sniping at each other is energy lost to the cause of keeping the country Liberals in Government.

At the same meeting, we also discussed the task of completing the audit backlog, and I seek your commitment to commencing this task soon after the completion of the by-election. I am happy to assist as I'm sure Tony Schelling will be, coincidentally affording an appropriate opportunity for Tony to learn a great deal more about the financial management of the party. I have committed to completing this task in time to deliver fully audited accounts to this year's Annual Conference, including the backlog.

I look forward to your cooperation in these important matters.

regards

Ross Connolly  
President

## Candidate loaned \$10,000 by man he had never met during Northern Territory by-election

BY CHRISTOPHER WALSH

FROM: NT NEWS

JANUARY 22, 2015 2:52PM



Graeme Lewis, CLP fundraiser and Foundation 51 co-founder. Photo: Supplied

**CLP fundraiser and Foundation 51 co-founder Graeme Lewis says he gave his old "friend" Nathan Barrett a \$10,000 loan to live on during the Blain by-election last year.**

But Mr Barrett said he had never met Mr Lewis until he showed up one day offering \$10,000 to be paid back only if he won the election.

Mr Lewis insists the money did not come from Foundation 51 or the Country Liberal Party.

"Absolutely not. It was my personal money," Mr Lewis said. "He was a candidate in the election, he was a friend of mine, he was out of wages for two months so I gave him some money to pay his house mortgage. I knew him quite well."

Under NT election law, it is not illegal for an individual to loan a candidate money during a campaign.

Leaked emails written by Mr Lewis, revealed by the *NT News* last year, showed Mr Lewis saying Foundation 51 "contributed significantly" to the CLP's Blain by-election campaign.

He said he had statements that proved the \$10,000 loan came from his personal account.

Foundation 51 recently filed disclosures with the Australia Electoral Commission that show it operated as an associated entity of the Country Liberals NT. Previous statements by party members indicated the two were not connected.



Mr Barrett said the terms of the loan from Mr Lewis were: "If you win, pay it back as soon as you can. If you don't win, we'll call it a day and you know, I lost 10 grand - which I thought was pretty good of him but I had actually never met him before that."

He added he was introduced to Mr Lewis by a mutual friend and party member. Mr Barrett said he had nothing to do with Foundation 51 during the election or after and paid back the loan to Mr Lewis.

NT Electoral Commissioner Iain Loganathan is investigating Foundation 51 and has launched an independent audit of political donations.

Originally published as **Pre-poll loan for a 'friend'**

**Question Transcript - 07/05/2014**

**Foundation 51 – Transparency in Donations**

**Mr WOOD to CHIEF MINISTER**

Yesterday you spoke about transparency in election donations. To back up what you said, could you please tell parliament whether Foundation 51, whether a private company or not, contributed to the Blain by-election - either to the candidate or the party - and what was the amount contributed? Is it not possible that businesses or individuals, who want to contribute to the CLP and want to remain anonymous, can use Foundation 51 as a front to achieve it, meaning the party can sidestep election donation disclosure rules?

**ANSWER**

Madam Speaker, I am not sure if the member for Nelson heard a couple of my first answers. There is no direct connection between Foundation 51 and the party. How the Blain by-election was funded is a matter for the party. The party ran the election, not anyone on this side of the Chamber, so I suggest you put your question to the party or Foundation 51.

This is an uncorrected proof of the daily report. It is made available under the condition that it is recognised as such.

**Ms FYLES (Nightcliff):** Madam Speaker, tonight in this adjournment debate I want to express my concerns about a real threat to our Territory democracy. Subject to a couple of provisions, there is nothing wrong with donations to political parties. The first provision is donations are properly declared in accordance with disclosure laws for donors, political parties and associated entities set out in the Territory and Commonwealth Electoral Acts. The second provision is donations do not come with strings attached.

The strong donation disclosure provisions set out in both acts are intended to ensure transparency, accountability and integrity in our democratic processes. The substantial penalties for breaches of the disclosure provisions and the strong powers of investigation conferred on both the electoral commissions reflect the intention of our parliaments to protect the integrity and viability of our precious democracy. No excuse or exception should be made for any individual, political party or associated entity which deliberately breaches the disclosure laws.

It is blatantly clear from the late disclosure returns and leaked e-mails that both the CLP and Foundation 51 have breached the disclosure provisions enumerated in both Territory and Commonwealth electoral laws.

We know from a leaked e-mail tabled in this Assembly that Foundation 51 Director, Graeme Lewis had discussed Foundation 51 with the Chief Minister on many occasions. More recently, the member for Blain has admitted receiving a \$10 000 loan from Mr Lewis in the run-up to the Blain by-election, and former magistrate and Foundation 51 director, Peter Maley has disclosed a \$50 000 donation to the CLP when he was serving as a magistrate.

Recently, more than two years after the mandated deadline, Foundation 51 has disclosed a donation of \$200 000 to the CLP. **Until recently the Chief Minister has denied any knowledge of a relationship with Foundation 51. In a rare moment of truthfulness if not leadership he said of Foundation 51, 'I think that it's time for someone from the CLP to do something in this regard. It obviously smells.'**

I understand that complaints about breaches of disclosure provisions by both the CLP and Foundation 51 have been referred to the Northern Territory Electoral Commission and the Australian Electoral Commission. I am not aware of the current status of any investigations initiated by the two commissions but there is a reasonable public expectation they will take strong action to protect our democracy. They certainly have the powers to do so.

A leaked e-mail from Foundation 51 director Graeme Lewis to then CLP President, Braedon Early sets out income and expenditure for Foundation 51 over many years. Much of this income and expenditure has never been disclosed as required by the Electoral Act. In the e-mail Mr Lewis states unequivocally, 'Like you, I will be mortified if this information becomes widely known. It must be closely held for obvious reasons.' This e-mail, together with other documentation on the public record, is prima facie evidence of a conspiracy to circumvent the provisions of both Electoral Acts.

It would be appropriate, in my view, for these matters to be referred to police and the DPP in the relevant jurisdictions.



# Maley defends giving cash donations to CLP



**CHRISTOPHER WALSH**  
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FORMER magistrate Peter Maley donated \$50,000 to the CLP while he was a magistrate, violating judicial guidelines, according to new disclosures released by the Australian Electoral Commission.

But Mr Maley told the NT News he sees nothing wrong with his support for the political party even while sitting as a member of the judiciary.

"I make no secret I'm heavily mixed up with the CLP and a

big supporter," he said. "I made a financial donation and declared it.

"There are guidelines, but they are just guidelines and they are subject to individual interpretation."

Mr Maley's personal disclosure form notes the date of his donation as March 28, 2014 - just weeks before the Blain by-election and six months after becoming magistrate.

Mr Maley was at the centre of a political scandal in August 2014 when he abruptly resigned after being asked 13 questions by the NT News into his alleged involvement in a cash for access deal.

NT Parliament heard claims Mr Maley promised a former legal client access to sensitive government documents in 2008, in exchange for a \$10,000 donation to the CLP.

He confirmed yesterday

that the \$50,000 donation was his own money.

"This is my money that I spent supporting a political cause and party I believe in."

he said, adding that he will do it again.

Mr Maley also came under fire last year for his involvement with the CLP and their alleged slush fund, Foundation 51. After being appointed magistrate, Mr Maley continued to help the party in the Blain by-election by handing out how-to-vote cards, donated money to his friend and Attorney General John Efferink's campaign and continued work with Foundation 51.

Mr Maley resigned from the party and Foundation 51 in May of last year, admitting he should not have been involved.

Labor Opposition renewed their calls yesterday for a full independent inquiry into political donations.

"This is proof that (Mr Maley) was meddling in politics, funding political campaigns, absolutely contrary to the judicial guidelines," Labor's Delia Lawrie said.

Chief Minister Adam Giles defended Mr Maley in the past but declined to comment on the new donation disclosures yesterday. Attorney General John Efferink also did not respond to interview requests.

Foundation 51 recently declared itself an entity associated with the CLP with more than \$100,000 in receipts, which includes a \$33,000 donation from Koolberridja College.

**"I make no secret I'm heavily mixed up with the CLP"**

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## Northern Territory Electoral Commission hands Foundation 51 investigation to police

- by:
- From: NT News
- April 15, 2015 2:51PM



Chief Minister Adam Giles has previously distanced himself from the Foundation 51 controversy  
*Source: News Corp Australia*

**AN investigation into complaints alleging Foundation 51 had failed to comply with disclosure obligations of the Electoral Act (NT) has found there has been a possible breach of compliance provisions.**

The preliminary investigation, conducted by the Northern Territory Electoral Commission, found a possible breach based on information collected through the investigation and legal advice from the Solicitor-General for the Northern Territory.

Information collected from the investigation has now been referred to the Northern Territory Police for further consideration.

Territory Labor had filed an official complaint. NT secretary Kent Rowe claimed Foundation 51, which is an associated entity of the Country Liberals, had broken the law.

13 Astonishing that a supposedly independent body like NTEC would bury negative news re CLP donors behind the Labor shambles. **#disgrace**

(<https://twitter.com/hashtag/disgrace?src=hash>) #ntpol (<https://twitter.com/hashtag/ntpol?src=hash>)

— Ben Smee (@BenSmee) **April 15, 2015**

(<https://twitter.com/BenSmee/status/566135037410733232>)

Under electoral funding laws, gifts in-kind to political parties must be publicly declared for fair value in the same manner as cash donations.

Foundation 51 solicits "memberships", offering members access to "research, reports and information gathering". Its activities and list of members are largely secret, but a flyer published online in 2009 showed two levels of memberships at the time cost \$5500 and \$22,000 a year.

When the conduct of Foundation 51 first came into question, ASIC records listed NT Land Development Board chairman Graeme Lewis, a member of the CLP management committee, and former politician and criminal lawyer Peter Maley as directors.

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## High-flyers embroiled in CLP-allied 'research' fund

- by: By BEN SMEE
- From: NT News
- May 07, 2014 11:50AM



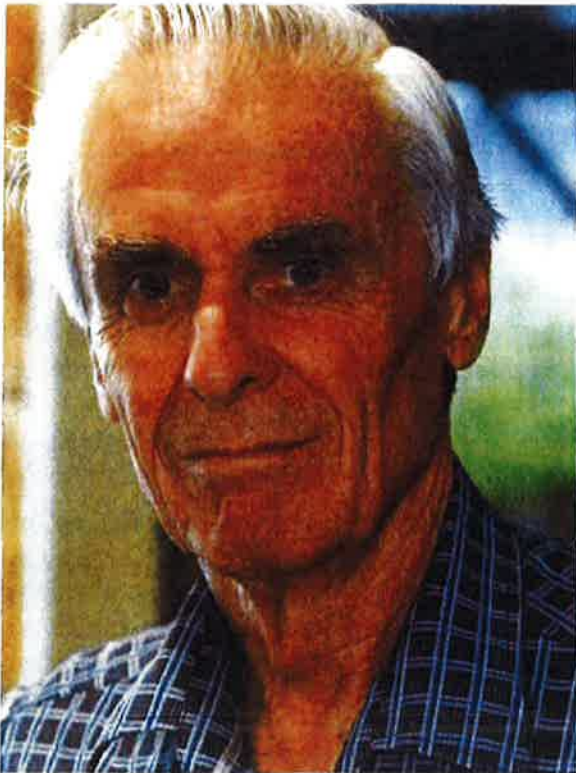
Business Minister Dave Tollner greets Graeme Lewis greets Foundation 51 and senior public servant Dave Tollner.

*Source:* News Limited

A SENIOR public servant and magistrate are directors of a Country Liberal Party-aligned research company that "contributed significantly towards the activities of the Blain by-election", emails and text messages seen by the *NT News* reveal.

The company solicits corporate "memberships" worth more than \$20,000.

