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WAC (WOLLONGONG AGAINST CORRUPTION)

Response to ICAC finding – Final Report Must Follow Soon

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The Wollongong Against Corruption group, WAC, which has spearheaded a campaign to address the corruption crisis in Wollongong, today expressed its frustration at the length of time it has taken for ICAC to bring down its full report.

WAC agrees with the findings of “serious corrupt conduct” against former planner Beth Morgan and developer Frank Vellar and the recommended suspension of development consent for the Quattro project.

However, WAC spokesperson Paul Matters expressed dismay at the delays in release of the full report.

“The release of ICAC’s final report “later in the year” is not good enough,” says Paul Matters. That could be another seven months away. We challenge ICAC to let the people of NSW know when it expects to release his final report. There must be public confidence in the administration of justice. Part of our legal system is that justice must not only seem to be done but done with due diligence.”

“We are still only scratching the surface when it comes to corruption in Wollongong” said Mr Matters “and that is why we urgently need a Royal Commission into political corruption in NSW.”

“We want a return to democracy in Wollongong giving people the right to vote in local government elections and we want to see the efficient administration of justice” said Mr Matters.

“Wollongong Against Corruption and other groups will continue to maintain the pressure for a Royal Commission and the right of people in Wollongong to have their democratic rights restored.”

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