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Dear Committee Members,

RE: Macedonian Orthodox Church Property Trust Bill 2010

The Australia Workers Union - Port Kembla Branch has been approached by a large number of its Macedonian members extremely concerned in relation to the above Bill. And they find it strange that there would be such a Bill in the name of the above church.

There appears to be very little or no consultation with the community as they are the major stake holders and fund raisers in that organization. Also the AWU was responsible for the land being donated to the Port Kembla Macedonian Church from BHP. This Trust Bill 2010 seems to be bizarre and does not make any sense to the members of this union and the union. We therefore request that you do not in act the Bill until the community and the AWU make representations to your committee and the State Government on this issue

The AWU when negotiating for the land with BHP to release the land to the Port Kembla Macedonian Orthodox Church and the understanding was that it would remain in their control and care for as long as the Church was to remain on the property.

I await your reply.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Gillespie'.

A. Gillespie
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