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Folks

Can you please add anything I may have missed re. file note of this morning's teleconference.

Thanks

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# Memorandum

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Date 1 March 2016

To File

Subject **Teleconference - Defender status update**

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A teleconference was held today to update everyone on the status of the sunken vessel 'Defender'.

Attendees: Patrick Quirk, Jim Huggett, Paul Brandenburg, Nerissa Bartlett, Paul Campbell, Chris Galloway, Frank D'Souza, John Wright, Tom Hilston, Max Haste.

Patrick

- The 'Defender' has apparently been sold to
- Patrick has a long association with going back to 1986.
- Can be challenging to rely on the spoken word of
- has the ability to motivate certain interest groups.
- Don't want MSQ to be painted into a corner. Tom to provide advice to our group as the media specialist.

Paul C

- The Direction order belongs to and can not be transferred to a new owner – would need to issue a new Direction.
- is a bankrupt.
- There may be implication with the supposed purchase given his status – will check with Crown Law.

Patrick

- Need to follow the legal process
- Need a comprehensive dive report on the Defender.
  - Current condition report
  - Capacity to salvage in one piece
- Would be good (also) to get a report from the Navy divers.
- Authorise \$12K expenditure on obtained dive report.
- Decided to engage PMG provided report can be table by this coming Friday.
- One MSQ spokesperson only to liaise with
- All media to be directed through Tom Hilston.

We NEED:

1. Salvage Plan
2. Salvage plan to include removal and storage of the wreck at no cost to the State
3. Independent consultant to review salvage plan
4. Copy of salvor's insurance policy inclusive of covering MSQ risks (TMR to be listed as an interested party)
5. Salvor's vessel all to be appropriately authorised as DCVs.
6. Obtain CVs of all personnel to be involved in the salvage.
7. Approval from adjacent landholder for salvors to access through their site.
8. POTL endorsement of the salvage operation.

Another meeting to be scheduled for Friday.

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