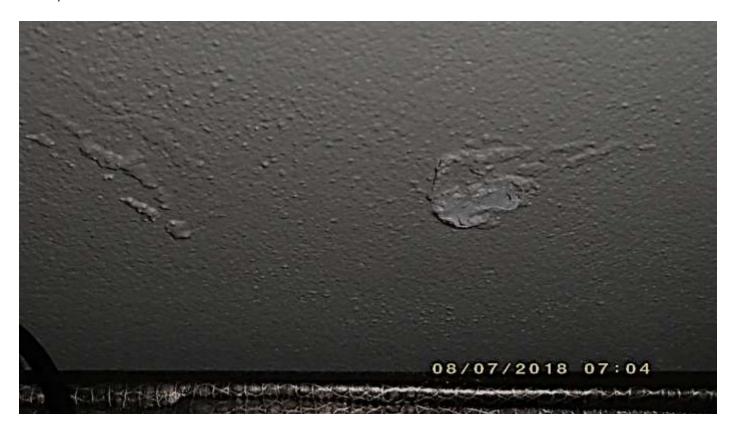
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This was reported to building manager staff several times in the past.

Due to smaller size of the leak and recent renovation, owners did not want to make fuss over it.

Recently, the size of the bubble started to increase and because it is close to phone and computer system power socket, it can become a serious issue:



Immediate repair without delays are now requested.

Occupational Health and Safety hazard - undisclosed repetitive repairs without warranties at significant losses to owners – in one case 24 water-leak related repairs in the same unit at cost above \$20,000.00 since 2011

Repeated repairs, without any warranties continue to plague the complex. 24 documented water-related repairs in one unit alone (Lot 191) since late 2011 at cost above \$20,000.00 that generated almost two days of cumulative water supply shutdown to all owners in Block A. Since Waratah Strata Management took office on 1 February 2017, six repairs were done in Lot 191 (there could be more but they are kept secret from owners by Uniqueco staff and Waratah Strata Management), without disclosure to owners and analysis of repetitive work.

Cred. Code	Creditor Name	Doc. Ref.	Doc. Total (GST inc.)	Chq. Date	Date Presented	ed Comments	
33568	NCB PLUMBING PTY LTD	28733	\$693.00	15/09/2011	15/09/2011	Lot 191: water leak	
68671	HOWARD WEST - BUILDER	973	\$968.00	15/04/2013	15/04/2013	Lot 191: repair ceiling and cornices to kitchen after water leak, remove damaged ceiling and cornice sections, supply and install new trimmers to ceiling, supply and install new plaster board, treat and seal stains, sand repairs	
33568	NCB PLUMBING PTY LTD	31213	\$832.70	19/04/2013	19/04/2013	Lot 191: urgent water leak in kitchen ceiling on Saturday	
33568	NCB PLUMBING PTY LTD	31749	\$121.00	15/08/2013	15/08/2013	Lot 191: leak coming through light fitting in laundry	
33568	NCB PLUMBING PTY LTD	31853	\$653.40	2/09/2013	2/09/2013	Lot 191: leak in ceiling area	
68671	HOWARD WEST - BUILDER	1041	\$803.00	3/09/2013	03/09/2013	Lot 191: repair laundry ceiling after water leak from roof, cut out damaged plasterboard, trin ceiling and install new plasterboard, set joints and repair cornice, sand and seal repairs ready for painting	
33568	NCB PLUMBING PTY LTD	32019	\$779.90	16/10/2013	16/10/2013	Lot 191: leak in laundry ceiling	
68671	HOWARD WEST - BUILDER	1045	\$781.00	24/10/2013	24/10/2013	Lot 191: repair laundry ceiling after water leak from roof, remove damaged plasterboard, trim ceiling and install new plasterboard, set joints and repair cornices, sand repair and prepare ready for painting, refix ceiling light	
68671	HOWARD WEST - BUILDER	52948814	\$1,078.00	14/08/2014	14/08/2014	Lot 191: ceiling water leak	
68671	HOWARD WEST - BUILDER	1144	\$572.00	23/10/2014	23/10/2014	Lot 191: water damage to ceiling	
68671	HOWARD WEST - BUILDER	1154	\$781.00	24/03/2015	24/03/2015	Lot 191: water damage ceiling	
33568	NCB PLUMBING PTY LTD	34032	\$887.70	7/04/2015	07/04/2015	Lot 191: water leak through kitchen ceiling bulkhead	
33568	NCB PLUMBING PTY LTD	34352	\$867.90	23/06/2015	23/06/2015	Lot 191: Urgent Saturday water leak bathroom ceiling	
68671	HOWARD WEST - BUILDER	1188	\$1,078.00	23/06/2015	23/06/2015	Lot 191: Repair ceiling to bathroom after plumbers repaired hot water leak, cut out damaged ceiling section, trim ceiling and install new plasterboard, set joints and repair damaged cornice, sand repairs and treat water stains ready for painting, Lot 192: Repair ceiling to kitchen after plumbers investigated leak to hot water lines from adjoining unit, patch ceiling and prepare ready for painting	
33568	NCB PLUMBING PTY LTD	34977	\$878.90	14/12/2015	14/12/2015	Lot 191: water leak through ceiling	
33568	NCB PLUMBING PTY LTD	35299	\$658.90	24/02/2016	03/03/2016	Lot 191 and 192: water leaks	
69661	W & M GORDON	151216	\$790.00	13/12/2016		Lot 191: repairs to bathroom ceiling after water leak	
33568	NCB PLUMBING PTY LTD	INV36279	\$1,305.70	1/12/2016	13/12/2016	Lot 191: called out by caretaker, to a report of a water leak coming through the bathroom ceiling. Had to cut open a section of the ceiling to gain access to the pipes. We removed the section of the lagging and located the broken pipe. We found there were two separate leaks within a short distance and we managed to get a clamp over both leaks. We returned again, received a call from the caretaker that one of the leaks had started up again. Upon checking found that the leak was substantially worse and could not be reclamped. As a result we had notify residents and shut the water down to the building, so we could then cut out and replaced a 2-3 meter section of piping in the ceiling space, which required us to cut another hole. Tested all new piping and cleaned up mess to complete our part of the job. Caretaker no organising the ceiling repairs	
33568	NCB PLUMBING PTY LTD		Undisclosed	3/03/2017		A Block. Lot 191 water leak in laundry ceiling	
	Warrick - Handyman		Undisclosed	8/03/2017		Lot 191 repaired gyprock ceiling in laundry area after water damage	
33568	NCB PLUMBING PTY LTD		\$1,185.80	3/03/2017		A Block. Lot 191 water leak through bathroom ceiling	
??	Unknown	??	Undisclosed	10/01/2018		A Block: Lot 191 water leak in ceiling cavity wall	
??	Unknown	??	Undisclosed	4/04/2018		A Block: Lot 191 water leak laundry ceiling	
??	Unknown	??	Undisclosed	8/05/2018		A Block: Lot 191 water leak	
		Total	\$15,715.90				

Waratah Strata Management directly prevented owners from having access to this information, and even disallowed Motion about it at AGM 2017:

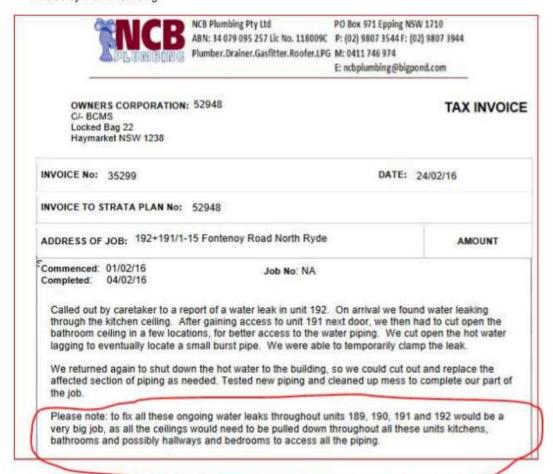
Motion: Undisclosed pending major water leak repairs in Block A

The Owners Corporation SP52948 by GENERAL RESOLUTION (A ONE LOT/ONE VOTE FORMAT), confirms the following:

- BCS Strata Management and EC members failed to include this Motion in the agenda for AGM 2016 without due notice to the requestor of the Motion, and owners corporation denied a vote on the Motion,
- BCS Strata Management, Building Manager Uniqueco Pty Ltd, and EC members hid information about seriousness of the water leak problems in Block A and throughout the complex,

#### Explanatory Notes:

· Invoice by NCB Plumbing:



# Occupational Health and Safety hazard – faulty ventilation in Block A and incomplete repairs since May 2018

Since late May 2018, faulty ventilation in Block A is generating foul smell, poor air flow, and even after the alleged repairs it is not in proper operational order. Mr. Robert Crosbie acts as Secretary of the Executive Committee – directly representing owners corporation and hence acting in non-compliance with Strata Schemes Management Act 2015, Section 106.

Director of Waratah Strata Management Mr. Robert Crosbie refuses to even look at evidence about health risk with poor ventilation in one bathroom and laundry provided to him and Strata Manager Mr. Simon Wicks on 21 June 2018.

They failed to show evidence of the complaint being included in the agenda for the Executive Committee meeting on 21 June 2018. This is non-compliance with Strata Schemes Management Act 2015, Section 43.

Uniqueco failed to manage common property in accordance with their contract with SP52948. Video evidence:

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/Waratah-Strata-Management/SP52948-Lot-158-first-bathroom-good-ventilation-and-suction-20Jun2018.3gp

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/Waratah-Strata-Management/SP52948-Lot-158-laundry-poor-ventilation-20Jun2018.3gp

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/Waratah-Strata-Management/SP52948-Lot-158-second-bathroom-poor-ventilation-20Jun2018.3gp

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/Waratah-Strata-Management/SP52948-Lot-158-second-bathroom-poorventilation-and-lack-of-suction-20Jun2018.3gp

Tests this week show that ere is an improvement after complaints but the suction and air flow is still much weaker in one bathroom and laundry room.

