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**From:** Cr O'Brien, Mike  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 07, 2001 5:03 PM  
**To:** 'peta.rasdien@wanews.com.au'  
**Subject:** P.26.THE WEST.....02.10.01.

Good Afternoon Peta,

I read your article on **Page 26. Tues.02.10.01**, where you state :

**"For the past week  
the council has  
refused to reveal the  
names of the councillors  
who were on the  
selection panel."**

I assume you were able to source the NSW-House of Assembly HANSARD **in order to check the "Michael Knight v Denis Smith matter" in the 1987 NSW-House of Assembly** which allegedly had its origins during the time that Michael Knight was a "possibly disgruntled" junior planning employee at Campbelltown (NSW) Council (prior to 1980) and Denis Smith was Michael Knight's boss.

Were you able to source the **findings of Mr Wheeler, the NSW-Department of Local Government Senior Inspector, who conducted the inquiry into the "Michael Knight v Denis Smith matter" ?**

**Mr Wheeler advised :**

- ***" 1. I found no evidence to support Mr Knight's allegation that Mr Smith had a financial interest in property at Lotus Court, Baulkham Hills; and***
- ***2. In the circumstances, there appears to be no foundation to the allegations made in Parliament by Mr Knight alleging improper dealings between Mr Pullinger (General Manager), Mr Smith and Kimberley Homes."***

**Mr Wheeler also advised :**

- ***" .....Mr Knight advised me that he would not co-operate with me in my investigations. .... "***

Peta, I assume you have Internet Research Capacities provided at your workplace, **I note that the NSW HANSARD access is only available on the "net" from 1991 onwards, therefore I can only assume that if you yourself went to NSW to research their Hansards, you, or whoever researched on your behalf, missed researching the follow up "Wheeler Inquiry Findings".**

If you had taken the time to research **the Monday 7th May 2001, Minutes of Joondalup Council** you would have easily availed yourself of **the list on Page 8. of those Minutes, the Councillors "who were on the selection panel"** and in the Minutes of Full Council on Tuesday 28th August 2001 (Pages 51/52) their recommendation which was adopted by council.

Peta, I have thoroughly researched, to the best of my ability, the matters you have raised, together with some 240 (A4) pages of Warringah Council Minutes and NSW Hansards and so far Denis Smith comes out "Squeaky Clean".

I previously requested you to fax or email me any sound "evidence" to the contrary, of "wrong doing" by Denis Smith and I will be happy to examine any such evidence "if any exists."

Below are the two web references for the "Selection Panel" and the "Full Council Decision" to offer a job to candidate "A" who took up the offer.

Regards,  
Mike.

[http://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au/BUcouncilsupport/agenmin/minutes/2001/CJ010507\\_MIN.pdf](http://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au/BUcouncilsupport/agenmin/minutes/2001/CJ010507_MIN.pdf)

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