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NT Land Development Board chairman and Foundation 51 director Graeme Lewis.  
Source: News Limited

#### CLP WIN BLAIN BY-ELECTION, RETAIN MAJORITY GOVERNMENT

[http://www.ntnews.com.au/news/northern-territory/high-flyers-embroiled-in-clp-allied-...  
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NT Land Development Board chairman Graeme Lewis is a member of the CLP management committee and a director of a private entity named in NT Parliament yesterday as Foundation 51.

ASIC records also list former MLA and current magistrate Peter Maley as a director.

Little is known of the foundation, which does not make any public funding disclosures, but a 2009 flyer soliciting members claims it was "an initiative of the Country Liberals".

Mr Lewis yesterday denied there were any formal links. He said the foundation was established by people with connections to the CLP and it had shared research with the party.

But Mr Lewis strongly denied it passed on financial contributions on behalf of its confidential list of members.





Palmer United Party defector Eli Melky.

Source: News Corp Australia

It is understood that Palmer United Party defector Eli Melky had demanded access to its financial records.

In a March text message in response to Mr Melky, Mr Lewis said: "any person wanting to support our cause is entitled to control of or to give guidance as to how their funds are applied and confidentiality is of course key".

"I have an election to pay for and I don't have the time or the inclination to honour or respect you with confidential information to which you are not entitled."

#### ALICE SPRINGS TOWN COUNCILLOR ELI MELKY QUILTS CLP

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Mr Lewis confirmed to the *NT News* the authenticity of the text message and a separate email to CLP president Ross Connolly that discussed Foundation 51.

In the email he said the foundation had contributed significantly towards the Blain by-election, but clarified that comment yesterday as relating to having passed on research.

"Some people would regard that as an in-kind contribution (but I don't)," Mr Lewis said.

Foundation 51 solicits "memberships" and offers members access to "research, reports and information gathering". Its activities and list of members are largely secret, but the flyer published online in 2009 showed two levels of memberships were at the time worth \$5500 and \$22,000 a year.

In his email, Mr Lewis said a wall "must rightly exist between the party and the foundation".

"I believe I am duty bound to advise other people, including contributors, of the danger now at hand that the wall will be torn down," he wrote. "One hopes that garage sales will be able to replace the foundation in providing adequate resources for future profile building.

"I have to question how many garage sales and golf days will be needed to produce the many millions of dollars that will be required before the end of the year 2016."

Mr Lewis said references in his email to the foundation and "many millions of dollars" required by the 2016 election are not linked - that they relate separately to his roles as a director of the foundation and a management committee member of the CLP.

The email also detailed discussions about the foundation with Chief Minister Adam Giles and said "he is well disposed to having the foundation continue its activity, with the wall between the entities currently fixed in place".

Mr Giles, when asked yesterday about the entity by Palmer United Party leader Alison Anderson in Question Time, said: "any political donation to the party is a matter for the party, not a matter for politicians in the confines of parliament".

"A smart politician does not handle money," Mr Giles said.

Mr Lewis and Mr Melky both confirmed the texts and emails were genuine.

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## Terry Mills held 'directorial role' in Foundation 51 while NT chief minister, emails claim

By the National Reporting Team's Kate Wild

Updated Fri 10 Oct 2014, 9:50am

**Explosive emails obtained by the ABC claim that in 2012 the Northern Territory's then chief minister, Terry Mills, secretly held "a directorial role" in Foundation 51, a company that its opponents say is a private "slush fund" for the Country Liberal Party (CLP).**

The email chain from November 2012 documents a heated exchange between the director of Foundation 51, Graeme Lewis, and the newly-minted CLP president Braedon Earley.

Responding to questions from Mr Earley about the purpose of Foundation 51 and who controls it, Mr Lewis wrote:

"I am the sole director and shareholder, with Terry Mills for obvious reasons, not appearing on the registers, but adopting a directorial role throughout.

"As you very well know, it was set up for, and supported by numbers of business people and has necessarily had to operate absolutely separately from the Party in order to keep its activities away from public scrutiny."

Foundation 51 Pty Ltd is currently under investigation by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) after allegations were made in May this year about its links to senior members of the CLP and its involvement in the Blain by-election - Ms Mills' former seat.

Senior figures in the party, including current Chief Minister Adam Giles, have repeatedly denied any knowledge of the activities of Foundation 51 and their links to the NT Government.

Mr Lewis has told the ABC he had "no intention of providing further oxygen to the mischief being created in this matter".

He also said the foundation's "business has ceased totally" and the company was being wound up.

Mr Mills also declined an interview, although he denied he had any kind of "director role" at Foundation 51.

"Irrespective of what some email may or may not suggest I have never been nor was ever regarded as a director," Mr Mills said in a statement.

Early this year he was appointed as NT's Commissioner to Indonesia and ASEAN, based in Jakarta.

Mr Earley did not return calls from the ABC.

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PHOTO: Terry Mills denied he had any kind of director role at Foundation 51.

RELATED STORY: Foundation 51 had direct line to Giles, FOI search reveals

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## Foundation 51 money for 'election purposes'

The revelations come as governments in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria also defend allegations of inappropriate fundraising activities and donations for legislation.

Mr Lewis' emails appeared to confirm that Foundation 51 received donations to be used for election campaigns.

In one email addressed to party director Tory Menchshelyi and dated November 22, 2012, Mr Lewis writes of Foundation 51:

"...its funds are a matter for the members [of Foundation 51] who have contributed those funds primarily for NT election purposes."

Under state and Commonwealth electoral laws, failing to declare indirect donations made to a political party is illegal.

The correspondence, which stretches over four days, is also addressed to Mr Mills, current party president Ross Connolly and current vice-president Daniel Davis.

In May this year Mr Lewis told the ABC in a statement: "Foundation 51 is simply a supporter of the CLP in political terms as are many other business organisations in the NT and has no financial relationship with the CLP."



PHOTO: Former Country Liberals president Braedon Earley at sittings of Northern Territory's Parliament. (ABC News)

## Not a matter for me, says Giles

In a short statement to the ABC on Thursday, Mr Giles appeared to try and distance himself from the controversy.

"Any involvement Terry Mills, Graeme Lewis and James Lantry may have had setting up this private company is a matter for them to respond to," Mr Giles said.

Mr Lantry is a former Foundation 51 director and a former chief of staff to Mr Mills.

Mr Giles has in the past defended the party's links with the foundation in Parliament after Palmer United Party MLA, Alison Anderson, described the company as a "slush fund".

"Foundation 51 is a private company, I have no association with that, neither do any of the members of my Country Liberal Party," Mr Giles said on May 7.

However, in another email dated March 26, 2014, Mr Lewis revealed he had discussed the foundation with Mr Giles:

"He and I have on many occasions discussed the matter of the Foundation, and he is well disposed to having the Foundation continue its activity with the wall between the entities currently fixed in place ... the Foundation has already contributed significantly towards the activities of the Blain by-election. In retrospect - not clever in view of this current interrogation!"

NT Opposition MP Ken Vowles used Parliament to compare Foundation 51 to the NSW Liberal Party consultancy Eightbyfive, which was investigated by the state's Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC).

Eightbyfive ran a trust fund that funnelled about \$400,000 in illegal donations to various NSW Government MPs.

The revelations claimed the scalps of senior minister Chris Hatcher and two other MPs.

## Timeline: NT Country Liberals

- **25 Aug 2012:** Led by Terry Mills, the Country Liberal Party wins government in the Northern Territory after 11 years in opposition.
- **10 Nov 2012:** Braedon Earley is elected CLP president.

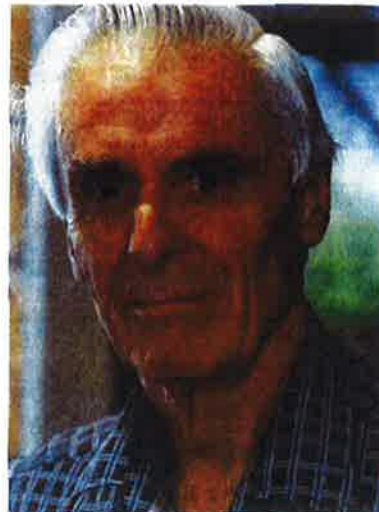


PHOTO: Foundation 51 director Graeme Lewis.

- **22-26 Nov 2012:** Email exchange between Mr Earley and Foundation 51 director Graeme Lewis.
- **6 Dec 2012:** Mr Earley resigns from the CLP presidency.
- **12 March 2013:** Adam Giles rolls Mr Mills for the leadership of the CLP while Mr Mills is on an official visit to Japan. Mr Giles appoints Dave Tollner his Deputy Chief Minister.
- **January 2014:** Magistrate Peter Maley is listed as a director of Foundation 51, three months after being appointed a magistrate by Mr Giles.
- **February 2014:** Mr Mills resigns from politics, triggering a by-election in the seat of Blain.
- **6 April 2014:** Alison Anderson, Larisa Lee and Francis Xavier Kurrupuwu quit the CLP and join the Palmer United Party (PUP).
- **12 April 2014:** A by-election to replace Mr Mills is held in Blain. The seat is won by CLP candidate Nathan Barrett.
- **30 April 2014:** Mr Earley quits the party and joins Palmer United Party (PUP).
- **7 May 2014:** Email emerges showing Mr Lewis discussed Foundation 51 with Mr Giles "on many occasions".
- **7 May 2014:** Leader of PUP in the NT, Ms Anderson, raises questions about links between Foundation 51 and under parliamentary privilege describes it as a "slush fund".
- **11 May 2014:** The NT branch of the Australian Labor Party lodges a formal complaint with the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC).
- **6 June 2014:** Mr Earley quits the PUP.
- **20 June 2014:** A Freedom of Information request by the ABC to the AEC confirms the AEC "is investigating whether the activities of Foundation 51 bring it within the ambit of the definition of 'associated entity'."
- **23 July 2014:** ABC reveals another email from Mr Lewis, dated May 11, sent to Mr Giles with a draft press release about Foundation 51 denying that it influences CLP ministers.
- **20 August 2014:** Parliamentary inquiry into political donations established in the Northern Territory.

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# 'Slush fund' lodges disclosure returns

## EXCLUSIVE

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AN alleged Country Liberal Party "slush fund" has lodged political funding disclosure returns for the first time, after its head belatedly acknowledged the company he helped to found could be deemed an associated entity under electoral laws.

Foundation 51 has been at the centre of intense debate in the Northern Territory amid allegations the CLP hid campaign contributions made on the path to government in 2012, and has since "covered up" by scrapping plans for an inquiry.

Chief Minister Adam Giles has repeatedly denied links between the party and Foundation 51, despite leaked emails and other evidence appearing to show the contrary. Foundation 51 is under investigation by two election authorities.

The organisation's head, Graeme Lewis, told *The Australian* Foundation 51 had lodged the paperwork on legal advice as a "defensive" manoeuvre. He denied claims it had contributed hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars to CLP coffers.

"I think, in relation to 2013-14, there was some minor contributions to functions, probably under \$20,000. There was a similar amount for in-kind contributions," he said.

"In 2012-13 the company probably did, I have considered that there was probably the pass-

ing of information which has been valued at \$20,000. I certainly haven't breached the spirit of the law, although people might want to say we've breached it through technicality."

Mr Lewis said he had been advised that the definition of an associated entity as "wholly or significantly for the benefit of one or more political parties" was more lax than he had previously realised.

Foundation 51 was established in 2009. Mr Lewis said it did not need to lodge returns for the years prior to 2012-13 because its activities in those years were modestly different.

Mr Lewis was until recently the CLP's treasurer and chairman of the NT Land Development Corporation, a crucial agency for developers, while also a director of Foundation 51. "In retrospect ... I would probably have to answer that there was a conflict of interest," he said.

He said Foundation 51 conducted polling and research on behalf of business, some of which was shared with the CLP. It also undertook lobbying.

