



Riverstone Aboriginal Community Association Inc.

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PO Box 527, Riverstone NSW 2765

17 April 2007

Re: RACA – Hillsong Relationship

Dear Mr Coleman,

I am writing on behalf of the newly elected RACA board with the purpose of setting the record straight in relation to inappropriate accusations and comments made in 2005/06 by a self-serving group of individuals purporting to represent the Aboriginal community of the Riverstone area.

As the elected Board stated at our recent meeting with you our members do not support those allegations and we believe them to be completely without foundation. The Board reaffirms its support for the worthwhile work being undertaken by volunteers from your organisation in the local area. We wish to acknowledge the negative impact this unauthorized and indecorous tirade has had on Hillsong. On behalf of our members we extend our sincerest apologies for the unfair accusations made by those purporting to represent the former RACA board.

Sadly, the biggest losers have been the people of this and other communities who would have been helped through those funded services.

The RACA Board, on behalf of our members, want to commend Hillsong for continuing its great work in our community in spite of these slanderous allegations, in particular with their efforts and commitment to helping the young people of our area.

We would welcome any future opportunities of working together to improve the local community.

Yours sincerely

Gavin Gibbs
Chairperson
For and on behalf of
Riverstone Aboriginal Community Association