# Occupational Health and Safety hazard – Uniqueco staff supporting smoking by providing access via fire doors and not cleaning up

In spite of many warnings about health hazard and non-compliance with SP52948 By-Laws and SSMA 1996 and 2015, staff of Uniqueco Pty Ltd continue to provide direct and unrestricted access through fire doors for smokers.

Three photos, taken on different dates, show lack of maintenance, and poor schedule for cleaning in Block A. By Mr. Steve Carbone's own admission in a phone conversation, the basement areas are allegedly maintained by a 73-year old tenant who is employed by Uniqueco.

In the past, even cigarette lighters and dirty cloth was found to be thrown on the grass at the back of Block A for prolonged periods of time. Uniqueco staff need to be constantly reminded of their duties and responsibilities.





# Occupational Health and Safety hazard – unprotected cans with paint that are highly flammable

In spite of several warnings, Uniqueco staff still keeps cans with paint in unprotected area behind one fire door. This is a photo taken on 7 July 2018 showing that the same old practices are in use:



# Garden beds soon requiring more expenses – incomplete repairs in 2017 as documented in July 2018

Since 2011, more than \$30,000.00 was spent on alleged professional repairs of garden beds, including latest attempts in 2017. At no time warranties were used to force the service suppliers to fix the problem without extra cost to owners.

One of the methods used by Howard West Builder to conceal problems with garden beds was to nail metal plates in front of problematic areas.

Here are some photos from July 2018, only eight months after the alleged full repainting project in the complex:













There is also a new practice. Instead of repairing the concrete cancer and cracks, simply cover it by piece of wood:





# Example of poor repair of garden beds in SP52948

Since 2011 Lot 158 recorded poort mainetane of the buildings and garden beds:

http://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/Macquarie-Gardens-photos/gallery/index.php?/category/5
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http://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/Macquarie-Gardens-photos/gallery/index.php?/category/34
Minutes of the EC meeting on 20th of February 2013 reported the following:

Garden bed walls. Steve, the new employee of the Building Manager, is to identify a section of garden bed wall that is showing significant signs of water penetration from the garden bed, scrape it back and paint it with a membrane based coating. This section of wall will then be monitored over a period of time to determine if the membrane coating has been successful in preventing water penetration / the leaching of salts & minerals etc. through the wall.

Owners were also not told, or shown in any financial statements, that the budgeted and approved costs were doubled from those given in the minutes of the EC meeting.

BCS and EC falsely reported that they were repaired and repainted in 2013 at cost of \$5,170.00 (GST inclusive) as allegedly approved at EC meeting held on 28th of August 2013:

MOTION 7: To consider quotations for the re-painting of the central courtyard area.

The meeting reviewed quotations for the re-painting of the central courtyard area from Robertson's Painting and Decorating and Pierre Brush.

Resolved to approve the quotation from Pierre Brush, in the amount of \$5,170.00 including GST to re-paint the central courtyard area.

The real cost doubled and invoices paid to Pierre Brush were never disclosed to owners:

Cred. Code	Creditor Name	Doc. Ref. No.	Doc. Date	Doc. Total (GST inc.)	Chq. Date
37988	PIERRE BRUSH PAINTER	125/13	11/11/2013	\$5,500.00	19/11/2013
37988	PIERRE BRUSH PAINTER	115/13	8/10/2013	\$5,170.00	16/10/2013
			Total	\$10,670.00	

Not only that, but much more work was done since then by other service providers, including Howard West Builder.

The repairs of garden beds create continuous stream of income for some service providers:

Creditor Name	Doc. Date	Doc. Total (GST inc.)	Chq. Date	Comment
HOWARD WEST - BUILDER	26/08/2015	\$654.50	01/09/2015	Supply and fit new custom made colourbond plates to damaged sections of garden walls throughout complex; drill and plug plates to garden walls, repair/adjust pedestrian fire door to rear ground floor of C Block

# Repetitive sewage repairs in July 2018

Sewage repairs and flooding at the back of townhouses occurred several times, causing inconveniences to all owners and increasing insurance costs and premiums. Here is the latest one in July 2018:







# Occupational Health and Safety hazard – keeping large items of rubbish in the roof area and basement

Since July 2012, SP52948 has been put on notice that OH&S was at risk due to excessive amount of rubbish in the roof area (Napier & Blakeley's professional report):

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/BCS-Strata-Management-hid-professional-building-report-from-SP52948-owners-and-CTTT-Napier-and-Blakeley-July-2012.pdf

Numerous attempts to reason with Uniqueco staff, especially Director Mr. Steve Carbone, fell on deaf ears. Here is one of them:

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/SP52948-Caretaker-looking-for-excuses-about-poor-complex-management-6Oct2016.html

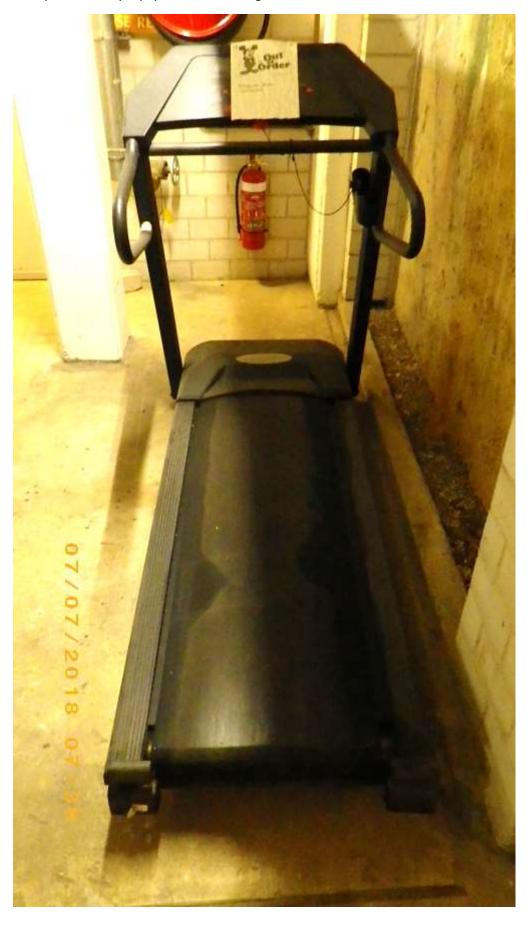
On 1 March 2017, Director of Waratah Strata Management Mr. Robert Crosbie, Director of Uniqueco Mr. Steve Carbone, and I visited the complex and found numerous examples of poor management and neglect. The report was written but they never replied:

http://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/Waratah-Strata-Management/ANNOTATED-SUMMARY-for-Waratah-Strata-Management-on-SP52948-Open-Issues-and-still-undisclosed-Special-By-Law-for-Lot-3-and-photos-of-the-complex-17Mar2017.html

Clean-up of the roof area is still outstanding and large out-of-order gym equipment is still lurking in the basement, allegedly used for "spare parts". This piece of equipment has been rusting in the basement for five years:



In July 2018, faulty equipment still rusting in the basement:



# Practice of illegally using supermarket trolleys continues

For several years there have been warnings to an Executive Committee member and Uniqueco staff about unethical and illegal use of supermarket trolleys and keeping them in the complex.

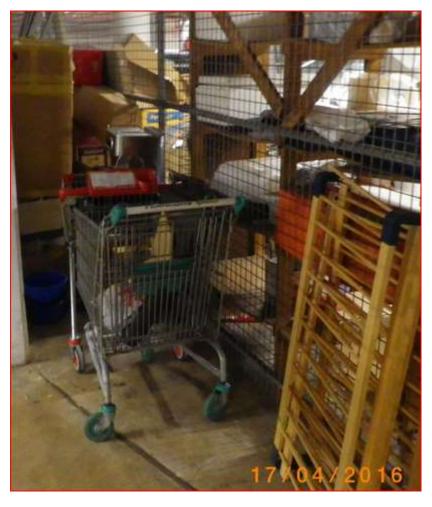
Property that clearly belongs to somebody else is plain stealing.

Here are examples from 2015:





# 2016:





... and July 2018. Woolworths' trolley used by Uniqueco staff and hidden behind fire doors:



#### Uniqueco staff fail to display Minutes and Agendas of Executive Committee meetings on Notice Boards

Waratah Strata Management was contacted seven times about missing agendas and minutes of meetings for Lot 158 since March 2017.

http://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/Waratah-Strata-Management/SUMMARY-SP52948-meeting-with-Director-of-Waratah-Strata-Management-legal-threat-from-CHU-Insurance-and-other-problems-in-the-complex-4Mar2017.html

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/Waratah-Strata-Management/Waratah-Strata-Management-organised-secret-SP52948-Executive-Committee-meeting-on-30June2017-and-sent-non-compliant-agenda-for-meeting-on-20July2017.html

Mr. Robert Crosbie claimed that he did not have control over letter sent by post and that his office sent the strata documents to all owners and he insinuated that either somebody was taking them from my letterbox, or that Australia Post was to blame.

I verified it with Australia Post in case 18901XXXX in June 2018 and it appears that Mr. Crosbie's statements are false.

The second option is that somebody is stealing from letterboxes, which should be monitored by Uniqueco staff.

This is also a far-fetched option because Lot 158 collects mail daily.

The only feasible option is then that either Waratah Strata Management staff failed in their duties, or Uniqueco staff failed to publish strata files on notice boards.

These are some of the missing letters:

- a) Agenda for the Executive Committee (EC) meeting on 30 June 2017 (must arrive at least 72 hours before the meeting).
- b) Minutes of the EC meeting held on 30 June 2017 (must arrive within seven days after the meeting).
- d) Agenda for the EC meeting on 15 February 2018 (must arrive at least 72 hours before the meeting).
- e) Minutes of EC meeting on 15 February 2018 (must arrive within seven days after the meeting).
- f) Agenda for the EC meeting on 12 April 2018 (must arrive at least 72 hours before the meeting).
- g) Minutes of EC meeting on 12 April 2018 (must arrive within seven days after the meeting).
- h) Agenda for the EC meeting on 21 June 2018 (must arrive at least 72 hours before the meeting).