Mr Lewis categorically denied that Foundation 51 had ever funded any election campaigns directly, paid for production of any election-related materials or taken instructions from the CLP, and his own comments, made in a leaked email, that former chief minister Terry Mills was a de facto director were an "over-statement".

The CLP last week used its numbers to crush a planned inquiry into the past 20 years of political donations.

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# Foundation 51 had direct line to NT Chief Minister Adam Giles, FOI documents reveal

By Jano Gibson

Updated 42 minutes ago

**The director of Foundation 51 asked Northern Territory Chief Minister Adam Giles to look over a press release refuting claims the company was a Country Liberal Party (CLP) slush fund, the ABC has learned.**

Emails obtained under freedom of information (FOI) legislation also showed Mr Giles wrote to Foundation 51 director Graeme Lewis about concerns of a possible conflict of interest.



**PHOTO:** NT Chief Minister Adam Giles was concerned about Graeme Lewis's perceived conflict of interest, FOI documents reveal. (ABC News)

**MAP:** Darwin 0800

Foundation 51 has been at the centre of a political storm since May, when a series of leaked emails raised questions about whether the company, set up in 2009, was receiving donations on behalf of the CLP.

It has described itself as an independent, conservative-thinking research company that engages with business to understand the issues and challenges confronting the Territory.

In the past, Mr Giles denied any influence from Foundation 51 on the parliamentary wing of the CLP and pointed out that the two groups were separate entities.

But the new emails revealed Mr Lewis was in direct contact with the Chief Minister about the group's activities.

If your people think this sort of press release might help not hinder, then it can fly.

The Australian Electoral Commission is investigating whether Foundation 51 should be considered an "associated entity", which would require it to declare any donations.

Graeme Lewis, director of Foundation 51

Mr Lewis has always denied any wrongdoing.

## Foundation 51 ran press release past Giles

On May 7 the Northern Territory Opposition used Parliament to label Foundation 51 a CLP "slush fund".

On May 11, Mr Lewis sent Mr Giles a draft press release, describing the allegations against Foundation 51 as a "vicious campaign of innuendo, mistruth, denigration and slander".

Mr Lewis said to Mr Giles: "If your people think this sort of press release might help not hinder, then it can fly."

On May 13, a Foundation 51 press release, with substantial changes to the draft version, was sent by Mr Lewis to media outlets.

One of the changes included the omission of a line that read: "Foundation 51 has progressed from its original structure ... which envisaged ... a close alliance with the Country Liberals Party."

On the same day, Labor used Parliament to accuse Mr Lewis of a having a conflict of interest and demanded that Mr Giles remove him from his Cabinet-appointed role as chairman of the Government's Land Development Corporation (LDC).

On May 22, Mr Lewis wrote to the Chief Minister saying CLP president Ross Connolly had briefed him on Mr Giles's "concerns re the Land Development Advisory Board, and my position there".



Mr Lewis said he accepted Mr Giles's concerns, but added: "I can assure you that nothing that I do or have done with so-called developers would ever have conflicted with LDC issues, F51, or the Party itself."

He went on to say: "The real issue is that, given all that is happening in the CLP, even before this last fiasco, it's clear that my time is up.

"And as I have said to you before, it is likely that Foundation 51 has also reached its use-by date."

Mr Giles wrote back to Mr Lewis on May 25, saying: "You offer a wealth of knowledge and expertise to government but I want to ensure there is no real or perceived conflict of interest with any dealing you may or may not have."

Earlier this month, Mr Lewis confirmed that he had resigned from his role as chairman of the LDC.

## Lewis 'frustrated' with PUP defectors

Mr Lewis's May 22 email also makes clear his frustration with two former CLP members, Eli Melky and Braedon Earley, who quit the organisation to join the Palmer United Party (PUP).

"The Party, which used to be family, is now nothing like it was, and 40 years on, I will be pleased to find other ways to make the NT a better place," Mr Lewis told Mr Giles.

"Your recent press releases re Northern Development have been bloody spectacular, and there are plenty of better things for me to do than being f---ed over by the Earleys and Melkeys of this rotten world."

### More on this story:

- [Electoral commission investigating Foundation 51](#)
- [NT Chief Minister maintains no links between Foundation 51 and CLP](#)
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## Adam Giles

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**From:** Adam Giles  
**Sent:** Monday, 26 May 2014 11:27 AM  
**To:** Ron Kelly  
**Subject:** Fwd: Lewis Issues

For discussion

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "[granorlewis@hotmail.com](mailto:granorlewis@hotmail.com)" <[granorlewis@hotmail.com](mailto:granorlewis@hotmail.com)>  
**Date:** 26 May 2014 2:02:34 am ACST  
**To:** Adam Giles <[Adam.Giles@nt.gov.au](mailto:Adam.Giles@nt.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Re: Lewis Issues

Agreed Adam.

You and I need a clear path prior to Central Council 14/6, as I will certainly be under the spotlight that weekend.

Cheers

Graeme Lewis

Sent from my iPad

On 25 May 2014, at 11:59, "Adam Giles" <[Adam.Giles@nt.gov.au](mailto:Adam.Giles@nt.gov.au)> wrote:

Graeme. Let's have a chat when you get back. You offer a wealth of knowledge and expertise to Government but I want to ensure there is no real or perceived conflict of interest with any dealing you may or may not have. Let's discuss any find out what's really happening and we can resolve. Let me know when you are back. Talk then. Adam Giles

Sent from my iPad

On 22 May 2014, at 7:02 am, "[granorlewis@hotmail.com](mailto:granorlewis@hotmail.com)" <[granorlewis@hotmail.com](mailto:granorlewis@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Hello Adam,

Ross C has tracked me down, and has faithfully briefed me on your concerns re the Land Development Advisory Board, and my position there.

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Hello Trish,

Hello Adam,

You guys have a huge week ahead, and I wish you well with this crucial budget.

Let's hope Melky's crap can diminish. If your people think this sort of Press Release might help not hinder, then it can fly. Trish Brick has letterhead etc., and I will stay in touch with her.

### PRESS RELEASE

A Director of the Company Foundation 51 Pty Ltd. Mr Graeme Lewis today denounced the vicious campaign of innuendo, mistruth, demigration and slander, that is being conducted in relation to the Company.

Speaking for the first time about the controversy that is raging within the Parliament and in the media, Mr Lewis, who is also an elected member of the Management Committee of the Country Liberals from which certain people have taken and released internal papers and information for their own personal gratification, said that he deeply regrets the commercial damage that is being caused to this legitimate commercial entity in which he is involved, with others, as a Director and Shareholder.

"Our clients and the Company are seriously affected by this campaign, and it is unfair and unreasonable that these people, who have now joined up with Clive Palmer's political party, are able to use internal papers that I have prepared for the confidential information of the Management Committee, to which they have added much untruth and misinformation, as a political weapon against myself, the Chief Minister, and the Country Liberals. One wonders what political advantage this malicious campaign can ultimately bring to the Palmer party," Mr Lewis said.

"It is also cute to note that the Labor Party have happily jumped on board this campaign by these disaffected former CLP people, rushing to capitalise on the situation by spraying further misinformation and innuendo under the cover of the Parliamentary "coward's castle," to attack both myself and the Chief Minister. The ALP have their own problems defending things they did, in conjunction with their own Harold Nelson

Holdings and the Stella Maris affair, and dragging Foundation 51 into their political defence of that affair is typical of their political expediency.

"Whereas that affair directly and undeniably involved questionable decision-making by Labor Ministers, no action of Foundation 51 has ever, or would ever, involve or influence any Country Liberals Minister carrying out his Ministerial duty."

But Mr Lewis pointed out that just like dozens of other Territory companies and organisations, Foundation 51 and its directors will unashamedly support the philosophy and politics of the Country Liberal Party, and will never fail to make our opinions and knowledge available to the governing Party, just as used to happen during 11 years of defective Labor government.

"The fact that Labor and the media chose to ignore such advice and information is what has put Labor in the position they occupy today as a sad excuse for an opposition." he said.

Mr Lewis concluded by pointing out that the nature and operation of Foundation 51 Pty Ltd has progressed from its original structure in 2008 which envisaged an annual subscription system, and even perhaps initially, a close alliance with the Country Liberal Party.

"We currently offer our clients a comprehensive and professional service to assist with their own commercial activities. It is offensive that Mr Melky and his Darwin associates in this matter have so openly and aggressively thrown about such information as they have, to denigrate this Company and its Directors, as well as Ministers of the Crown, all going about their legitimate business, entirely within the law.

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"We offer our members and clients a comprehensive service to assist their business activities. This is conducted at a professional level, which meets the commercial-in-confidence agreements they would expect of a competent consultancy service," said Mr Lewis.

"To date our research programs have included a mix of Gas Developments, NT Demographics, Retail Trends, Defence Build Up, Crime Patterns, Social Media for Business amongst many other topics that business has expressed a strong interest in".

"We have hosted exclusive forums with prominent profiles such as Demographer Bernard Salt, Economist Craig James and Dow Chemical's CEO Andrew Liveris among many others that have proven very successful and popular amongst our Membership and invited guests.

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**H**elen Spiers has a good story to tell. Particularly this week, as Australia contemplates the woeful Closing the Gap report on Indigenous disadvantage.

The school of which Dr Spiers is principal, Darwin's Kormilda College, is a low-fee private school run by the Anglican and Uniting churches. In addition to its day students, it educates about 200 boarders drawn from remote Indigenous communities.

They come in year 8, usually with very limited literacy and numeracy. Over the past two years, 49 have graduated.

"They get the Northern Territory certificate of education and they get entrance into university," says Spiers. "This is a great school. It does a lot of good things."

Sadly, that is not the story anyone has lately been interested in hearing.

Instead, the focus of parents, the media and electoral authorities has been on another matter entirely: how a respectable school came to pay tens of thousands of dollars to a shadowy associated entity of the Northern Territory's scandal-plagued and dysfunctional Country Liberal Party government, called Foundation 51.

And the truth is Helen Spiers doesn't really know the answer. Nor does the school's board. Those who do know aren't telling.

## **Crosby Textor and Foundation 51**

This intrigue goes back to August 2012, when Kormilda College determined the need for action to boost flagging enrolments. At that time it took students from years 6 to 12. The college board came to the view that it might help if they set up a feeder primary school. It was decided they should commission some market research and then principal David Shinkfield was left to organise it.

Eleven months later, in July 2013, the consultancy report duly arrived, recommending the school should go ahead with its planned expansion.

Stamped all over the report was the name of the firm that carried out the work. It was Crosby Textor, probably Australia's best-known research outfit, by virtue of its long association with conservative political campaigns in Australia, Britain, New Zealand and elsewhere, as well as its work for controversial clients such as tobacco companies.

Spiers says "it was a very comprehensive report", and the board decided to go ahead with its expansion plan. Most of this work was overseen by Spiers, who became principal after Shinkfield left in March 2013. "We opened the week before last," she says.

The accomplishment of getting the primary school operational, however, was overshadowed by an unexpected development.

The Australian Electoral Commission released electoral donation returns for the 2013-14 financial year, and among them was a document called an "associated entity disclosure return", dated October 13 last year and signed by Graeme Lewis as director of Foundation 51.

The AEC defines an associated entity as an organisation that operates wholly or significantly for the benefit of a political party, in this case the CLP.

The disclosure Lewis signed attested that during that year Kormilda College had paid \$33,000 to his foundation.

Apart from that, Lewis's AEC disclosure revealed little. The commission provides those making declarations two choices: they can declare the income as "donation" or "other". Lewis marked it "other".

At the school there was initial confusion. As far as the principal and the school board knew, they had never given a cent to Foundation 51.

It didn't take long for them to work out what had happened. Foundation 51, rather than Crosby Textor, had invoiced the school for the consultancy report.

