

**SENATOR THE HON. CHRISTOPHER ELLISON**

Minister for Justice and Customs  
Senator for Western Australia  
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Mr Leigh Coleman  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hillsong Emerge Ltd.  
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Dear Mr. Coleman

Thank you for your letter of 6 April 2006 concerning the offer of funding to Hillsong Emerge Ltd. under the National Community Crime Prevention Programme (NCCPP).

I can confirm the offer of funding was based on the merits of the project identified during the assessment of the application and that no monies have been exchanged between the Attorney-General's Department and Hillsong Emerge Ltd.

As the offer of NCCPP funding was contingent on the partnership operating in the manner described in the successful application, the Attorney-General's Department was left with no option, but to withdraw the offer of funding, when this partnership could not be realised.

I am advised that in May 2005 a Hillsong Emerge Ltd. representative confirmed with the Attorney-General's Department that one of two similar projects submitted in the Greater Western Sydney funding round should be withdrawn.

Furthermore I can confirm that no specific concerns have been raised with me regarding any dealings between Hillsong Emerge Ltd. and the Attorney-General's Department during the application process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Chris Ellison'.

**CHRIS ELLISON**  
Senator for Western Australia