# Uniqueco staff failed to comply with Motion 24 at AGM 2017 - window washing still outstanding

In spite of owners' decision in Motion 24 at AGM on 24 October 2017, window cleaning in the complex has not been organised (two- to three competitive quotes) or completed by Uniqueco staff:

# 24 WINDOW CLEANING

Resolved that the Owners Corporation appoint a suitable contractor to attend to cleaning of all external windows at an estimated cost of \$25,000 - \$30,000 per clean.

# Occupational Health and Safety hazard - tripping risks in pave yard areas

Reported in July 2012 in Napier & Blakeley's professional report and still unattended by Uniqueco staff in July 2018:

The construction joints formed within the basement car park soffits allow differential movement of the structure. This is subsequently affecting the brick paving to the common circulation areas above as well as the dwarf walls to the planter boxes causing isolated areas of cracking and minor movement. Affected areas of paving have risen in line with the construction joints below potentially causing trip hazards. Affected areas should be repaired through ongoing routine maintenance to prevent any future trip risks. The dwarf walls can be cosmetically repaired with sufficient movement jointing incorporated.

In spite of numerous complaints, the work is still outstanding for Uniqueco staff. One of the examples:

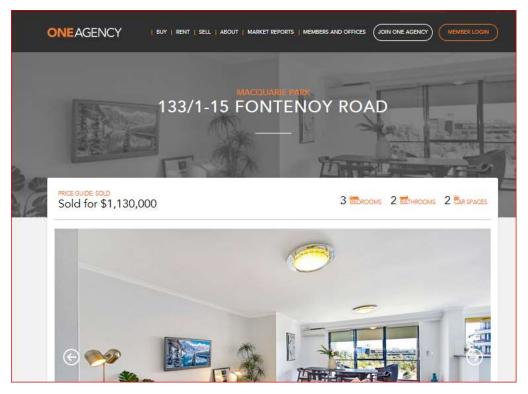


Son of Uniqueco Director running real estate business in the complex without disclosure of conflict of interest and connection with Executive Committee member by Mr. Steve Carbone

Son of Mr. Steve Carbone runs sales of properties in the complex. Building Manager allowed his son's advertisement to be published on notice board in 2016 but refused to notify owners about his relationship with the real estate agent:



EC member's property (Lot 133) was recently sold by Mr. Steve Carbone's son (information obtained from public site). This was presented in request to notify owners in February 2018, which both Uniqueco and Waratah Strata Management prevented:



Main with en-suite and large built-in robe
 Quality finished bathrooms tiled to celling

# Secret removal of country of origin on illegal BigAir antennae system in Block C – refusal by Uniqueco staff to report and investigate

Since 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2014, BigAir does not have valid contract with SP52948 and is running the business illegally:

31 January 2014

Attention: BigAir Group Limited Level 1, 59 Buckingham Street Surry Hills NSW 2010

#### WITHOUT PREJUDICE SAVE AS TO COSTS

#### URGENT

Also by Email: facilities@bigair.net.au

Dear Sir

THE OWNERS - STRATA PLAN NO TELECOMMUNICATIONS INSTALLATION , MACQUARIE PARK 2113

Our Ref:

131862

We refer to your correspondence dated 15 January 2014.

With respect, it is our client's opinion that the offer which has been proposed is grossly inadequate and has no regard to interest.

In our letters dated 15 November 2013 and 13 December 2013 respectively, we informed you that the Owners Corporation has accepted your company's repudiation and terminated the contract.

You are required, therefore, to remove all your equipment and reinstate our client's property to its original condition to its reasonable satisfaction within seven (7) business days of the date of this letter.

In addition, the Owners Corporation will not be entertaining any further negotiations with BigAir. In this regard, from a review of your alleged revenue, it is noted that there will be no or minimum loss to BigAir.

If the equipment is not removed by close of business on 4 February 2014, the Owners Corporation may commence action against you without any further notice to you.

Please kindly confirm once the equipment has been removed.

SP52948 does not have any reasonable benefits from BigAir since 2005. Since AGM on 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2014, owners corporation approved to expel BigAir from the complex, which was not complied with until mid-2018.

In late 2014, the following photos were taken on roof on Block C, during regular checks of the management of the complex:





During visit to the roof area on 1 March 2017, done jointly with Mr. Steve Carbone and Mr. Robert Crosbie, it was apparent that somebody (can only happen with direct knowledge or approval by Mr. Carbone) removed the label with country of origin on one of the antennae:



Building Manager Mr. Steve Carbone and Waratah Strata Management prevented check of BigAir facility on 25 August 2017.

In 2010, owners corporation rejected Optus offer to pay \$22,000.00 (GST inclusive) per year to run similar business in the complex. The losses to owners corporation (and higher levies) incurred by BigAir amount to possibly several hundred thousands of dollars since 2005.

By EC's own admission in correspondence on 1 September 2013, the annual fee payable by BigAir should be \$20,000.00:

The contract required annual payments of the 5% commission which the Strata Manager did not follow up on.

The contract was to provide for termination with 6 months notice after 5 years. The failure to collect the funds is a failure of the Strata Manager – not of the committee.

The commercial position will only be clear in the actual contract but our instructions to Grace Lawyers are that if we do not receive immediate compensation that notice is to be given to terminate the service with 6 months notice. An acceptable compensation settlement would be:

An accurate accounting of all subscriber income attached to the antennae at Macquarie Gardens for the period November 2003 to now (10 years!!) – as the supplier has increased the capacity without consent (it was originally intended only for residents of Macquarie Gardens) this will be a substantial number as the signal can be detected for some distance – much stronger than initially. 5% of that amount is due and payable now.

Complete recovery of all our legal costs incurred in pursuing the debt.

I suspect that the accounting for the income in the manner contracted will be claimed as too hard to effect now. Failing such accounting an annual fee of \$20,000 (being the amount that alternative suppliers would pay for access based on other contracts offered but refused) would be the minimum acceptable fee. This fee should be negotiated in two parts for tax reasons. 50% should be nominated as the estimated consumption of electricity. (If the supplier wishes to continue the service by paying the 5% we will have to take the risk on power consumed — however ANY change to terms must include full cost recovery for all power consumed and the supplier is to pay for and have read a meter to verify this.

Uniqueco staff member non-compliant for parking with SP52948 By-Laws and Uniqueco Director refused to investigate it and report back to the owner

Notice Board at the entrance to the complex, in existence since 2001:



Extract from SP52948 By-Laws regulating use of common property, registered since 1997:



idress: R.O. Box 125, Eastwood NSW 2122 Phone: 02 9114 9599 Fax; 02 9114 9598 Email: enquiry@waratahstrata.com.au Web: www.waratahstrata.com.au

After Hours Emergencies 1300 730 214 (Before 9am – After 5pm, Weekends and Public Holidays) By Laws for SP 52948 1-15 Fontenoy Road, NORTH RYDE NSW 2113

#### 1 Noise

An owner or occupier of a lot must not create any noise on the parcel likely to interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of the owner or occupier of another lot or of any person lawfully using common property.

#### 2 Vehicles

An owner or occupier of a lot must not park or stand any motor or other vehicle upon common property except with the written approval of the owners corporation.

3 Obstruction of Common property An owner or occupier of a lot must not obstruct lawful use of common property by any person. 9 Depositing rubbish and other material on common property An owner or occupier of a lot must not deposit or throw on the common property any rubbish, dirt, dust or other material likely to interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of the owner or occupier of another lot or of any person lawfully using common property.

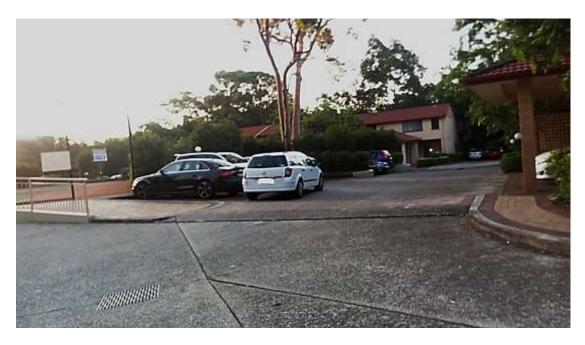
#### 10 Drying of laundry items

An owner or occupier of a lot must not, except with the consent in writing of the owners corporation, hang any washing, towel, bedding, clothing or other article on any part of the parcel in such a way as to be visible from outside the building, other than on any lines provided by the owners corporation for the purpose and there only for a reasonable period.

Extracts from Uniqueco Pty Ltd contract dated 7 December 2014 (new contract, without tender, still kept secret from owners since AGM 2017):

- 6.4 The Contractor will be responsible for and will ensure the good and proper conduct of its officers, employees and agents whom are engaged in providing the Services on the Premises.
- 7.2 The Contractor and its officers, employees and agents must ensure that all plant, machinery, tools, vehicles, ladders, scaffolding and other equipment used in the execution or performance of the Caretaking Services comply with any relevant statutory or other equipment regulations and are in safe condition. When not in use such equipment will be properly stored and secured so as to prevent unauthorised use thereof.