On Tuesday last week, a day after the calls started, the chair of the college board, Peter Jones, put up a statement on the school's website. It says, in part: "The payment refers to a consultancy into the establishment of a primary school at Kormilda. The consultancy was undertaken by Crosby Textor, a research, strategies and results company based in Sydney. The board was never aware that Foundation 51 had any involvement in this process."

## **The money trail**

But that did not resolve the central mystery. Why had one company been paid for what the school understood to be the work of another?

A week later principal Spiers is still none the wiser.

"I have been back into the archives, checked all the emails, board minutes, finance committee minutes, and I can find nothing at all that mentions Foundation 51," she says. "The only link with Foundation 51 is that invoice."

When we contacted the foundation's Graeme Lewis, he was not very enlightening.

He maintains that the former principal, Shinkfield, had come to him via a mutual contact to offer the consultancy. Asked to be more specific about how the arrangement was formalised, he says that "this is a small town".

Lewis says he subcontracted some of the work to Crosby Textor and that Foundation 51 paid Crosby Textor for its work. How much was paid, he does not recall. Quizzed on what Foundation 51 actually did for the school, other than forward an invoice, Lewis was similarly vague.

"There would have been a report of some sort. I can't recall. I'm 73 years old and pretty stupid," he says. "The connotation that it was a political donation is absolute garbage. It was never a political donation. It was a consultancy receipt."

Foundation 51 has similarly subcontracted other commissions to Crosby Textor, he says. His personal relationship with the firm's co-founder, Mark Textor, goes back a long way.

"Mark Textor was born in Darwin. I knew him when he was growing up. I knew his father when he was here as a senior policeman. I've known Mark for 50 years."

Their political relationship goes back a long way, too. Lewis has been described as the eminence grise of the territory's Country Liberal Party. An accountant by profession, he has been its president and its treasurer and worked on many of its campaigns.

Textor likewise is a long-time CLP operative as well as being perhaps Australia's most cunning political strategist. He is widely credited with bringing to this country various polling techniques pioneered by the Republican Party in the United States, notably the use of focus groups to refine negative messages that might resonate with swing voters.

In the 1994 Territory election campaign, for example, when Textor was a member of the CLP campaign committee, voters were contacted by phone and asked whether they could support a Labor candidate if they knew Labor planned to close the seas to non-Aboriginals and have two laws, one for blacks and one for whites.

This is widely considered to have been the first use by any political party in this country of so-called push-polling, a technique by which damaging, false allegations about an opponent are spread under the guise of seeking to measure public opinion.

## **Accusations of a 'slush fund'**

Over the years, the Northern Territory has been used as a kind of testing ground for various strategies. Which brings us back to Foundation 51.

The company was set up in early 2009 by Lewis and James Lantry, the chief of staff to the then CLP leader Terry Mills. Lewis says its purpose was strictly commercial.

"We did market research for clients, we did a range of consultancy commissions, on social issues, on lots of different issues," he says.

Brochures distributed when the company was launched provide a somewhat different picture. Foundation 51 offered memberships: at \$5500 for a standard membership, or "platinum" membership for \$22,000. Members would benefit from access to "commercial research, reports and information gathering ... with both economic and taxation advantages".



The research would be delivered by Mark Textor.

Foundation 51 also offered political access. Guest speakers at events included John Howard, Peter Costello and Joe Hockey, as well as lesser conservative politicians and senior business figures.

For most of its existence, the foundation had largely operated under the radar of electoral regulators, and not made any disclosures. Then it made two, in very short order. The 2013-14 return, as we noted, was signed last October. Total receipts for that year were declared as \$101,200.

Six weeks later, another return was belatedly lodged for the previous year, listing total receipts of almost \$202,000. Most came from property developers.

Why the sudden rush to lodgement? Lewis says he did it on legal advice, out of "an abundance of caution".

And no wonder his caution is abundant. The Territory and federal electoral authorities are now investigating the foundation, following the leaking of emails detailing the closeness of the relationship between it and the government, as well as various allegations of impropriety by disaffected former CLP members and a complaint by Territory Labor that it served as a "slush fund" for the CLP.

Space prohibits detailing them all. Suffice to say, as Lewis did when we spoke to him: "The brand of Foundation 51 has now been totally trashed."

The company has been wound up.

## Ongoing investigations

Lewis maintains the foundation was never an associated entity in the strict sense, because money paid into it was not passed on to the CLP.

"The only time that money ever went from Foundation 51 to the CLP was in 2014 when – by the time this had all blown up – I thought, what the hell, and I gave something like \$7000 to the CLP."

But cash is not the only currency in politics. So is information and research.

"My problem was that, as director of Foundation 51, I was coming into information ... that then in my spare time I went and helped Terry Mills set up his electoral campaign.

"And then the electoral commissioner said, 'You must have been helping the CLP – that makes you an associated entity.'"

Lewis's admissions suggest the following picture. Conservative donors pay into Foundation 51. The foundation commissions research. The research, conducted by Liberal Party pollster Crosby Textor, as well as other research companies, then gets passed to the CLP.

As for how Kormilda College and the \$33,000 fit into the picture, we can't be sure. Maybe the electoral commission investigations will find out, but don't bet on it. The response of the Northern Territory electoral authorities to questions from *The Saturday Paper* suggests they are not following that money trail. The response from the federal electoral authorities suggests only that the investigation is ongoing.

Crosby Textor did not respond to a request for clarification.

The best we can say is that the school appears to have become collateral damage in the long war between Australia's conservative parties and funding disclosure laws.

Not that Graeme Lewis cares too much about that. If the school doesn't know whom it engaged as a consultant, he says, "Well, I'm not responsible for that."

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## Foundation 51: Darwin school paid company at centre of NT political donations probe \$33,000

By James Oaten and the National Reporting Team's Kate Wild

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**Darwin private high school Kormilda College paid the Foundation 51 company at the centre of a Northern Territory political donations probe \$33,000 last year, Australian Electoral Commission documents show.**

The school, however, said it had no idea it had spent any money with Foundation 51, which is being investigated by the AEC for links with the ruling Country Liberals party.

The donation was included in the AEC's release of documents showing all monies spent with political groups and parties in the past financial year.

For the second consecutive year, Foundation 51 has filed an Associated Entity Disclosure Form, which means it has functioned "wholly" or "significantly" for the benefit of the Country Liberals, according to the AEC.

That form shows Kormilda College spent \$33,000 with Foundation 51.

The school's chairman Peter Jones said this was news to him.

"The board commissioned some research, the company commissioned to do that was Crosby Textor, who did the work," Mr Jones said.

"I was not aware of any links between Foundation 51 and Crosby Textor.

"In the conversation of the board, there has never been mention of Foundation 51."

The research was commissioned to help Kormilda College consider opening a primary school.

Foundation 51 director Graeme Lewis said the college's former principal approached him to undertake the research and that the school paid the Foundation 51 invoice.

"I commissioned [Crosby Textor] to do the work, part of the work," Mr Lewis said.

"I told [Kormilda College] what we would be doing, how we would be doing it."

The Labor Party has used Parliament to call Foundation 51 a CLP "slush fund", a claim Mr Lewis and the CLP has repeatedly denied.

"It's important when you're talking about declarations and returns that we need to make sure the laws are being looked after and respected," Labor secretary Kent Rowe said.

"We feel with Foundation 51 those lines have been blurred."

The AEC and Northern Territory Electoral Council (NTEC) are investigating Foundation 51.

## Peter Maley gave \$50k to Country Liberals while magistrate

The AEC's release of documents also revealed former Magistrate Peter Maley was the equal largest donor to the Country Liberals, giving \$50,000 when he was a sitting magistrate.

Mr Maley resigned in August 2014, less than 12 months in the job, after months of criticism from Labor and the legal profession that a magistrate should not be associated with a political party.



PHOTO: The chairman of Kormilda College says he had no idea it spent any money with Foundation 51 last year. (ABC News)

MAP: Darwin 0800

But he said on Monday he had done nothing wrong, pointing out there were no rules affecting whether sitting magistrates can donate to political parties.

"If you're a Territorian, you're entitled to participate in the political process," he said.

"I make no apology for donating to the CLP and will so in the future."

The Country Liberals raised \$1.3 million, whereas the opposition Labor Party raised \$384,993 in the 2013/14 financial year, the documents revealed.

Under AEC rules, all donations above \$12,400 must be identified.

Less than 20 per cent of Labor's total donations are visible, but NT Labor party secretary Mr Rowe said the party's record would become clearer when the NTEC disclosed returns next month.

"Under the AEC return it's \$12,000, under the NTEC returns we do returns of \$1,500," Mr Rowe said.

"We like to take money off a wide range of donors and people like that, and especially more recently, we're having more people contributing small amounts of money to us."

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### More on Foundation 51:

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## SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

FORMER magistrate Peter Maley, who resigned abruptly this week, told a mining prospector the CLP would give him access to sensitive government documents in exchange for a \$10,000 donation. Parliament was told last night.

The NT News has obtained financial records from 2008 that show Mr Maley, then a solicitor in Darwin, processed a political donation on behalf of former legal client Norm McCleary.

Emails also revealed in Parliament confirm that in March last year, before he was appointed to the bench, Mr Maley said he would approach then-Deputy Chief Minister Dave Tollner seeking access to files on behalf of Mr McCleary.

The records relating to the high-profile Pamela and Angela mining case were ultimately refused. Mr Maley explained in an email that there were "some legal impediments". His former client then took matters into his own hands.

According to an email read in Parliament last night by Labor MLA Michael Gunner, Mr McCleary wrote to Chief Minister Adam Giles in May claiming he'd been duped that before the money changed hands six years ago. Mr Maley had said the CLP would throw open the government's files.

Parliament heard Mr McCleary wrote to Mr Giles. (Mr Maley) stated he was writing on behalf of the CLP.

(Mr Maley) went on to state that the CLP was aware of what had occurred recently in regards to my court case



Parliament heard Peter Maley (left) offered help to mining prospector Norm McCleary (right) in exchange for a \$10,000 donation

and that when they came to power I would be given the opportunity to review all files and documents relating to the matter.

Also (Mr Maley) said the CLP was in a bind and was unable to raise enough funds for election advertising and that if I would be prepared to contribute say \$10,000 to help myself and the CLP, I agreed to donate \$10,000 knowing that the CLP was sympathetic and intended to allow me to access the files so I would be able to understand what occurred.

Parliament heard a trust account ledger in Mr McCleary's name lists two separate payments, totalling \$10,000 as donations to the CLP campaign. About half was paid to NT Broadcasters Pty Ltd.

No payment by Mr McCleary was disclosed by the Country Liberals.

Mr Maley was the lawyer responsible for the trust account. He denies Mr McCleary's claims and told the NT News in a text message last Friday that his former client was "mad as a cut snake".

Mr Gunner told Parliament last night "Mr McCleary was under no doubt Mr Maley was

saying to him 'if you give the CLP \$10,000 then you'll get the information you want when we win government'.

We understand this matter has not been referred to the Police Commissioner. We know the Chief Minister is aware of this matter because he wrote back to Mr McCleary on May 25 after (Mr McCleary) accused the CLP of extorting the money from him, yet in this house all week (Mr Giles) has been playing dumb telling us he had no knowledge of the issue that led to Mr Maley's resignation.

(Yesterday) Mr McCleary informed me of these (documents) by phone and told me he has provided them to the NT News.

Mr Gunner told Parliament his party had been unable to find any declaration for the \$5174.40 paid to NT Broadcasters and they would refer this payment to the NT and Australian electoral commissions for investigation.

Mr Gunner added Mr McCleary eventually met Mr Tollner and Mr Maley when Mr Tollner thanked him.

Mr McCleary believed Mr Tollner was thanking him for



the \$10,000... it is not surprising to hear how the CLP does business.

In Parliament, Mr Gunner said "The Chief Minister has known this allegation since May and has done nothing about it, he should have immediately referred the matter to the Police Commissioner."

"His failure is even greater because he's also the Police Minister. (Mr Giles) has failed to maintain (the) highest standard of probity that his office demands and the community expects."

