

File Note: *Interaction with Mr Old relation to matters relating to the Crowne Plaza Hotel Hobart.*

Context:

This File Note is written in response to recent media reporting relating to comments made by Mr Steve Old, CEO of the Tasmanian Hospitality Association. The purposes of this File Note is to document all interaction between myself and Mr Old in relation to matters relating to the Crowne Plaza Hotel Hobart.

Email Interactions:

Mr Steve Old, emailed me on 24 June 2020, asking for some help in relation to an Essential Traveller Application request relating to the Crowne Plaza Hobart Hotel.

I replied to the email on 25 June 2020 to let Mr Old know I would have a look in to it.

On 25 June 2020, I forward Mr Old's email to the manager responsible for Essential Travellers in DPIPWE (Karen Steenhuis). The email was forward blank with no instruction.

Ms Steenhuis rang me later that day to inform me that the Application had already been approved by the State Controller.

I received a second email for Mr Old on 26 June 2020 thanking me for following it up.

Phone conversation with Mr Old:

Following the second Email, I called Mr Old to inform him that the Essential Traveller Application he was enquiring about had already been approved by State Controller prior to me actioning the email.

The phone conversation was short, and no other matter is of substance were discussed.

Other Interactions:

I did not discuss the matter with anyone in DPIPWE other than Ms Steenhuis.

I did not discuss the matter with the State Controller or anyone inside the State Control Centre.

I did not discuss the matter with a Minister or any ministerial staff member.



Tim Baker
Secretary