Staff member of Uniqueco Pty Ltd, previous cleaner and now allegedly providing occasional maintenance services, deliberately ignored strata by-laws and parking illegally for more than four hours on 17 December 2017. This was reported to Waratah Strata Management and Uniqueco Director Mr. Steve Carbone and reply never received:



The correct way to deal with illegal parking on common property is to put sticky warning on the window, as shown by this example:



Fire safety lights often not operational or repaired irregularly – in one example it took Uniqueco 48 days t replice faulty fire exit light in Block A

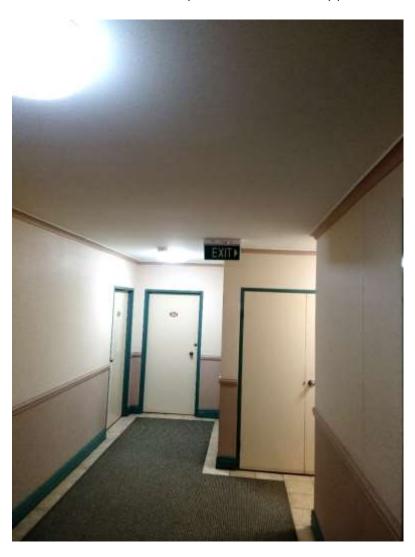
Bulding manager's contract and stringent fire safety regulations are commonly ignored by Uniqueco staff.

A fresh example, reported to Waratah Strata Management and Uniqueco several times, without a reply ever received.

Block A, second floor, exit light was not operational in period between 7 February 2018 and 26 March 2018 (total of 48 days!).

In phone converstation with Mr. Steve Carbone who called me on 23 March 2018 at 07:41 hours, he admitted that allegedly there were 22 fauty lights in the complex. I cross-examined him why he did not repair the light as they become faulty, and, "suddenly", they were fixed.

Photo evidence from each day since that date is in my possesion:



The same light was non-operational in December 2017 for three days.

Block A fire stairs lights (two of them) were faulty for almost a week in April 2018.

Waratah Strata Management an Uniqueco Director Mr. Steven Carbone were asked why owners pay for very poor quality as the same light died just after two months of operation, confirmation who was overseeing and enforcing the warranties for ALL repairs and replacements in the complex, and public notice why Uniqueco staff were slow to act in accordance with their duties, incuding daily checks of issues on common property.

# Building Managers and strata agencies provided false statements about fire safety to Ryde City Council in previous years

On 12 April 2016 I submitted my complaint about fire safety to City of Ryde. In it, I highlighted 12-year problem with my external fire door and other fire-safety issues in the complex.

Over many years, BCS Strata Management was submitting false fire safety reports to Ryde City Council.

Owners were never presented with the inspection reports that were documenting faults in the complex.

My warnings to BCS Strata Management were ignored since 2013 (Mr. Steve Carbone was also personally contacted on 4 September 2013). In 2016, after serious report of non-compliance with stringent fire safety regulations, I logged additional inquiries, which were all ignored by BCS Strata Management.

Uniqueco Pty Ltd was eventually forced by me to replace external door on my unit which was non-compliant with fire safety regulations for 12 years.

Uniqueco Pty Ltd and BCS Strata Management did not allow any information to be shared with owners corporation.

At AGM 2016, on 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2016, BCS Strata Management disallowed Motion about lack of fire safety maintenance.

Waratah Strata Management, who took office from BCS Strata Management on 1 February 2017, continued to mislead owners corporation, and did not provide access to fire safety inspections during my document search on 13 June 2017.

Fire inspection report in 2017 confirmed that at least one unit (lot 160), which had fire safety non-compliance problem in 2016, had it again, which points towards poor delivery of services.

During 2017, Waratah Strata Management and Uniqueco Pty Ltd continued to poorly manage fire safety issues and only acted when I directly provided evidence of faults.

Waratah Strata Management prevented Motion about fire safety from AGM 2017.

## Ryde City Council letter to BCS Strata Management on 9 August 2016:

9 August 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

1 Fontency Road Macquarie Park Fire Safety Issues

Council has received correspondence advising that compliance tags are being fitted to existing fire doors, some doors being twelve years old; it is also alleged that some fire doors are non-compliant with the relevant Australian Standard.

I note that the last annual fire safety statement listed fire doors as one of the installed fire measure and certified them as compliant with their original design/installation standard; from the information provided to Council the gaps around the doors do not comply with the relevant standards.

Prior to further action by Council you are requested to contact your service contractor and provide Council with their comments in respect to the alleged non-compliances.

Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this matter, please contact me on 9952 8184.

Yours faithfully

Executive Building Surveyor

# **Ryde City Council did not get any response for three months** and initiated another request to BCS Strata Management on 3 November 2016:

The Owners Strata Plan 52948 C/- Body Corporate Services Locked Bag 22 Haymarket NSW 1238

3 November 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

1 Fontenoy Road Macquarie Park Fire Safety Issue

I refer to Council's letter dated 9 August 2016 advising of an alleged serious fire safety breach and requesting comment from your service contractor.

To date Council has not received a response to this request.

You are therefore requested to advise Council, by 21 November 2016, the present position in this matter.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss this matter, please contact me on 9952 8184 or by e-mail (details below).

Yours faithfully

I Expecutive Building Surveyor ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH 7 BUILDING

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Here is what BCS Strata Management responded on 15 November 2016, more than THREE MONTHS AFTER THE COUNCIL INQUIRY and ALMOST ONE MONTH AFTER THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IN SP52948:

15 November 2016

City of Ryde Locked Bag 2069 NORTH RYDE NSW 1670

Dear Council

RE: Your attached notices – Fire Safety
PROPERTY: Strata Plan 52948: 1-15 Fontenoy Road Macquarie Park

Our fire safety contractor – Eagle Fire (9620 8885) – have advised that they believe that the fire doors are compliant to the standard mentioned on the AFSS. This is based on the certificate which we received from Lock Stock and Barrel Locksmiths (attached) who were engaged by the building to complete the repairs from the annual inspection. Their records (Eagle Fire) also indicate that there are 192 residential units on the premises, each one with a fire door. There are also 98 common area fire doors. They would require access to every unit to inspect their door. This will take a technician 3 days to complete as long as all units provide access, and then have the report put together in their office. They have calculated that they would need to charge the building \$3840.00 + GST for this service. At the moment they are scheduled to carry out an annual inspection on the building in January when (as per their agreement with the building) all of these doors will be inspected in accordance with the conditions of the annual fire safety statement. They can't carry out the annual inspection any earlier as the AFSS is due on 1st April.

Due to the above reasoning from Eagle Fire, the Owners Corporation are kindly requesting that Council will agree to hold off until January to save the building this large expense. But if the Council still want us to proceed immediately, please send another notice to that effect so that we can commission the inspection works to be completed.

Many thanks and we look forward to hearing your reply.

Yours faithfully

BCS STRATA MANAGEMENT - EPPING

BCS Strata Management organised Annual General Meeting on 19th of October 2016, and this information was deliberately hidden from owners.

BCS Strata Management and Uniqueco did not deny non-compliance with fire safety regulations, nor did they offer any explanation why the complaints were ignored since 2013! City of Ryde was misled about lack of actions by BCS Strata Management and Uniqueco.

Full evidence was provided to City of Ryde in January 2018.

Here are examples of how identical repairs were organised for Lot 160 two years in a row, even after assurances given to City of Ryde:



#### RECTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE FIRE PROTECTION AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES

#### 1-15 Fontenoy Road, Macquarie Park

Fire Management Solutions has been engaged by the Strata Scheme to complete mandatory repairs of defective essential fire services at the above mentioned address

We will be attending site on Wednesday 20th April 7.00am-12.00pm to complete the required repairs and require access into the below Units to complete work as below.

Fire Management Solutions will require access into below apartments for a period of 15-20mins to compelte repairs

#### Access Required

Unit 42

Unit 43

Unit 44

Unit 45

Unit 46

Unit 47 Unit 48

Unit 98

Unit 100

**Unit 111** Unit 158

Unit 160



# NOTICE OF UNIT DOOR REPAIRS

FOR ADDRESS: 1-15 Fontenoy Road, Macquarie Park STRATA PLAN: 52948

THE FOLLOWING UNITS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ACCESS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE MINOR RECTIFICATION WORKS FROM THE RECENT INSPECTION

# Unit Doors From 7.00am to 10.00am

Units 14, 17, 32, 39, 46, 68, 69, 104, 110, 120, 132, 136, 139, 142, 160, 174, 177 and 183

ALL WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AND COMPLETED BY OUR SERVICE TECHNICIANS

ON THE

20 /03/2017

For your convenience you may call on 9674 4585 between 9.30am and 12.00 pm Monday to Friday to make a specific time for the works to be undertaken. No booking will be accepted on the day of repairs.

Waratah Strata Management and Uniqueco staff still decline to provide owners with outcome of fire safety reports as soon as they are published.

They also fail to publish fire safety registrations with Ryde City as soon as they are created.

#### Uniqueco security services cut by two hours a day for more than three years without disclosure to owners

Reported in October 2017 without any response from Mr. Steve Carbone, Waratah Strata Management, and EC members.

Uniqueco Pty Ltd was granted contract with SP52948 at AGM in 2014 without proper tender (Univeral Strata Services was trying to sell the business to Mr. Steve Carbone and thy planned to move away from the complex during 2014), at increased price of around 16% per year in comparison to the previous year, and further increase of 1% in 2016 without any tender. Owners were not advised that the increased value actually decreased working hours of the security guard and that EC member was UNFINANCIAL to vote and represent owners corporation due to not fully paid levies for gas heating since 1999, and that three EC members were UNFINANCIAL to vote and represent owners corporation at AGM 2015 and AGM 2016.

Decreased security hours, from 7:00pm to 5:00am - between 5:00pm and 7:00pm, most of the time only cleaner is employed in the complex. The Uniqueco Pty Ltd contract dated 7<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 hide working hours for the security guards:

## Schedule 3 Hours of Coverage

- The Contractor will provide Caretaking Services to the Premises between the hours of 5.00 am - 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday and 9.00 am to 3.00 pm Saturdays and Sundays and will provide after-hours service at all times to respond to emergencies onsite within 1 hour of notification.
- The Contractor will provide cleaning services to the Premises 7 days each week, which will include a minimum 6 hours on each Saturday and Sunday and any Public Holidays.
- The Contractor will provide a minimum of one person on site from 5.00 pm to 5.00 am 7 nights a week including Public Holidays.
- Gardening and Pool hours of coverage are to be sufficient to provide all the services listed at the frequency specified to standards determined by the Quality Assurance Standard document.