Mr Gunner also told Parliament "According to Mr McCleary (Mr Tollner) is up to his eyeballs in this matter."

In June when Mr Maley learned about the email Mr McCleary had sent to the Chief Minister, the magistrate suggested his former client should delete it, arguing it could be misinterpreted.

"As to were (sic) from here I would delete all copies of that email where you arguable (sic) link a payment of money for a political favor (sic)." Mr Maley wrote.

"In 2008 I was in business like you, I wasn't even a member of a political party from

Tollner. The NT Government ultimately blocked Mr McCleary from accessing the documents he sought.

In a statement last night, Mr Giles said "The claims made by Mr McCleary refer to conversations he allegedly had with Mr Maley before I even entered Parliament."

"Since becoming Chief Minister no documents have ever been given to this man Norm McCleary's main complaint in the correspondence tabled in Parliament is that, in fact, we refused to act illegally in handing over government files."

I welcome the Electoral Commission looking into Mr McCleary's donation. What Peter Maley may have said to his client back in 2008 is a matter for him to explain."

CLP president Ross Connolly said he was not around in 2008 and could not explain the discrepancy between Mr McCleary's trust ledger and the 2008/09 electoral funding return. Mr Connolly said the NT Electoral Commission had audited all returns.

The legal case that set the course of this chain of events dates back to 2006, when Mr McCleary earned himself the reputation of "the midnight peeper" for his attempt to stake the Pamela and Angela uranium leases at Central Australia.

He fought the NT Government and claims to have been denied access to NT Department of Mines and Energy records throughout.

Mr Maley said last night "The allegations made by the Shadow Attorney-General Michael Gunner under Parliamentary Privilege are denied and untrue. If Mr Gunner repeats these allegations outside of Parliamentary Privilege I will take legal action against him."

additional reporting by Christopher Walsh

## So many questions and so few answers as scandals undermine our Parliament

### NEWS ANALYSIS By CHRISTOPHER WALSH

A CONFUSING, scandal-plagued and "disgraceful" two-week sitting of Parliament ended yesterday.

It was a memorable one. Dave Tollner's resignation over homophobic slurs, his subsequent threat to leave the party if not reinstated, an accidental political donation inquis call and this week's Peter Maley affair.

As Independent Nelson MP Gerry Wood put it outside Parliament: "It's very much Territory-style politics, maybe at its

worst in some ways." That Mr Giles and his team made it out of sittings still intact may be a feat in itself after last night's reading of emails between Mr Maley and mining prospector Norm McCleary.

For days, the Labor Party slammed Mr Giles and Attorney-General John Ellenark over their knowledge of the events leading up to Mr Maley's sudden departure.

Questions will be raised now outside of Parliament and they may not be pleasant ones for the Giles Government.

What did the Chief Minister and Attorney-General know

and when did they know it, top the list of questions.

Mr Ellenark did his best Wednesday to dance around the issue, telling reporters that when exactly he had heard "rumours" about Mr Maley was "a little bit curious". Curious, indeed, and an answer he will soon have to give.

Mr Giles, as well, will have to respond to what he knew about Mr Maley's resignation and when he knew it.

But these sittings have also pointed to serious rifts within the CLP cabinet and back bench, brought on by Mr Tollner's crude remarks. And Mr

Giles' refusal to appoint a new deputy all week has brought its own uncertainties.

On Monday, the CLP parliamentary wing meeting will show how much damage the party sustained during the past two weeks. And then nobody will be laughing, not even Dave Tollner.

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# "I ... remain a Liberal"

Mystery has surrounded the sudden resignation of Magistrate Peter Maley. He quit on Monday after asking for more time to answer 13 questions from the NT News. Some of the questions related to these email exchanges with former client Norm McCleary.

NOTE: Spelling mistakes have been left as per initial emails



**Norm McCleary**

**From:** Norm McCleary  
**To:** Peter Maley  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 March 2013  
**Subject:** Nows the time

Hi Peter, Now that Dave Tollner is in the right position can you please arrange for us to view all the documents and files surrounding my original case? With regards Norm

**From:** Peter Maley  
**To:** Norm McCleary  
**Sent:** Monday, 18 March 2013  
**Subject:** RE: Nows the time

I agree! I will give them a week to settle down, then I will contact Tollner!



**2001:** First elected as CLP Member for Goyder, acting as shadow attorney general  
**2008:** Sacked by Chief Minister Denis Burke and forced to sit as an independent. It was believed the sacking came as a result of Mr Maley operating as a lawyer while drawing a politicians' salary.  
**2008:** On the same day he was ousted by Mr Burke, a domestic violence order brought by his wife was made public.  
**September 2013:** Peter Maley appointed magistrate by the CLP

**From:** Norm McCleary  
**To:** Peter Maley  
**Sent:** Friday, May 2 2014  
**Subject:** Hi Mate

Hi Peter, What is the update on the file situation? Regards Norm

**From:** Peter Maley  
**To:** Norm McCleary  
**Sent:** Monday, 26 May 2014  
**Subject:** RE: Hi Mate

Norm,  
 Hope things are going well for you. As recently discussed with you on the phone, apparently there is some legal impediments to obtaining the old mines and energy files (Probably won't change what happened to you when you were prosecuted in any event). Both you and I have supported the clp for many years and now as business men we can have our say and provide input. The government will take on board what business people like you and I say (unlike labor). Under labor you had to pretty much pay them of to do business, now the playing field is level and fair! So come to Darwin for a trip. I have a few ideas that might interest you.

**TRUST MATTER LEDGER**  
**29/07/2008**

**Paid to:** NT Broadcasters Pty Ltd  
**Reason:** Donation towards Country Liberals campaign  
**Withdrawal Amount:** \$5174.40

**01/08/2008**

**Paid to:** Country Liberal Party  
**Reason:** Donation to campaign  
**Withdrawal Amount:** \$4825.80

**From:** Peter Maley  
**To:** Norm McCleary  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 June 2014

Norm,  
 I have been away for a few days and have just returned to read your most recent emails.  
 First of all I was not working for the CLP in 2008 when we had a conversation about supporting them. We were both business men sick of labor. I also did all I could to support them (now to vote cards etc.) and they lost the election!  
 While the CLP are very supportive of small business and getting on with the job, they would never agree to giving you or anybody a favour just because you contributed to the campaign.  
 The CLP political party is separate to its parliamentary wing. No money is ever paid to parliamentary member, it all goes to the party who run the campaign. You along with many other small business operators however generally have the ear of a liberal government in relation to business issues.  
 No wonder they ran a mile when they read your email to Giles! You should get independent legal advice (as I can't do that now I have this new job) but you make purported admissions to trying to bribe or pay cash for a political favour. It's simply not the case and I'm sure you didn't mean to say what you did.  
 You simply need to come to Darwin and organise a meeting face to face with the relevant minister, which I think is Tollner.

**From:** Norm McCleary  
**To:** Peter Maley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 June 2014

To say I have offered to bribe anyone is incorrect. I was approached by you (my solicitor) and acted on your advice at the time

**From:** Peter Maley  
**To:** Norm McCleary  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 June 2014

In 2008 I was in business like you, I wasn't even a member of the party from memory but I am and remain a liberal. I did not and could not have given you an iron clad guarantee to access your file. As I did say, I don't see what the government have to hide so they should give you access - labor party scam etc remember we use to say a CLP government wouldn't pump business like labor!  
 The support we both gave the party in 2008 was a punt and we lost. They are in power now, as of 2012. Ultimately no one can tell a minister what to do, but we can lobby as hard as we want and that's what has to happen. I do genuinely think you were pumped in 2007/08 when labor were in power.  
 As to were from here I would delete all copies of that email where you arguable link a payment of money for a political favor (it exposes you to criminal prosecution and is untrue in any event, the truth is you neither sought nor expected anything, but you hoped a new liberal government might lend you a sympathetic ear as a small business man) that email could be miss interpreted.  
 I am on your side and will help you because you have great fighting spirit, you're a friend, you're a person with liberal views who hates the labor filth as much as me!

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*Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Act 2009*

Nominations are called for  
**BRANCH PRESIDENT (1)**  
**BRANCH VICE PRESIDENT (1)**  
**BRANCH EXECUTIVE MEMBERS (4)**  
**BRANCH COUNCILLORS (8)**

Written nominations which comply with the Organisation's rules must reach the Returning Officer not later than 12:00 noon on Monday 22 September 2014.

Nominations cannot be withdrawn after 12:00 noon on Monday 22 September 2014.

Nomination forms are available on request.

Candidates may submit a statement (together with a photograph if desired) to be included with ballot material. Only statements which comply with the Organisation's rules and are received by the Returning Officer by 12:00 noon on Monday 29 September 2014 will be published.

**HOW TO LODGE NOMINATIONS**

**By post:** GPO Box 21 DARWIN NT 0801  
**By fax:** 08 8982 8025  
**By hand:** Level 7 TCG Centre 80 Mitchell Street DARWIN NT 0800  
**By email:** A properly completed nomination form, including all necessary signatures and attachments, may be scanned and submitted as a pdf file to [ntelections@aec.gov.au](mailto:ntelections@aec.gov.au)

The ballot, if required, will open on Wednesday 8 October 2014 and close at 9:00 am on Wednesday 29 October 2014.

**Changed address?** Advise the Organisation now

**Note:** A copy of the AEC's election report and the results can be obtained from the Organisation or from the Returning Officer after the completion of the election.

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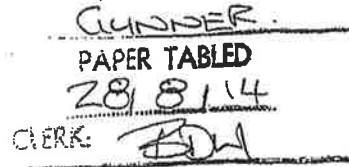
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THE PERSIAN CARPET GALLERY

McCleary Investments P/L  
to Peter Maley

Mon, 18 Mar 13 7:42 AM

Re: Nows the time



Assure him there will be NO fallout for the CLP no matter what. Regards Norm

----- Original Message -----

From: "Peter Maley" <Peter.Maley@maleyslegal.com>

To: "McCleary Investments P/L" <betnorm@wn.com.au>

Sent: Monday, 18 March, 2013 6:09:23 AM GMT +08:00 Beijing / Chongqing / Hong Kong /  
Urumqi

Subject: RE: Nows the time

I agree! I will give them a week to settle down, then I will contact Tollner!

**Peter Maley LLB (hons)**  
Partner  
Maleys Barristers & Solicitors  
"protecting your interests"  
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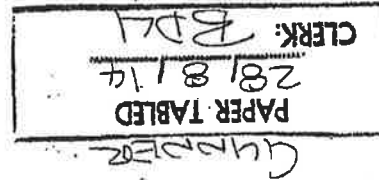
**From:** McCleary Investments P/L [mailto:betnorm@wn.com.au]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 March 2013 10:01 AM  
**To:** Peter Maley  
**Subject:** Nows the time

Hi Peter, Now that Dave Tollner is in the right position can you please arrange for us to view all the documents and files surrounding my original case? With Regards Norm

betnorm@wn.com.au  
to adam.giles@nt.gov.au

Tue, May 20 11:13 AM

Private and Confidential.



Dear Adam,

My name is Norm McCleary and I was a resident in the NT from 1974-2000. I left the Territory to establish (float) Arafura Resources and to progress other mining interests I had in the Territory at that time. Approximately 10 years ago I was involved in pegging mining leases south of Alice Springs over what is known as the Pamela and Angela uranium prospects. At the time there was a court case over this matter and I was unable to assert ownership and the Court ruled against myself.

It has always been my contention that certain officers in the Department and the Labor Administration at the time colluded to frustrate my bonafide efforts. The current Head of the Department was one of those involved. I did make a request under the Territory's FOI legislation to obtain the background on the Departments behaviour at the time, but as you may be aware the FOI legislation is a toothless tiger and nothing of any interest was forthcoming.

