

State of Victoria

## Statutory Declaration

I, Lorraine Di Pietrantonio  
[full name]

of \_\_\_\_\_  
[address]

Union Organiser, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:-  
[occupation]

On Wednesday 18 April 2012 I attended a Sub Branch meeting at the Austin Repatriation Hospital scheduled for 10.30am.

At that meeting Sherida Jacks the Sub Branch President, told me that Diana Asmar had telephoned her the previous Sunday evening (15 April 2012). I understood that Ms. Jacks said that Diana Asmar in her conversation with Ms. Jacks, indicated to Ms. Jacks she was with Bill Shorten and Stephen Conroy.

Ms. Jacks conveyed to me that Ms. Asmar asked her if Ms. Jacks knew anybody who would sign resolutions against Kathy Jackson by midnight on that evening. I asked Ms. Jacks what the resolutions were, she advised that she had asked Ms. Asmar what they were but was not told.

Ms. Jacks advised that Bill Shorten then got on the phone greeted her and I understood that Ms. Jacks relayed that Bill Shorten said something about appreciating her help. Ms. Jacks advised that Diana Asmar then got back on the phone, Ms. Jacks then declined Ms. Asmar's request and also advised her not to bother contacting another member named Rhonda Barclay.

Ms. Jacks advised that Ms. Asmar then said that that was fine and that she had a list of members that she was calling anyway.

On Thursday 26 April 2012 I attended the Austin Repatriation Hospital with my colleague Fleur Behrens for the purposes of speaking with Ms. Jacks regarding our conversation the previous week. We found Ms. Jacks and she agreed to speak to us.

Ms. Jacks clarified that she did not say that Stephen Conroy was with Ms. Asmar when she called on 15 April 2012. She advised that she had said that she assumed Conroy was there because she had assumed Ms. Asmar was calling from Conroy's Office, as Ms. Asmar told her that she was calling from the Office. Ms. Jacks assumed that was Mr. Conroy's Office as Ms. Asmar's husband worked for Conroy and they often utilized his Office.

Ms. Jacks confirmed to me and Ms. Behrens that Mr. Shorten was definitely there as she had spoken to him. She advised that she had met Bill Shorten before through the HSU and

through her husband's and another relative's ALP connection. She advised that she considered Mr. Shorten a friend.

Ms. Jacks then went through what had occurred on the evening of 15 April 2012 with Ms. Behrens and me.

She advised that Ms. Asmar had contacted her on the Sunday evening of 15 April 2012 and said she was calling from 'the office'.

She advised that Ms. Asmar asked her if she knew any members that may be willing to sign resolutions against Kathy Jackson and that they needed them signed by midnight. She then told Ms. Jacks that Bill Shorten was with her and then said to someone in the room, that she was speaking to Sherri (Ms. Jacks). That person said "ask her how Peter and Norm are" she recognized the voice to be Bill Shorten's.

She advised that Bill Shorten came to the phone said hello to her and asked how Peter and Norm were. Mr. Shorten told her he was there helping Diana.

She advised that Ms. Asmar then got back on the phone and Ms. Jacks told her that she was not able to assist and also suggested that Ms. Asmar should not bother contacting another member named Rhonda Barclay for assistance.

She advised that in response Ms. Asmar advised that that was alright and that she had a list of members to keep going through.

**I acknowledge that this declaration is true and correct, and I make it with the understanding and belief that a person who makes a false declaration is liable to the penalties of perjury.**

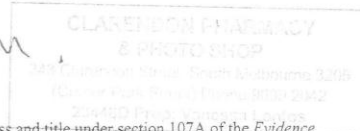
Declared at South Melbourne

this 1 day of May 2012

P. D. Robertson  
Signature of person making this declaration  
[to be signed in front of an authorised witness]

Before me,

M. J. Spamm  
Signature of Authorised Witness



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