It means, in simple and unambiguous terms, owners overpaid for security services:

# 1,030 days x 2 hours/day = 2,060 hours of security guard not working in SP52948

Previous company, Universal Strata Services, for whom, director of Uniqueco Pty Ltd worked as an employee, offered these services, as documented in secret contract dated 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2010 that was not published for owners:

# **Night Caretaking**

- The contractor will provide night caretaking duties from 5.00pm to 5.00am 7 nights a week.
- The contractor will provide 2 permanent persons and will provide details of such persons to the Owners Corporation.
- The persons engaged will be suitably licensed.

# Uniqueco security services possibly not covering up to 5:00am in July 2018

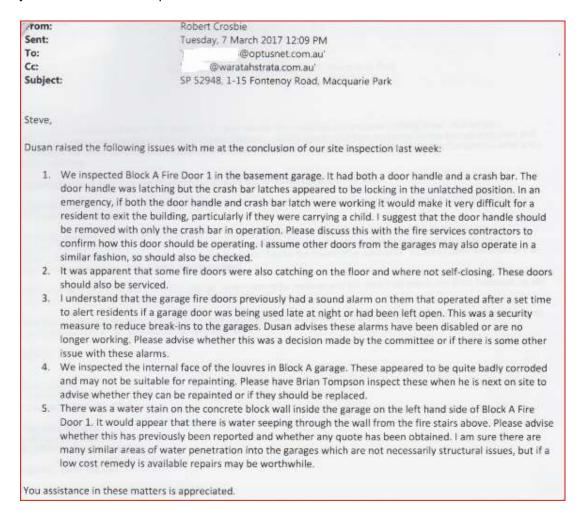
Due to special night work on 3 July 2018, evidence was collected that a security guard seemingly left premises well before 5:00am (dash camera showing that the security guard car spot was occupied at 02:30am and empty at 04:13am).

It is difficult to obtain information if the latest contract with Uniqueco even further cut down the working hours for security overnight and if owners still pay for services not delivered to the complex.

Fire door problems in basement of the complex – non-compliance with the Environmental Planning Assessment Amendment (Fire Safety and Building Certification) Regulation 2017 (came into effect on 1 October 2017)

Fire door must be self-closing or close automatically on the operation of an approved sensing device or on the loss of power supply. Self-closing means equipped with a device that returns the door to the fully closed position immediately after each opening and each fire door must have a metal tag attached as required by AS 1905.1, and latch sets and closers should also be marked.

Email sent from Director of Waratah Strata Management Mr. Rober Crosbie to Building Manager Mr. Steve Carbone and Strata Manager Mr. Simon Wicks (who was removed from managing SP52948 in 2011 due to unsatisfactory performance whilst eployed by BCS Strata Management). The request for repairs was created after an owner forced joint review of the complex maintenance on 1 March 2017:



Instead of proper and prompt repairs, over the next eight months, Mr. Steve Carbone was literally pushed to repair each firedoor and item one at a time. Check of doors on 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 confirmed that Firedoor 3 was still having problems:

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/SP52948-Firedoor-3-still-jamming-30Sep2017.mp4

Here are proofs of fire doors not being compliant with stringent Fire Safety Regulations on 7 July 2018:

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id. au/SP52948-Firedoor-1-push-bar-not-operational-and-door-not-closing-properly-thus-creating-security-risk-7Jul2018.3gp

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/SP52948-Firedoor-2-push-bar-not-operational-7Jul2018.3gp

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/SP52948-Firedoor-3-push-bar-not-operational-and-door-not-closing-automatically-7Jul2018.3gp

# Fire door problems in basement of the complex – sound alarms after hours still disabled

In spite of number of reports and complaints, sound alarms on the firedoors are still not operational, creating aditional security risks at night.

# Repeated security risk - night lights switched off too early in parts of the complex

As reported in 2017, Mr. Steve Carbone and his staff for prolonged time (several months) were switching off security lights in the complex whilst still complete darkness:

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/ SP52948-complete-darkness-due-to-lights-repeatedly-turned-off-before-daylight-in-front-of-townhouses-before-6am-1Jun2017.mp4

Even after the official complaint, it happened again:

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/SP52948-repeated-lack-of-duty-by-Building-Manager-Steve-Carbone-complete-darkness-due-to-early-lights-off-pathway-to-bus-stop-10Jun2017.mp4

Form ore than a month, whole area towards carwash, covering most of townhouses, and rear of Block A was kept in total dark in early mornings for more than a month, until a complaint was sumitted to Uniqueco Director mr. Steve Carbone in March 2018. He "fixed" the problem for Block A.

Parts of complex towards townhouses and carwash area ara agin kept in the dark in late June 2018:

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/Waratah-Strata-Management-and-Uniqueco-Building-Manager-knowlingly-decreased-SP52948-security-by-repeatedly-switching-off-lights-in-front-of-townhouses-in-spite-of-one-year-old-warning-on-28Jun2018.avi

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/Waratah-Strata-Management-and-Uniqueco-Building-Manager-knowlingly-decreased-SP52948-security-by-repeatedly-switching-off-lights-in-front-of-townhouses-on-29Jun2018.3gp

Considering the fact that we had number of security incidents in the complex in the past, including an attempt of rape, stalking, break-ins in multiple garages, and "Spider-style" scaling of Block C to steal only a laptop from level 3, it is very dangerous to keep the lights off before daylight in any part of the complex.

# Poor repainting of louvres and keeping it secret from owners at AGM 2015, 2016, and 2017

Still applicable as of July 2018.

Number of warnings were submitted to BCS Strata Management, Waratah Strata Management, EC members, and especially Building Manager Mr. Steve Carbone about the need to properly maintain lourves in the basement of the buildings.

BCS Strata Management, Waratah Strata Management, Building Manager Mr. Steve Carbone and his staff, and EC members were constantly reminded about poor maintenance.

One of such attemts was on 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2017 when Mr. Steven Carbone was asked if he would personally pay for such bad repainting of louvres, which were treated against rust only from exterior of the buildings. Mr. Carbone never replied:

http://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/SP52948-Building-Manager-Steve-Carbone-did-not-answer-question-about-poor-painting-of-louvres-23Aug2017.html

Mr. Steve Carbone ignored the request for proper repairs of louvres, as photos from 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2017 show:



This one was taken straight in front of garage of one of the EC members in July 2018:



### Lot 157 water leaks and undislosed cost that common funds were used for carpet repairs

Discriminatory behaviour by strata managers and building managers, providing selective benefits to specific owners only.

In two pieces of evidence, it is confirmed that:

- Lot 201 was notified that that carpet maintenance could not be paid from common funds on 9 September 2013
- Lot 123 was notified that carpet maintenance could not be paid from common funds on 9 January 2015

Lot 157, which suffered major water flooding in December 2014, was allegedly caused by water leak in EC member's unit (Lot 181):



Tue 23/12/2014 5:00 AM

Ruth Luka

RE: Emailing: Carpet drying

To Russell Young



🚹 You replied to this message on 23/12/2014 9:36 AM.

Good morning Russell,

This was caused by a water pipe that leaked in A Block from Unit 181 down the building and wet this unit. This was arranged and completed. Regards,

Ruth.

The repair cost was \$3,025.00 (GST inclusive), paid by owners corporation, which means every carpet damage will have to be covered by owners corporations common funds in the future:

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# INVOICE REPORT

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Invoice Report No:	3563
Customer Name:	Raine & Horne, Strata Scheme # 52948
Premises:	157/1-15 Fontenoy Road, Macquarie Park
Water Damaged Areas:	Carpet, underlay and concrete floors in lounge room, dining room and hallway.

WORKS	COST
Attended premises Fri 04/07. Assessed water damaged areas using moisture and humidity devices. Moisture 99, Humidity 72. Dew 23. GPP 19. Extracted water from water damaged carpet, underlay and concrete floors using Commercial Extraction Machine. Cleaned water damaged carpet using same machine. Supplied and set up 2 Commercial Turbo Dryers and 1 Commercial Dehumidifier. 5 hrs x \$80 per hr + \$150 service call. Cost includes call out, travel, van, hydro moisture sensor, hydro and IR thermometer, cleaning solutions, tools and labour.	\$550.00
Commercial Extraction Machine to extract water from water damaged carpet, underlay and concrete floors, and clean carpet on 04/07. 3 hrs x \$80 per hr.	\$240.00
Anti-Microbial Treatments to water damaged areas to sanitise, kill 99% of germs and bacteria, and eliminate odours. Cost includes anti-microbial agents and labour.	\$190.00
2 Commercial Turbo Dryers to dry water damaged areas for 6 calendar days (04/07 to 09/07) at \$40 per dryer per calendar day.	\$480.00
Commercial Dehumidifier to assist drying water damaged areas and eliminate moisture for 6 calendar days (04/07 to 09/07) at \$110 per dehumidifier per calendar day.	\$660.00
Attended premises Wed 09/07. Assessed water damaged areas using moisture and humidity devices. Moisture 20. Humidity 53. Dew 16. GPP 12. Carpet, underlay and concrete floors dried. Dismantled and collected 2 Commercial Turbo Dryers and 1 Commercial Dehumidifier. Relaid and restretched restored water damaged carpet. \$480 + \$150 service call. Cost includes call out, travel, van, hydro moisture sensor, hydro and IR thermometer, tools and labour.	\$630.00
Subtotal	\$2,750.00
GST	\$275.00
TOTAL	\$3,025.00

# Secret cheaper quote for roof membranes in 2014 kept undisclosed to owners

On 9 June 2014, Dural Building Services (DBS) submitted the quote DBS Q14-048 for SP52948 roof repairs on Block B to BCS Strata Management. That information was known to building manager staff, including Mr. Steve Carbone, as employee of Universal Strata Services.