I am now in my 60th year and I am starting to tidy up those outstanding items in my life before fading from the big picture. This is one of those on my list. My solicitor in these matters at the time was Mr Peter Maley who had strong links to the CLP and in particular Mr Dave Tollner.

In July 2008 I received a phone call from Peter Maley of Maleys Barristers and Solicitors. He stated he was ringing on behalf of the CLP and in particular Dave Tollner. He went on to state that the CLP was aware of what had occurred recently in regards to my pegging and application for mineral claims over the Pamela/Angela uranium prospects and that they were sympathetic in regards to what had occurred and that when they came to power I would be given the opportunity to review all files and documents relating to the matter. Also he said that the CLP was in a bind and was unable to raise enough funds for election advertising and if I would be prepared to contribute "say \$10,000" to help myself and the CLP. I agreed especially knowing that the CLP was sympathetic and intended to allow me access to the files so I would be able to understand what had occurred. I stated that my help would be money "well spent" and authorised him to utilise \$10,000 fro my trust account at Maley's for this reason. This was duly done on the 29.7.08 for the amount of \$5174.40 and again on the 1.8.08 for the amount of \$4825.60. The first amount was paid to NT Broadcasters Pty Ltd and the second amount went directly to the CLP.

The CLP is now in power and I have waited patiently, apart from my multiple contacts with Steve Doherty at Minister Tollners office and numerous calls to Peter Maley. To Date no outcome has eventuated as envisaged. I understand the Department may have refused the Minister access to the files, and considering that this matter in terms of court proceedings is long settled I find it difficult to understand their position.

Can you please look into this matter for me? I would like to think that the CLP is a Party which is true to its word and commitments.

With

Regards, Norm McCleary  
Sent from Windows Mail





## DONATIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES

Donor Annual Return

2008/2009

(Insert Financial Year)

Refer to the *Disclosure Handbook for Donors* at [www.ntec.nt.gov.au](http://www.ntec.nt.gov.au) before completing this return

The deadline for lodging this return is 20 weeks after the end of the financial year

### 1 DONOR DETAILS

Name of Person or Organisation		
Norman Sydney McCleary		
Postal Address		
P.O. Box 2232		
Bunbury, W.A. 6230		
Tel no. (BH)	Facsimile no.	E-mail address
08-97954497		betnorm@w.n.com.au

### 2 DETAILS OF PERSON COMPLETING RETURN

Name (Write 'As above' if completing your own return)		
As above		
Capacity/Position (e.g. company secretary, chief finance officer)		
Postal Address		
Tel no. (BH)	Facsimile no.	E-mail address

### 3 CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information in this return and its attachments is true and complete  
to the best of my ability.

Signature

*[Handwritten Signature]*

Date

13.19.2014

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**4 DONATIONS TO POLITICAL PARTIES**

**DONATIONS MADE TO POLITICAL PARTIES**

Details of each registered political party to whom donations totalling \$1500 or more were made between 1 July and 30 June:

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Name of political party	Address	Date of donation	Value of donation \$
CLP	Darwin	July 2008	\$10,000

**5 DONATIONS RECEIVED ?**

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- Provide details as referred to in the Handbook of Trusts, Foundations and Unincorporated Associations, and their officeholders.

Name of donor and officeholders	Address	Date of donation	Value of donation \$

Attach additional sheets if necessary – numbered as attachment ..... of ..... attachments



# Political Party & Branch Annual Return **2009** (Insert Financial Year)

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## Party Details

Name of Party

NORTHERN TERRITORY COUNTRY LIBERAL PARTY

Postal Address

GPO Box 4194  
DARWIN NT 0801

Telephone Number (BH)

Facsimile Number

E-mail Address

08-89 481744 | 08-89 480656 | director@countryliberals.org.au

## Agent Details

Name

PETER RICHARD ALLEN

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DARWIN NT 0801

Telephone Number (BH)

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E-mail Address

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I certify that the information in this return and its attachments is true and complete.

Agent's Signature  Date 13/10/09

The deadline for lodging this return is 16 weeks after the end of the financial year

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## Political Party Annual Return

### 1. Total Receipts

Total Party Receipts for the Financial Year	\$ 831,081
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The gross amount of all cash, and non-cash 'gifts-in-kind', received by or on behalf of the party or branch and its party units during the year. Receipts include donations, membership, loans and returns on investments.

### 2. Receipts of \$1500 or more

Details of people and organisations from whom receipts (including loans) of \$1500 or more were received during the year. In the case of loans, other than those from a financial institution, provide details of the terms and conditions of the loan as an attachment. Additional details of officeholders (as referred to in the *Handbook*) are required for receipts from trusts, foundations and unincorporated associations. Clarifying information (e.g. identification of donations) may be added under 'Details'.

Name	Address	Amount received \$	Details
Cento Pty Ltd	A/16 CHARLTON ST WOODNER	15000	DONATION
JGA Concrete Pty Ltd	2 KURU COURT BRINKIN	15000	DONATION
Aust Taxation Office	PO BOX 9990 ADELAIDE SA	40286	OTHER
GAYMARK INVESTMENTS P/Ltd	PO BOX 60 DARWIN 0801	15000	DONATION
HAMKOS Pty Ltd	Sto 5/71 SMITH ST DARWIN	20000	DONATION
SUN BUILT Pty Ltd	A9 HICKMAN ST WINNELLIE	15000	DONATION
XNG Pty Ltd	6 PO BOX 4694 DARWIN	50000	DONATION
GWEND Investments Pty Ltd	6/32 Marina Rv CULLEN AAY	50000	DONATION
PASPALEY PEARLS	6 PO BOX 338 DARWIN	20000	DONATION
SILY CITY CASINO	PO BOX 3846 DARWIN	20000	DONATION
COLEMAN'S PRINTING Pty Ltd	50 CANANAKA ST DARWIN	2200	FUNCTION
LINES Maxwell	PO BOX 1994 DARWIN	10000	DONATION
LEEMAN Pty Ltd	32A BEAMISH AVE MT PLEASANT WA	1500	DONATION
Bermuda Glen Pty Ltd	PO BOX 338 DARWIN	2000	DONATION

Political Party Annual Return - Receipts			
Name	Address	Amount \$	Details
JOHN FRASER Pty Ltd	34 Bergmann Ct KATHERINE	2000	DONATION
CLP KATHERINE		2500	CONTRIBUTIONS
NORTHERN FUEL DISTRIBUTORS	WISHART ROAD WINNEMIE	10000	DONATION
NORTRADE IND SUPPLIES	Level 1/17 LINDSAY ST DARWIN	5000	DONATION
TOWNES CHARPTEL MUDWAY	Level 1/17 LINDSAY ST DARWIN	5000	DONATION
ANDREW & LYN WOODS	PO BOX 199 DARWIN	5000	DONATION
HOLT PASTORAL PTY LTD	RM B 16 TENNANT CREEK	10000	DONATION
R & J JOHNSTON	19 BROYSHAW CRT MILLNER	5000	DONATION
GEM CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING	102 COONAWARRA RD WINNEMIE	2500	DONATION
TEAM CONSTRUCTIONS PTY LTD	PO BOX 27596 WINNEMIE	5000	DONATION
OCHARAM PTY LTD	PO BOX 199 DARWIN	10000	DONATION
MORANDINI INVESTMENTS PK	GPO BOX 1321 DARWIN	10000	DONATION
PLAOURIS	33 VRD Drive Leanyer	5000	DONATION
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RANDAZZO CAG DEVELOPMENTS	6 PO Box 2905 DARWIN	5000	DONATION
AUAGO STATION	Via Tennant Creek	1500	DONATION
SITZLER BROS (DARWIN) P/Ltd	PO Box 29062 WINNEMIE	10000	DONATION

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Political Party Annual Return - Receipts

Name	Address	Amount \$	Details
DIAC ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	5 CALVIN ST YARRAWONGA 0830	4000	DONATION
RANDAZZO PROPERTIES PTY LTD	PO BOX 551 DARWIN	8000 2200	DONATION FUNCTION
MALEY PTY LTD	17 CAVANAGH ST DARWIN	4826	DONATION
HAMMER TV PTY LTD	SHOP 3/133 STUART HWY PARAP	4999	DONATION
TC WATERS PEPPER CO P/LH	110 MITCHELL ST DARWIN	5000	DONATION
WILLS FINANCIAL PLANNING PTY LTD	ARMADILLA BOUL CULLEN RAY	1500	DONATION
CARLA FURN ISHING PTY LTD	PO BOX 36270 WINNEMUNG	5000	DONATION
JOVIAL (NT) PTY LTD	80 CAVANAGH ST DARWIN	5000	DONATION
DIPCAT PTY LTD	PO BOX 199 DARWIN	5000	DONATION
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VA KLUMS	PO BOX 199 DARWIN	5000	DONATION
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GARRY LAMBERT	445 POWER RD BRINKIN	8000	DONATION
RD ALLEN	PO BOX 199 DARWIN	3000	DONATION
GRAEME LEWIS	PO BOX 199 DARWIN	4950	DONATION

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Name	Address	Amount \$	Details
AIR NORTH Pty Ltd	4 LANCASTER RD MARRARA	5000	DONATION
CLP CALDER BRANCH	PALMERSTON	1900	CONTRIBUTIONS
TAFE NOMINEES Pty Ltd	6 PO BOX 2427 DARWIN	5000	DONATION
CSG Ltd	16 SWAN CRS WINNELLIE	10000	DONATION
NT ELECTORAL COMMISSION	SMITH ST DARWIN	4800	Deposits Refunded
ARLE FINANCE Pty Ltd	PO BOX 471 DARWIN	2200	FUNCTION
McARTHUR RIVER MINES Pty Ltd	Level 9 Riverside Centre 103 EARLE ST BRISBANE	2200	FUNCTION
LILLIS GROUP OF COMPANIES	SOLUE PINK CVE ALICE SPRINGS	9000	DONATION
PETER MANNING	CAVANAGH ST DARWIN	3000	DONATION
RED TOWER PTY LTD	FONG & PTNS SUITE 7 Level 1 90 PROGRESS DVE MIGHTSLIEF	5000	DONATION
TRANS TERRITORY FOODS P/Ltd	38 BISHOP ST WINNELLIE	4000	DONATION
TRANS TERRITORY REFRIGERATION	38 BISHOP ST WINNELLIE	2000	DONATION
TOONDARNA INVESTMENTS	7 PARKYARD ST DARWIN	10000	DONATION
ADVANCE CIVIL ENG Pty Ltd	86 STUART HWY PINELANDS	10000	DONATION
TSC (AUST) Ltd	800 Business Centre 72 CAVENAGH ST DARWIN	5000	DONATION
EAST ARM CIVIL Pty Ltd	23 CARRA CRS KARAMA	2500	DONATION
PRESCIENT Pty Ltd	16 SARAH ST BLACK ROCK VIC	6000	DONATION

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**Political Party Annual Return – Receipts**

Name	Address	Amount \$	Details
PANDY RYAN	Woolagarang St Via Korroloola	10000	DONATION
FANME BAY	PO BOX 99	5000	DONATION
INVESTMENTS P/L	RARAP 0804		
REFERENCE MILLS	PO BOX 48 PALMERSTON	2600	CONTRIBUTION
KEZIA PILCHER	PMB 19 VIRGINIA	1500	CONTRIBUTION
JOHN ERFENIK	PO BOX 1404 CARWIN	4011	CONTRIBUTION
DAVID TULLMAN	PO BOX 3787 WINNELLIE	2207	CONTRIBUTION
PETER STYLES	PO BOX 620 SANDERSON	3913	CONTRIBUTION
PETER CHANDLER	PO BOX 3664 PALMERSTON	3600	CONTRIBUTION
JODEN CARVEY	PO BOX 2654 Alice Springs	3198	CONTRIBUTION
WILLEM WESTRA	PO BOX 819 KATHERINE		
VAN HOUTHE	KATHERINE	2481	CONTRIBUTION
MATHEW LOMAN	PO BOX 8599 ALICE SPRINGS	3575	CONTRIBUTION
ADAM SILES	PO BOX 1770 ALICE SPRINGS	3054	CONTRIBUTION
NIGEL SCULLION	4/229 77 Williams SINCILLI	4758	CONTRIBUTION

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**Political Party Annual Return**

**3. Total Payments**

Total Party Payments for the Financial Year	\$ 763353-11
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The gross amount of all payments made by, or on behalf of, the party and its party units during the year. Payments include wages and salaries, administrative and electoral expenses, and investments.