BCS Strata Management paid their invoice in amount of \$385.00 six months after it was submitted.

DBS quote reported that complete roof of Block B (above unit 47) would be properly waterproofed and repaired at cost of \$74,800.00 (GST inclusive).

That quote was never presented to owners and was not even included at General Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2014.

The only "competitor" was Kintyre Building Services, which "won" the contract through deliberately misleading Motion at the General Meeting, without stating that their quote for HALF ROOF repairs on lock B would cost \$53,960.00 plus GST, which would make that quote MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE THAN DBS.

In addition, owners were not told in clear terms that:

- a) Kintyre's quote provided ONLY FIVE YEAR warranty for the work due to long-term neglect of roofs in the complex.
- b) Owners were not told that the work order was signed off with Kintyre on 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2014, two months before the approval happened at the General Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> of November 2014. That was ILLEGAL.

In essence, BCS Strata Management and EC members manipulated the "bidding" process and excluded your company without any legal or business justification.

After work wad completed in Block B, there was a complaint about the quality and urgent additional repairs had to be done in March 2015 (I have evidence of it).

To make things worse, without any further bids or requests for quotes, Kintyre Building Services "won" project for one other building. Paid roof repairs without tender to them since 2014 (prices include GST):

\$7,785.00 Block D: roof membrane - fourth part \$25,000.00 Block D: roof membrane - third part \$32,786.00 Block D: roof membrane - second part \$43,714.00 Block D: roof membrane - first part \$35,613.60 Block B: roof membrane - second part \$23,742.40 Block B: roof membrane - first part

Waterproofing one whole roof in a building cost SP52948 around \$107,000.00 (GST inclusive). The same work, by DBS would cost around \$74,800.00 (GST inclusive).

Waratah Strata Management and Uniqueco were contacted to submit this informtion toowners in Februay 218, which they declined.

## Roof membranes still not repaired on 2 ½ roofs in the complex

Membrane repairs on remaining two and a half-roofs are still outstanding, in spite of several professional assessments.

From Napier & Blakely report in July 2012:



Block A roof coverings



# Block C roof coverings

#### Condition, Observations and Comments

The flat concrete deck roof areas to Blocks A, B, C and D contain large areas of standing water. A number of previous patch repairs have been carried out. The surfaces require preparing and recovering with a liquid applied waterproof membrane within the short to medium term (1-5)

years). Block C was observed to be in good overall condition with Block D suffering the most standing water.

The falls to the drainage are insufficient and improving the existing falls should also be considered. The internal units were not inspected for any water penetration via the roof slab.

The townhouses roofs appear to be in good condition with no defects of note.



Standing water to flat roof deck, Block A



Standing water to flat roof deck, Block B

# Photos taken on 1 March 2017 show ongoing problems:













# Elevators requiring major overhaul and upgrades

Frequent breakdowns, and risks to public are hidden from owners and professional reports undisclosed.		

Undisclosed costs, warranties, and work completed in complex painting project in 2017 – unexplained alleged costs for townhouses in amount of \$92,950.00

Details of the contracted values for the painting, including undisclosed details what painting was done on 26 townhouses which already had THREE paintings of pergolas over 20 years (against one poorly-done painting of buildings). In spite of all efforts, EC members and Waratah Strata Management could not provide any valid justification why painting of 26 townhouses that do not even have render cost owners corporation \$84,498.00 (plus GST) against each seven-storey building (including roof tops) which required minimum two coats of Dulux paint, massive number of repairs for cracks and paint blistering at cost of \$107.000.00 (plus GST).

In addition, five lattices in townhouses were erected without approval by owners corporation and are not part of common property: Lot 194, Lot 197, Lot 199, Lot 202, and Lot 216.

- The Agenda and Minutes of the AGM 2016 held on 4 November 2016 confirm that the estimated value of the painting contract with Townview Australia Pty Ltd was between \$600,000.00 and \$650,000.00.
- BCS Strata Management and Waratah Strata Management failed to disclose to owners that the full contract with Townview Australia Pty Ltd was in amount of \$630,846.00 (including GST).
- Waratah Strata Management failed to disclose to owners the following breakdown of expenses for the painting project that they were aware of as early as 3 March 2017:

Block A: \$117,700.00 (including GST) Block B: \$117,700.00 (including GST) Block C: \$117,700.00 (including GST) Block D: \$117,700.00 (including GST)

Various Structures: \$66,000.00 (including GST) Townhouses: \$92,950.00 (including GST)

Total cost: \$629,750.00 (including GST).

- Motion 3 in the Minutes of EC meeting held on 20 July 2017 shows that around half of the project cost having been paid to date. Allegedly three quotes from RJ Bird Services to carry out remedial repairs required prior to painting were accepted at a total cost of \$27,580.00. No details of the "remedial repairs", and no evidence or statements about multiple quotes being sought from different providers were provided to any owner.
- Motion 3 in the Minutes of EC meeting held on 28 September 2017 shows that the painting project was complete and all accounts had been paid except the 5% retention amounts totalling \$28,187.00 + GST.

No details of the total costs, warranties, and other details were provided to owners.

- Agenda for the AGM 2017 sent to owners contained information that the total costs for the painting project were \$646,200.00 plus GST (totalling \$710.820.000).
- Waratah Strata Management listed total costs in the Agenda for AGM 2017 on page 25 (Capital Works Fund) as \$610.357,26 (plus GST). If one adds figure of \$28,187.00 (retention amount of 5% as per Motion 3 in Minutes of EC meeting held on 28 September 2017), it totals \$638,544.00 (plus GST).

The costs listed in the approved Minutes of the AGM 2016 differ from costs listed in the payment schedules dated 3 March 2017, and also differ from what Waratah Strata Management listed in the agenda for AGM 2017.

Request to Waratah Strata Management to provide details of the warranties that apply to the painting work has been declined so far.

Alleged work on townhouses cannot justify cost of \$92,950.00 (including GST).

Evidence of outstanding work (for example, rusted louvres still not properly treated and painted from the inside of the basement of the garages) is withheld from owners by Waratah Strata Management:

Block A	Contract value \$	107,000.00 plus GS	Т	\$117,700.00
20%	\$23,540.00	\$23,540.00		
40%	\$23,540.00	\$47,080.00		
60%	\$23,540.00	\$70,620.00		
80%	\$23,540.00	\$94,160.00		
95% Practical completion	\$17,655.00	\$118,815.00		
100%	\$5,885.00	\$117,700.00		
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Block B Con	tract value - \$107,00	0.00 plus GST	\$117,700	0.00
Milestone completed	Payment	Progressive	Invoice	Approved
10% - project deposit	\$11,770.00	\$11,770.00	7606	04/03/2017
20%	\$11,770.00	\$23,540.00	7612	31/04/2017
40%	\$23,540.00	\$47,080.00	7618	24/04/2017
60%	\$23,550.00	\$70,620.00	7624	22/05/2017
80%	\$23,540.00	\$94,160.00	7624	22/05/2017
95% - Practical completion	\$17,655.00	\$111.815.00	7626	Not approved
100%	\$5,875.00	\$111,700.00	7629	Not approved
Notes: Claims for Pr not been rea		nd retention are to an	d but the n	nilestones have
Claim 7626 -	PC is eminent but no	ot quite there yet.		

Block C	Contract value	- \$107,000.00 plus G	ST	\$117,700.00
20%	\$23,540.00	\$23,540.00	7618	24/04/2017 *
40%	\$23,540.00	\$47,080.00	7625	22/05/2017
60%	\$23,540.00	\$70,620.00	7627	Not approved
80%	\$23,540.00	\$94,160.00	7627	Not approved
95% - Practical completion	\$17,655.00	\$111,815.00		
100%	\$5,885.00	\$117,700.00		
Note: Invoice 762	7 is a composite clair	m for both the 60% and	1 80% m	ilestones.
	has been achieved,	80% has not yet and a	pproval d	deferred until
reached				
Block D	Contract value	\$107,000.00 plus GS	Т	\$117,700.00
20%	\$23,540.00	\$23,540.00	7628	22/05/2017
40%	\$23,540.00	\$47,080.00		
60%	\$23,540.00	\$70,620.00		
80%	\$23,540.00	\$94,160.00		
95% Practical completion	\$17,655.00	\$111,815.00		
100%	\$5,885.00	\$117,700.00		
arious structures \$66,000.00	Contract v	alue \$60,000.00 plus (	SST	
0%	\$13,200.00	\$13,200.00		
0%	\$13,200.00	\$26,400.00		
0%	\$13,200.00	\$39,600.00		
0%	\$13,200.00	\$59,400.00		
0% Practical completion	\$6,600.00	\$59,400.00		
00%	\$6,600.00	\$66,000.00		

Waratah Strata Management and Uniqueco were requested to notify owners about this in October 2017, February 2018, and April 218, which was declined by them:

- Owners to be notfied about exact costs.
- Details of the alleged work on townhouses to be published.
- Details of the warranties to be published.

Repetitive hot water system repairs and missing proof of quotes for hot water system in Block C costing above \$30,000.00

This was summarised to BCS Strata Management, Waratah Strata Management, Building Manager Mr. Steve Carbone, and EC members but a reply or comment never received.

On 1 March 2017. I directly asked Mr. Carbone if he had multiple quotes for replacing hot water system in Block C.

In front of Mr. Robert Crosbie, Mr. Carbone claimed that he personally gave three quotes to EC members and the strata agency.

At document search on 13 June 2017, three quotes were NOT found in strata documents.

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/SP52948-Block-D-BCS-Strata-Management-Three-Hot-Water-Repairs-With-Significant-Costs-Without-Warranties-Six-Year-Period.pdf

Frequent problems, reactive maintenance, and poor repairs of hot water systems are common (almost always without applying any warranties) – costing owners corporation excessive amounts of money from common funds.

#### Refer to document:

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/SP52948-Block-D-BCS-Strata-Management-Three-Hot-Water-Repairs-With-Significant-Costs-Without-Warranties-Six-Year-Period.pdf

#### Defamation statements and false accusations - Crimes Act 1900 Section 93Q

On 11 June 2017, Mr. Robert Crosbie and Mr. Steve Carbone tried to present false information about myself, stating that I allegedly took photos inside the lots. In the email response, I refuted it:

To: Steve Carbone Cc: Robert Crosbie

There was no incident and I have evidence. You are making it up.

No privacy of owners was disturbed. Please refrain from unsubstantiated statements. And do not try to make up stories about it.

Your cleaner Steve tried it several times in previous years and I shut him down with evidence. In fact, when I showed him what he should do, he ignored it. On one occasion, it took more than a month to replace failing LED for fire safety on level 2 in my building. Maybe he thought it was funny to keep lights off!?

Two ladies who rent in Block D approached me with concerns about photos. I showed it to them and they had perfect proof that only externals of the buildings and gardens were of my interest. They had absolutely no complaints about my actions.

The photos will be published tonight. They deserve to be seen as proof of quality of services we get for years.

The latest photos show horrible state of the garden beds, rust protruding (like in the pool area), and internal side of the louvres completely rusting in many areas. The tenants that called you were certainly shocked by what they saw on buildings and gardens.

I should not need to take pictures how the complex looks. It is your job, in your contract. I mentioned it to you in blunt words when we met with Robert Crosbie in early March 2017. You decline to act in accordance with the contract in spite of my repeated warnings and pleas. Check Sections 14.1(a) and 15.2 of the contract. I have evidence that I asked you to do it. EC members were asked to enforce compliance with the contract too.

Or, coverage on site between 5pm and 5am seven days a week (Schedule 3, Section 3). Just last week I proved that locksmith was unattended on Saturday and nobody from your staff was in the complex.

This is not the first time to see site unattended between 3pm and 5pm too.

These are just some of the tasks that you are paid for and failing to deliver. I deliberately mentioned that you were directly responsible for roof membrane quotes without tenders as it is a fact that you did not deny (and cannot). There are many more items that you are now FORCED to fix, thanks to me. Not EC or strata agency, but me. Let's give credit to me when it is due.

I also took evidence that fire door 2 is certainly not closing automatically and still jams. Just two months ago, you claimed all were "certified" as good.

I do not worry about my statements because they are factual and evidence is there. You either know very little about assaults on my wife and threats against me or chose not to know.

I am glad to see that your cleaner Steve attended work since the "incident". That is very good and shows no threat comes from me as long as he does what he is paid for only. The rest is in my hands and the Police.

Waratah Strata website is not operational. No owner can log in for the last several days.

As I said, EC members and some of your staff, including you (you certainly have some very honest people), are fully aware that my wife has serious health issues due to two mild strokes. Any deliberate stress (like following her, coming too close to her, snooping on her car when washing it), can kill her. Anybody doing it on purpose is guilty of premeditated kill attempt. This is not a joke. Repeat: NOT A JOKE.

Now, I will share little piece of information what others think of you. This is an illustration of your behaviour. When my wife had serious health incident several months ago, you did not have decency to open gate for the ambulance car. You sat at your desk and watched ambulance officers carry my wife on a stretcher down the stairs. I rushed from work to see my wife at the hospital and the first thing two ambulance officers asked me was who had employed such ignorant and unhelpful building manager who saw what was happening but decided not to offer help. I replied that Mr. Carbone was a perfect example of people who had given him a job.

And that is just a small incident of many that my wife and I have experienced. By the way, I know that Lot 88 (Mrs. Mariana) hired Steve for work elsewhere. That is an undeclared conflict of interest. And lot 88 has second gas connection too. Whether she uses it, that is something for you to check.

In fact, there are number of lot owners your inspection failed to find in regards to second gas connection. They were charged levies in the past (although, apart from me, no other owner had information about it).

If you want to have an honest talk, without hidden agendas, I am certainly available. We have business relationship and I PAY for your work. The solution is very simple. No games please as I have no time for them.

Waratah Strata Management and Mr. Carbone failed to respond.

- A request about it was again sent to Mr. Robert Crosbie on 8 February 2018. Not only he did not reply, but he
  also personally failed to send agenda for EC meeting allegedly held on 15 February 2018. This was the third time
  that he did it in one year, which stands strongly against him as his latest contract was signed by EC members
  who are not financial due to unpaid full second gas connection levies since 1999.
- In July 2017, Waratah Strata Management sent letter from three EC members that accompanied minutes of the recent EC meeting.

In that letter, a claim was made that the Police dismissed my all previous cases.

• In July 2017, Waratah Strata Management sent letter from three EC members that accompanied minutes of the recent EC meeting. In that letter, a claim was made I had searched through rubbish bins and that I had photographed inside the units (almost alleging that I was some kind of weird person).

After the meeting with the Senior Police Inspector in March and April 2018, I now have both oral and written statement that the Police would have never issued such statement. I even received an apology about some of the Police actions in the past.

Waratah Strata Management, Uniqueco staff, and EC members are directly responsible under Crimes Act 1900, Section 93Q.

# Stalking female owner with intent to cause intimidation and fear

IMr. Carbone and his staff have been relentless to stalk fragile female owner in the complex.

Numerous attempts to REASON and TALK with Uniqueco Pty Ltd, strata agency, and EC members were made, without success:

- Personal meeting with EC member on 27 February 2017. During the meeting, among the other issues, I explained the situation with persistent stalking of my wife by Uniqueco staff. EC member refused to help and even stated that she had actually found him a job at another place.
- Meeting with Director of Waratah Strata Management Mr. Robert Crosbie and Director of Uniqueco Mr. Steve
  Carbone on 1 March 2017 when I successfully documented and photographed many maintenance faults in the
  complex, including comments about Uniqueco staff issues and lack of compliance with caretaker's contract. This
  was documented in an official report.
- Personal meeting with EC member on 1 March 2017. I again repeated complaints about Uniqueco staff. She declined to act or pass that information to other members of the EC.
- Email to EC members on 5 March 2017.
- 14 March 2017 at 07:17 hours: SMS to Mr. Steve Carbone after my wife complained that she was intercepted by his staff silently again. Mr. Carbone did not act in accordance with his contract RS/RH 081394 dated 7 December 2014, Sections 6.3, 6.4, and 7.4.
- One evening at just before 19:00 hours in late April 2017, whilst driving home from work, I accidentally came across Uniqueco staff who was at the gate of basement to the buildings. whilst passing through the gate, I stopped the car and told him that "we need to speak about my wife". His blunt response was "I do not think so" and used what seemed to be an obscene gesture. I expected his manager Mr. Carbone to contact me the next day, or at any time afterwards. That did not happen.
- Email to EC members and Secretary of EC on 17 May 2017. No reply was received.
- Email to Director of Waratah Strata Management Mr. Robert Crosbie and Director of Uniqueco Mr. Steve Carbone on 11 June 2017, documenting not only how bad his staff's past actions were but as well monstrous attempts by Mr. Carbone to spread false statements about me.
- Mr. Steve Carbone initiated phone call to me during working hours at 16:47 hours from mobile phone on 29 August 2017. The call lasted 21 minutes and 19 seconds. In spite of interruption to my very busy schedules, I gave him lot of details explaining wrongdoings of his staff and himself and offered to move on and avoid unnecessary complications as long as he and his staff performed only duties as contracted and leave my family alone. He never replied. In fact, his staff continued to stalk my wife. My wife was forced to log Police Event on 31st of August 2017.

Three Police events were initiated, including unsolicited WhatsUp message to my wife (he was never invited or asked to contact my wife by WhatsUp) on 2 September 2017.

On 18 February 2018, she sent a direct plea to Director of Waratah Strata Management. A reply was never received, and her request not put in the agenda for any EC meeting:

Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2018 10:21 PM

To: waratahstrata.com.au

Subject: EC Meeting 7th of February [Clarification + Action Sought]

To Waratah Strata Management Team,

am writing this letter as a plea from one human being to another, and only ask that you and your contractors manage to perform the maintenance work with quality and with respect to all of the residents.

My husband and I are owners of Lot III in Strata Plan 52948.

My husband has tried on numerous occasions in the past few years to inform the staff on the state of the gardens, walls and public property in relation to their disrepair.

In these attempts I have felt harassed and intimidated in the complex I live in by staff (four in particular) of the Uniqueco group.

This has become such a heightened situation that I am required (upon advice from the police) to record my movements when I am alone in the complex and feel insecure. The agenda issued on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February incorrectly indicates I video staff while they work, which is not the case.

ask for the following:

- a. A written confirmation that this behavior from Uniqueco group will cease
- b. This matter will be clarified and noted at the next EC Meeting

Her heath condition is so serious that she is even excused from jury duty:

# MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I examined:	
Mrs	
on: 08 Oct 2015	
In my opinion she was / is suffering from a medical condition: previous cva stroke	э
will be unfit for jury duty	
n spite of all attempts, staff member of Uniqueco again attempted to stalk her on 26 March 2018 vitness was present by pure accident.	3, this time the

According to Police report, Uniqueco staff refused to provide them with access to CCTV evidence.