**4. Total Debts**

Total Party Debts as at 30 June	\$ 150 000
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The gross amount of all debts, loans, overdrafts and unpaid accounts of, or on behalf of, the party and its party units as at 30 June.

**5. Debts of \$1500 or more**

Details of those people and organisations to whom \$1500 or more was owed at 30 June.

Name	Address	Amount owed \$	Loan details
CLP GIFTS & LEGACIES Pty Ltd		150000	Loan at Call

Attach additional sheets as necessary – numbered as attachment ... of ... attachments.



# Political Party and Branch Annual Return (2009) Amendment

(Insert Financial Year)

Refer to the *Disclosure Handbook for Political Parties* at [www.ntec.nt.gov.au](http://www.ntec.nt.gov.au) before completing this return.



## Party Details

Name of Party

Country Liberals (Northern Territory)  
(Previously known as Northern Territory Country Liberal Party)

Postal Address

GPO Box 4194  
Darwin NT 0801

Telephone Number (BH)

Facsimile Number

E-mail Address

08 8948 1755	08 8948 0656	secretariat@countryliberals.org.au
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## Agent Details

Name

Victoria Mencshelyi

Postal Address

GPO Box 3459  
Darwin NT 0801

Telephone Number (BH)

Facsimile Number

E-mail Address

0419 289 891	08 8948 0656	tory.mencshelyi@countryliberals.org.au
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I certify that the information in this return and its attachments is true and complete.

	Date 06/11/2014
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Previous amendment number (if this year's return has previously been amended):

Address enquiries and returns to:

Northern Territory Electoral Commission GPO Box 2419 Darwin NT 0801 Phone: 08 8999 5617 Fax: 08 8999 5845 E-mail: <a href="mailto:mail.ntec@nt.gov.au">mail.ntec@nt.gov.au</a>	Office use only Amendment No. Date received. Registration No.
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**Political Party and Branch Annual Return - Amendment**

**1. Total Receipts this Financial Year** *(Write 'N/A' if no change to this part)*

Previous amount \$ 831,081.00	Amended amount \$ 835,907.00
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**2. Receipts of \$1500 or more** *(Write 'N/A' if no change to this part)*

List separately 'Receipts previously omitted', and 'Amendments to information previously submitted'. The item being changed should be clearly identified eg by restating the original item and noting or by resubmitting the original part of the return with the item highlighted and the change shown on the amending return.

Name	Address	Amount received \$	Details
<b>2a) Receipts previously omitted</b>			
Norm McCleary	15 Hakea Crescent SOUTH BUNBURY WA 6230	\$4,826.00	Donation
Norm McCleary	15 Hakea Crescent SOUTH BUNBURY WA 6230	\$5,174.00	In Kind
<b>2b) Amendment to information previously submitted</b>			
Maley Pty Ltd	17 Cavenagh Street, Darwin	\$4,826.00	DELETE

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**Political Party and Branch Annual Return - Amendment**

**3. Total Payments this Financial Year** (Write 'N/A' if no change to this part)

Previous amount \$ N/A	Amended amount \$ N/A
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**4. Total debts as at 30 June** (Write 'N/A' if no change to this part)

Previous amount \$ N/A	Amended amount \$ N/A
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**5. Debts of \$1500 or more** (Write 'N/A' if no change to this part)

List separately 'Debts previously omitted' and 'Amendments to information previously submitted'. Clearly identify the item being eg by restating the original item and noting or by resubmitting the original part of the return with the item highlighted and the change shown on the amending return.

Name	Address	Amount owed \$	Loan details
<b>5a) Debts previously omitted</b>			
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<b>5b) Amendment to information previously submitted</b>			
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**Political Party Annual Return - Receipts**

Name	Address	Amount \$	Details
DAC ENTERPRISES PTY LTD	5 CANNIN ST YARRALUONGA 0830	4000	DONATION
RANDAZZO PROPERTIES PTY LTD	PO BOX 551 DARWIN	8000 2200	DONATION FUNCTION
MALEY PTY LTD	17 CAVANAGH ST DARWIN	4826	DONATION
HAMMER TV PTY LTD	SHOP 5/132 STUART HWY PARAP	4999	DONATION
IC WATERS PEPPER CO P/LH	110 MITCHELL ST DARWIN	5000	DONATION
WILLS FINANCIAL PLANNING PTY LTD	ARMADILLA BOUL CULLEN RAY	1500	DONATION
CARM FURN ISHING PTY LTD	PO BOX 36270 WINNIEGIE	5000	DONATION
JOVIAL (NT) PTY LTD	80 CAVANAGH ST DARWIN	5000	DONATION
DIPCAT PTY LTD	PO BOX 199 DARWIN	5000	DONATION
PARAP TAVERN PTY LTD	15 PARAP ROAD PARAP	1500	DONATION
MALD GUENA PTY LTD	MERIT PARTNERS 9/12 CAVANAGH ST DARWIN	10000	DONATION
GERARD COOPERATION PTY LTD	PO BOX 86 ENFIELD PK SA	5000	DONATION
POWERCOM PTY LTD	RMB 88 BAUMANN BOXES 42536	2500	DONATION
VA BLUMS	PO BOX 199 DARWIN	5000	DONATION
OSTOIC TRANSPORT	Lot 4723 Tivendale Rd BERRIMAN	5000	DONATION
GARRY LAMONT	445 BROWER RD BRINKIN	8000	DONATION
RD AMEN	PO BOX 199 DARWIN	3000	DONATION
GRAEME LEWIS	PO BOX 199 DARWIN	1950	DONATION

Delete record

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# CLP accused of backroom vote dealings

ZACH HOPE, NT News  
August 17, 2016 12:00am

FOUNDATION 51 founder and CLP heavy Graeme Lewis paid printing costs for a rival political party at the last election in what some involved in the deal believed was an exchange for preferences.

An email dated August 13, 2012, seen by the *NT News*, from First Nations Political Party helper Sarina Jan told candidates and supporters: "As you are aware the CLP, Graeme Lewis, is paying for the printing costs of some FNPP candidates and in return that FNPP candidates will give their 2nd preferences to the CLP."

Mr Lewis was the CLP treasurer at the time of the election.

FNPP founder Maurie Ryan's second preferences helped his niece Bess Price win the seat of Stuart for the CLP from Labor's Karl Hampton.

Stories of CLP backroom support for Maurie Ryan's campaign have circulated since 2012, but never has an email aired so blatant in its suggestion of payments for preferences.

Mr Ryan said Ms Jan's email was "bullshit" and there were no deals for second preferences with the CLP.

He said he directed his second preferences to Ms Price only because she had promised to get rid of the regional shires previously introduced by Labor.

Mr Lewis told the *NT News* Ms Jan "made that up" and he had never passed on money to First Nations or any of its candidates.

"I think I bought Maurie Ryan a cup of tea once," Mr Lewis said.

But Mr Ryan confirmed Mr Lewis did pay for posters and how to vote cards to the value of "\$1500-odd, probably less than that, \$1200".

Only donations of \$1500 or more need to be declared.

“Karl rang me up and asked for my preferences, which would have got him over the line,” Mr Ryan said.

“But I said ‘you get rid of the shires’. He said no. Karl wouldn’t do it. We had discussions about this over the years, that it’s my fault Bess won. Neither of them got rid of (shires).”

Asked why the CLP treasurer would want to financially help a political rival, Mr Ryan said: “You’d have to ask him. I said ‘I’m going to take it because I’ve got no money’. Nobody else, not even the devil himself offered me money.”

Ms Jan said “someone” who she couldn’t remember told her Mr Lewis would pay for printing in exchange for preferences.

She said she believed this was improper at the time and First Nations candidates told her as much.

“I told (Mr Lewis) no way because that’s not how our party acted,” Ms Jan said.

“And I said ‘Anyway, all the candidates have been told they can determine who they give their second and third preferences to. He just said ‘fine, I’ll pay for the printing’. He had already agreed to the printing.”

Included in the email from Ms Jan was Heidi Williams, who is now Ms Price’s chief of staff and the CLP candidate for Namatjira.

She was married to First Nations candidate Warren Williams at the time.

Ms Williams said she couldn’t remember the email and was not involved in politics at the time other than as support for her then husband.

How to vote cards from the 2012 candidates do not appear to have been saved.

Other than Mr Ryan, all the candidates reached by the *NT News* said they preferred no-one on their how-to-vote cards, or that they couldn’t remember.

Mr Ryan has repeatedly stated he founded FNPP using his basics card.

Electoral returns from 2012-13 reveal he donated \$40,000 of his own money to the party, while a belated return filed last year with the Australian Electoral Commission shows he donated \$50,000.

Mr Ryan said there was only one payment — \$50,000- and it came from a bank loan made possible because of his salary after election to the chairmanship of the Central Land Council in April 2013.





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**POLITICAL PARTY  
ANNUAL RETURN**

2012/2013  
(Insert Financial Year).

**Deadline for lodgement – within 16 weeks after the end of the financial year**

**1. Annual return for registered political party**

**Registration compliance - *Electoral Act s171A***

and

**2. Annual disclosure return by registered parties**

**Financial disclosure of donations, payments and debts -**

***Electoral Act ss204 and 207***

Name of political party: Australian First Nations Political Party

Date lodged: 3 1 12 2013

Lodged by: Ken Lechlahtza



**POLITICAL PARTY****Registration Compliance Annual Return**

2012/2013  
(Insert Reporting Year).

Refer to the Electoral Act s171A before completing this return

The deadline for lodging this return is 16 weeks after the end of the financial year

**1 PARTY DETAILS**

Name of Party		
Australian First Nations Political Party		
Postal Address		
PO. Box 5079		
Alice Springs		
Tel no. (BH)	Facsimile no.	E-mail address
0421175287		

**2 PARTY REGISTERED OFFICER DETAILS**

Name		
Kenneth Immanuel Leachman		
Postal Address		
PO. Box 5079		
Alice Springs		
Tel no. (BH)	Facsimile no.	E-mail address
0421175287		

**3 CERTIFICATION**

The Electoral Act s171A requires a registered political party to provide, as part of their annual return to the Electoral Commissioner, a current constitution and statement for the purpose of monitoring a party's continued eligibility for registration (s171A).

I confirm that (Please tick either (a) OR (b) below, as applicable):

- (a) the party was registered on an application to which the Electoral Act section 152(3) applies and the party continues to be registered under the Commonwealth Act; or
- (b) the party was registered on an application to which section 152(4) applies and the party continues to have at least 200 members who meet the requirements in section 152(4)(a).

and

- a copy of the party's current constitution is provided with this return.

I certify that the information in this return and its attachments is true and complete

Registered Officer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 21/12/2013



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## POLITICAL PARTY AND BRANCH

**Financial Disclosure Annual Return** *2012/2013*  
(Insert Financial Year)

Refer to the *Disclosure Handbook for Political Parties* at [www.ntec.nt.gov.au](http://www.ntec.nt.gov.au) before completing this return

**The deadline for lodging this return is 16 weeks after the end of the financial year**

### 1 PARTY DETAILS

Name of Party		
<i>Australian First Nations Political Party</i>		
Postal Address		
<i>P.O. Box 5079</i>		
<i>Alice Springs</i>		
Tel no. (BH)	Facsimile no.	E-mail address
<i>0421175287</i>		

### 2 AGENT DETAILS

Name		
Postal Address		
Tel no. (BH)	Facsimile no.	E-mail address

### 3 CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information in this return and its attachments is true and complete

Agent's Signature..... <i>[Signature]</i>	Date ..... <i>3.1.12.2013</i>
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<b>Address enquiries and returns to:</b> Northern Territory Electoral Commission GPO Box 2419, DARWIN NT 0801  Telephone: 08 8999 5000 and 1800 MYVOTE Facsimile: 08 8999 7630 OR E-mail: <a href="mailto:ntec@nt.gov.au">ntec@nt.gov.au</a>	<b>NTEC use only</b>  Date received  Registration No.
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**4 RECEIPTS**

**4.1 Total Receipts**

The gross amount of all cash, and non-cash gifts-in-kind, received by or on behalf of the party or branch and its party units during the year. Receipts include donations, membership, loans, and returns on investments.

Total receipts for financial year 2012/2013 \$ 40,000—

**4.2 Receipts of \$1500 or more**

- Details of people and organisations from whom receipts (including loans) of \$1500 or more were received during the year.
- In the case of loans, other than those from a financial institution, provide details of the terms and conditions of the loan as an attachment.
- Provide additional details of officeholders (as referred to in the *Handbook*) for receipts from trusts, foundations and unincorporated associations.
- Clarifying information (e.g. identification of donations) may be added under 'Details'.

Name	Address	Amount received \$	Details
Maurie Ryan	F4/6 Cherry Street	40,000—	Donation

Attach additional sheets if necessary – numbered as attachment ..... of ..... attachments



**5 PAYMENTS**

The gross amount of all payments made by, or on behalf of, the party and its party units during the year. Payments include wages and salaries, administrative and electoral expenses, and investments.	
Total payments for financial year _____	\$ _____

**6 TOTAL DEBTS**

The gross amount of all debts, loans, overdrafts and unpaid accounts of, or on behalf of, the party and its party units as at 30 June.

6.1 Total debts as at 30 June _____	\$ _____
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6.2. Debts of \$1500 or more			
Details of those people and organizations to whom \$1500 or more was owed at 30 June			
Name	Address	Amount owed \$	Loan details

Attach additional sheets as necessary – numbered as attachment ..... of ..... attachments



# Political Party Disclosure Return



FINANCIAL YEAR 2012-13

The due date for lodging this return is 20 October 2013

**Completing the Return:**

- This return is to be completed by the person who is appointed as the party's agent with the AEC.
- This return is to be completed with reference to the *Financial Disclosure Guide for Political Parties 2012-13 financial year*.
- Amounts should be reported on a GST inclusive basis.
- Further information is available at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au)
- This return will be available for public inspection from Monday 3 February 2014 at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au).
- Any supporting documentation included with this return may be treated as part of a public disclosure and displayed on the AEC website.
- The information on this return is collected under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.

Name of political party

Australian First Nations Political Party

**Party agent details**

Name of party agent Halpin Hart

Postal address of party agent 14/140 Dickward Drive

Suburb/town Coconut Grove

State NT

Postcode 0810

Telephone number (04) 08820784

Fax number ( )

Email address Halpin\_hart@bigpond.com

**Party agent's certification**

I certify that the information contained in this return and its attachments is true and complete. I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence

OR

I certify that the information contained in this return and its attachments is true and complete, except for the particulars detailed in the 'Notice of Incomplete Return' form (attached). I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Agent's signature

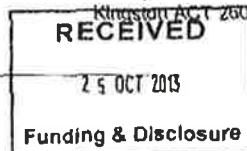
Date 25/10/13

Enquiries and returns should be addressed to:

Funding and Disclosure  
Australian Electoral Commission  
PO Box 6172  
Kingston ACT 2604

Phone: 02 6271 4552  
Fax: 02 6293 7655  
Email: [fad@aec.gov.au](mailto:fad@aec.gov.au)

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Date received



**Part 1a: Total receipts for financial year 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013**

This is the gross amount of all cash and non-cash benefits received by, or on behalf of, the political party, during the 2012-13 financial year. It includes all amounts received for the financial year.

\$ 1475 .00

**Part 1b: Amount calculated to be the value of gifts-in-kind**

This is the amount calculated to be the value of gifts-in-kind which was included in the 'total receipts' amount reported at Part 1a.

\$  .00

**Part 2: Amounts of more than \$12 100 received in financial year 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013**

Details of any person or organisation from whom receipts (including loans) of more than \$12 100 were received during the 2012-13 financial year.

For each person or organisation, the following details must be disclosed:

- full name and address of the person or organisation from whom receipts of more than \$12 100 were received
- amount that was received - each amount received should be recorded as either a 'Donation' or 'other receipt'

For loans of more than \$12 100 (other than those from a financial institution) received between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013, the terms and conditions of the loan(s) must be attached

Received from	Amount received (GST inclusive)	Donation or other receipt*
Name	\$ .00	
Postal address		
Suburb/town		
State		
Postcode		
Name	\$ .00	
Postal address		
Suburb/town		
State		
Postcode		
Name	\$ .00	
Postal address		
Suburb/town		
State		
Postcode		
Name	\$ .00	
Postal address		
Suburb/town		
State		
Postcode		
Name	\$ .00	
Postal address		
Suburb/town		
State		
Postcode		

If insufficient space, please attach additional sheets.

Total \$  .00

\* Please indicate whether this was a 'Donation' or 'other receipt'. The AEC contacts donors to ensure they are aware of their disclosure obligations and unnecessary contact with other persons is avoided if the nature of the receipt is shown.



**Part 3: Total payments for financial year 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013**

This is the gross amount of payments made by, or on behalf of, the political party, during the 2012-13 financial year. It includes all payments made for the financial year.

\$ 725 .00

**Part 4: Total debts as at 30 June 2013**

This is the gross amount of all debts owed by, or on behalf of, the political party as at 30 June 2013. It is the total amount outstanding as at 30 June 2013.

\$ 0 .00

**Part 5: Debts of more than \$12 100 as at 30 June 2013**

Details of any person or organisation for which the party owes a debt of more than \$12 100 which is outstanding as at 30 June 2013.

For each person or organisation, the following details must be disclosed:

- full name and address details of the person, organisation or entity that the debt is owed
- amount that is owed
- whether the debt is owed to a financial institution or non-financial institution.

Creditor details				Amount owed (GST inclusive)	Financial or Non-financial institution
Name				\$ .00	
Postal address					
Suburb/town	State	Postcode			
Name				\$ .00	
Postal address					
Suburb/town	State	Postcode			
Name				\$ .00	
Postal address					
Suburb/town	State	Postcode			
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Suburb/town	State	Postcode			
Name				\$ .00	
Postal address					
Suburb/town	State	Postcode			
Name				\$ .00	
Postal address					
Suburb/town	State	Postcode			
If insufficient space, please attach additional sheets.				<b>Total</b>	\$ .00

## Links

State Government legislation may place requirements on political parties in addition to federal requirements. Check with your state electoral commission about requirements in your state

### **New South Wales – Election Funding Authority\***

<http://www.efa.nsw.gov.au/>

### **Victorian Electoral Commission**

<http://www.vec.vic.gov.au/>

### **Electoral Commission of Queensland\***

<http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/>

### **Western Australian Electoral Commission\***

<http://www.waec.wa.gov.au/>

### **Electoral Commission of South Australia**

<http://www.ecsa.sa.gov.au/>

### **Tasmanian Electoral Commission**

<http://tec.tas.gov.au/>

### **Australian Capital Territory Electoral Commission\***

<http://www.elections.act.gov.au/>

### **Northern Territory Electoral Commission\***

<http://www.nt.gov.au/ntec/>

\*denotes an organisation that operates a funding and disclosure scheme separate from the Commonwealth disclosure scheme as at June 2013.



# Political Party Disclosure Return



**FINANCIAL YEAR 2013-14**

The due date for lodging this return is 20 October 2014

**Completing the Return:**

- This return is to be completed by the person who is appointed as the party's agent with the AEC.
- This return is to be completed with reference to the *Financial Disclosure Guide for Political Parties*.
- Amounts should be reported on a GST inclusive basis.
- Further information is available at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au).
- This return will be available for public inspection from Monday 2 February 2015 at [www.aec.gov.au](http://www.aec.gov.au).
- Any supporting documentation included with this return may be treated as part of a public disclosure and displayed on the AEC website.
- The information on this return is collected under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*.

Name of political party AUSTRALIAN FIRST NATION POLITICAL PARTY

**Party agent details**

Name of party agent	HALPIN JAMES HARVEY		
Postal address of party agent	15 TAMMERS COURT		
	Suburb/town	State	Postcode
	ROSEBERY	N.T.	0832
Telephone number	( ) 0408820784	Fax number	( )
Email address	halpin_harve@bigpond.com		

**Party agent's certification**

I certify that the information contained in this return and its attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I have made due and reasonable inquiries of the political party on whose behalf I am agent for the purposes of Part XX of the Act. I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

OR

I certify that the information contained in this return and its attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, except for the particulars detailed in the 'Notice of Incomplete Return' form (attached). I have made due and reasonable inquiries of the political party on whose behalf I am agent for the purposes of Part XX of the Act. I understand that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Agent's signature

Date 29-10-2015

Enquiries and returns should be addressed to:

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Australian Electoral Commission  
PO Box 6172  
Kingston ACT 2604

Phone: 02 6271 4552  
Fax: 02 6293 7655  
Email: [fad@aec.gov.au](mailto:fad@aec.gov.au)

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**Part 1a: Total receipts for financial year 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014**

This is the gross amount of all cash and non-cash benefits received by, or on behalf of, the political party, during the 2013-14 financial year. It includes all amounts received for the financial year.

\$50,000.00

**Part 1b: Amount calculated to be the value of gifts-in-kind**

This is the amount calculated to be the value of gifts-in-kind which was included in the 'total receipts' amount reported at Part 1a.

\$

**Part 2: Amounts of more than \$12 400 received in financial year 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2014**

Details of any person or organisation from whom receipts (including loans) of more than \$12 400 were received during the 2013-14 financial year.

For each person or organisation, the following details must be disclosed:

- full name and address of the person or organisation from whom receipts of more than \$12 400 were received
- amount that was received. Each amount received should be recorded as either a 'Donation' or 'other receipt'.

For loans of more than \$12 400 (other than those from a financial institution) received between 1 July 2013 and 30 June 2014, the terms and conditions of the loan(s) must be attached.

Received from	Amount received (GST inclusive)	Donation or other receipt*
Name <u>MURICE JAMRITA RYAN</u> Postal address <u>KAL KARINGI COMMUNITY</u> Suburb/town <u>CENTRAL AUSTRALIA</u> State <u>NT</u> Postcode	\$50,000.00	DONATION
Name Postal address Suburb/town State Postcode	\$ .00	
Name Postal address Suburb/town State Postcode	\$ .00	
Name Postal address Suburb/town State Postcode	\$ .00	
Name Postal address Suburb/town State Postcode	\$ .00	
Name Postal address Suburb/town State Postcode	\$ .00	
Name Postal address Suburb/town State Postcode	\$ .00	

If insufficient space, please attach additional sheets.

Total \$50,000.00

\* Please indicate whether this was a 'Donation' or 'other receipt'. The AEC contacts donors to ensure they are aware of their disclosure obligations and unnecessary contact with other persons is avoided if the nature of the receipt is shown.

HARIN HART  
15 TAMM COURT  
ROSELAND NJ  
0832

ATT GRAD EDGMAN  
DIRECTOR, FUNDS AND DISBURSE.

Dear Sir,  
I have not made attached to return to  
an evidence to information given to  
me by state by donor of given to  
David Ely Brown and dollar (\$59,000.00)  
I have information Tech place on  
MR RYAN contact on  
0420719166.  
This address in Karnataka community  
Central Australia.

Your sincerely  
Harin Hart