The seriousness of the events is depicted herewith, with evidence:

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/Macquarie-Gardens-photos/index.php?/category/25

Waratah Strata Management could not even guarantee that all complaints were given to EC members:

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/Waratah-Strata-Management/Dismissive-and-ignorant-responses-by-Waratah-Strata-Management-ignoring-SP52948-owners-requests-and-supporting-intimidation-and-discrimination-26Apr2018.png

Female owner, in great distress, was taken to hospital by emergency on 26 March 2018, with blood pressure of 218/107:



#### Validity of Uniqueco contract to be determined – lack of quorums at AGMs and lack of competitive tenders

Brief details of lack of quorum for all General Meetings in SP5948 was well documented and presented to all parties many times over 18 years:

https://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/SP52948-General-Meetings-without-Quorum-for-18-Years-as-orchestrated-by-BCS-Strata-Management-and-Waratah-Strata-Management.pdf

BCS Strata Management failed to disclose to owners that Uniqueco won building management three-year contract by increasing costs of around 16% without competitive tender (amounting to \$289,000.00 plus GST per year) at non-compliant Annual General Meeting in 2014 (one of the proven issues was lack of valid quorum).

The contract was signed by unfinancial EC member on 5 and 7 December 2014, who did not pay full levies for second gas connection since year 2000.

Email to BCS Strata Management with first version of the Motions for AGM 2016 on 3 May 2016 included details why building manager's contract could not be increased by 2%, and gave advance notice that the contract should be tendered at AGM 2016. No reply or acknowledgment was received.

Email was sent to BCS Strata Management notifying them of receiving interest by Ryan Strata to bid for strata management contract and the request for tender for building management contract on 14 May 2016. No reply or acknowledgment from them was received.

Lot 158 submitted Motions for AGM 2016 to BCS Strata Management and EC members multiple times:

3 May 2016 14 May 2016 1 August 2016

Final version of the Motions, including details of 34 of them that BCS Strata Management deliberately excluded from AGM 2016.

On 28 August 2016, an email was sent to BCS Strata Management and EC members documenting problems in the complex and flaws in management of common property and funds.

No reply was received.

Emails to BCS Strata Management on 4 and 7 October 2016 (two weeks before the AGM, with complaint about missing Motions and other issues (fire doors, lack of tenders, secret cash advances from Pica Group without disclosure).

Email sent to building manager Uniqueco (Mr. Steve Carbone) documenting their poor maintenance in the complex (backed up by many photos) on 6 October 2016. It also included open-minded details why their contract could not be increased by 2%. No reply was received.

Email to BCS Strata Management on 7 October 2016, warning them of systematic mismanagement of Strata Plan 52847 with request to include owner's Motions for AGM 2016, and include the bid by Ryan Strata that was outstanding since May 2016. BCS Strata Management ignored the requests.

Email to BCS Strata Management on 4 October 2016, complaining about excluded Motions and bid by Ryan Strata.

BCS replied that all Motions were included, which Lot 158 easily disapproved on 7 October 2017.

Email complaint to BCS Strata Management on 11 October 2016. No reply was received.

Of importance to note is that three owners were again allowed to vote, gather proxy votes, and become EC members without being financial due to unpaid full levies for second gas connection since year 2000.

Uniqueco received 1% increase in contract value without a proper decision or tender at AGM 2016.

BCS Strata Management failed to disclose this information to owners. More details are below.

Number of disallowed Lot 158 Motions from AGM 2016 directly helped Uniqueco renew the contract without tender at cost above \$290,000.00 per year.

BCS Strata Management failed to inform owners that working hours in night shift for security guard were decreased by two hours per day in contract with Uniqueco, effectively forcing owners for paying for 2,060 hours for undelivered security services over three years (2014-2017).

Repeated email to BCS Strata Management and EC members on 21 December 2016, documenting 34 Motions that BCS Strata Management failed to include at AGM 2016. No reply or acknowledgment from them was received.

Email summary to EC members documenting outcome of meeting with Director of Waratah Strata Management, Mr. Robert Crosbie, dated 4 March 2017. No reply or acknowledgment from them was received. Waratah Strata Management did not refute any claims either.

Photo evidence of the serious neglect was collected by Lot 158. Waratah Strata Management and Uniqueco prevented the information to be shared with owners.

Refer to attachment "EVIDENCE-32-SUMMARY-SP52948-meeting-with-Director-of-Waratah-Strata-Management\_legal-threat-from-CHU-Insurance-and-other-problems-in-the-complex-4Mar2017.html", red-bold highlights.

Email to Waratah Strata Management on 29 April 2017, documenting numerous management issues, and unpaid levies for second gas connections since year 2000. No reply or acknowledgment from them was received. Waratah Strata Management did not refute any claims either.

Email to BCS Strata Management on 2 July 2017, requesting response in regards to long-term mismanagement of SP52948 and documenting 16 years of unpaid full levies for second gas connection. No reply or acknowledgment from them was received.

Email sent to Waratah Strata Management and EC members on 30 September 2017, documenting ongoing reactive and costly delays in maintaining the complex. No reply was received.

Email sent to EC members on 5 October 2017, documenting impossibility to reason with EC members, Waratah Strata Management, and Uniqueco. No reply was received.

Final version of the Motions by Lot 158 for AGM 2017. Letter from Waratah Strata Management with inconclusive and nondescript explanation rejecting Motions by Lot 158 on 10 October 2017.

Document sent to Waratah Strata Management and EC members documenting ongoing issues with building manager on 5 October 2017.

Email sent to Waratah Strata Management and EC members complaining about fraudulent process for organising AGM 2017. No response was received.

Minutes of AGM 2017, containing no details of strata management and building management contract renewals, and without any competitive bid (including total costs and conditions).

Refer to attachment "EVIDENCE-62-Annual-General-Meeting\_Minutes-Strata-Plan-52948-24Oct2017.pdf".

Minutes of the AGM 2017 did not provide any proof that three EC members paid full levies for second gas connection since year 2000.

Bid from Complete Building Management that was undisclosed to owners at AGM 2017.

According to Minutes of the AGM, as submitted by Mr. Robert Crosbie (Director of Waratah Strata Management), 54 owners were present at the meeting on 24 October 2017 in person or via proxy.

- a) Lot 5 was misquoted in two places with different names on page 1 and 2.
- b) Seven proxy votes were given to Lot 3, unfinancial owner due to unpaid full levies for second gas connection since 1999, directly involved in four insurance claims (in April 2017 SP52948 had to repay \$8,800.00 to CHU Insurance for invalid claims in 2012/2013 for alleged "CTTT Defence of Lot 3", and secret Special By-Law granting her exclusive rights to common property without By-Law being listed in strata documents since June 2003. Counting own presence at the AGM 2017, that is eight votes carried by Lot 3.
- c) Seven proxy votes were given to Chairperson, Mr. Robert Crosbie Director of Waratah Strata Management, who won the contract without tender and increased his own remuneration in contract signed by two unfinancial EC members (due to unpaid full levies for second gas connection since 1999) the same evening as AGM 2017.

#### Refer to:

Strata Schemes Management Act 2015, Part 4, Division 1, Section 25 Rights of proxies and limits on votes by proxies

d) Three proxy votes to Lot 147, unfinancial owner due to unpaid full levies for second gas connection since year 1999.

Counting own presence at the AGM 2017, that is four votes carried by Lot 147.

e) Four proxy votes to Lot 181, unfinancial owner due to unpaid full levies for second gas connection since year 1999.

Counting his own presence at the AGM 2017, that is five votes carried by Lot 181.

- f) Lot 62, previous Treasurer of the EC, unfinancial owner due to unpaid full levies for second gas connection since year 1999.
- g) Lot 163, unfinancial owner due to unpaid full levies for second gas connection since at least year 2012.
- h) Lot 167, unfinancial owner due to unpaid full levies for second gas connection since at least year 2012.
- i) Lot 182, unfinancial owner due to unpaid full levies for second gas since at least year 2012.
- j) Lot 194, unfinancial owner due to unpaid full levies for second gas connection since year 2011.
- k) Total number of votes (including proxies) carried by owners who did not pay their full levies and failed to disclose it to owners corporation:

#### 22 votes

Add to it seven proxy votes given to Chairperson Mr. Robert Crosbie (from Waratah Strata Management), that comes to:

29 votes

Comparing that number to total number of listed votes at AGM 2017, which is 54, it is very clear that due to unfinancial owners and the proxy votes they obtained, more than 25% of the 54 were INVALID, and hence quorum for the meeting not satisfied.

# Night shift duties attended by seemingly unlicensed Uniqueco security guard and unreported to owners

On 3 March 2018, a request was sent to Waratah Strata Management for Uniqueco to report license details of the security guards in the night shift:

http://www.nswstratasleuth.id.au/Waratah-Strata-Management/Security-Request-ignored-by-Waratah-Strata-Management-and-Uniqueco-SP52948-provide-details-of-staff-who-are-licensed-to-conduct-security-guard-duties-in-night-shift-3Mar2018.html

The request was silently denied and not reported for owners at any meeting.

In last six months, there were two documented examples of Uniqueco staff who worked in night shift without proof of security license:

17 Dec 2017 3 May 2018

This was reported to Mr. Steve Carbone in phone conversation on 23 March 2018 at 07:41 hours, who admitted it and tried to justify that shortage of staff in emergency case caused it. He declined to notify owners corporation about it, and again, two months later repeated the same practice.

# Uniqueco staff not keeping record of owners who have unauthorised power connection in garages

For many years, an EC member had (or still has?) unauthorised power connection in their garage, without disclosure to owners corporation or payments to Admin Fund. This was organised by previous strata manager Mr. John Fry back in early 2000-es.

Apart from fire and safety risk, this also brings a potential for insurance premium increases, especially if the connection was done by unlicensed staff.

The question of whether owners should have such capabilities was raised by an owner recently and an incomplete answer provided to them in the minutes of the EC meeting in June 2018.

# Rubbish not collected regularly at back of townhouses

Spot checks for the last two months shows that there are pieces of abandoned rubbish (including a whole chair) left rusting at the back of townhouse 194.

Here is one of the photos with the record of it:



# Unknown Assistant Building Manager at Uniqueco

Previous Assistant Caretaker has left the office with Uniqueco for several months now and her replacement not announced to owners:

