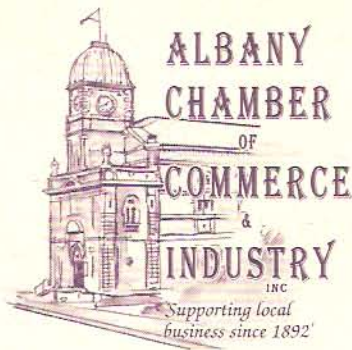


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Mr Neil Smithson
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Dear Neil

RE: PAPER - RAPI NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

The Chamber has received two letters (attached) in regard to the listing of the Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry to deliver a paper on "A New Look at Regional Centres" at the Royal Australian Planning Institute's 1998 National Congress in Brisbane on the 9th July 1998.

The fax from Smithson Planning attached to the letters and my discussions with the Chamber's Executive Director Mr Ian Wilson, confirm that Smithson Planning is presenting the above paper.

Could you please provide an explanation of how the error occurred, when you first became aware of it and what steps you have taken to correct it. A copy of any correspondence would be appreciated.

Your earliest response would assist the Chamber to respond appropriately to the letters of Mr Jim Kelly and Dr Ken Michael.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Tony Monterosso
President



TOWN OF ALBANY

Our Reference: AD 13/03/002

28th May 1998

Mr. I. Wilson
 Executive Director
 Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc.
 171 York Street
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Dear Ian,

Re: Paper - RAPI National Conference.

It has been drawn to my attention that the Albany Chamber of Commerce is listed to deliver a paper on "A New Look at Regional Centres" at the Royal Australian Planning Institute's 1998 National Congress in Brisbane on the 9th July 1998.

The Town of Albany is a member of the Chamber and it has come as a surprise to me and my fellow Commissioners that the Chamber would become involved in the presentation of a paper at a conference of this nature. All other presenters, without exception, are town planning professionals or consultants working in that field. Can you please explain to the Town of Albany why the Chamber has registered an interest in delivering the paper?

The second issue that then arises out of the commitment to deliver a paper is the message that will be delivered. As you would appreciate, the City of Albany is to come into existence on the 1st July, 1998. The Town and Shire of Albany have both committed considerable time and resources to "launch" and promote the event and to unite Albany into a single community prior to the democratically elected Council taking over the City's operations in May, 1999. Considerable media attention will be focussed on Albany over that period and it is vitally important from Council's perspective that a positive image is projected of the City and the amalgamation process.

As no attempt has been made to contact staff at either the Town or the Shire to provide information for the paper, or to assist in its delivery, I am concerned that a distorted message may be projected on planning Albany's future. Staff at both Councils, together with previous elected members, have worked diligently behind the scenes for more than twelve months developing a vision for Albany. Unlike Smithson Planning's 'Rainbow 2000' concept which will have no legal basis but has received considerable press in recent months, the work of those officers will become the legitimate and adopted Town Plan for the City of Albany: Private investment and planning decisions will be judged and approvals will be issued on this

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plan only. Similarly, the Great Southern Development Commission and the Albany Economic Development Unit have been working to secure investment in the region and I have been advised that the Chamber has made no contact with either body. These greatly concern me.

The messages and the images that are projected of Albany over the next twelve months by peak organisations such as the Chamber will be critical to the future marketing of Albany as an investment and visitation centre. I simply ask that the message you deliver at the forthcoming Congress is a positive and factual statement of Albany, both present and future.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue with you during my next visit to Albany. Alternatively, I suggest that you direct any inquiries through the Chief Executive Officer, Jim Kelly.

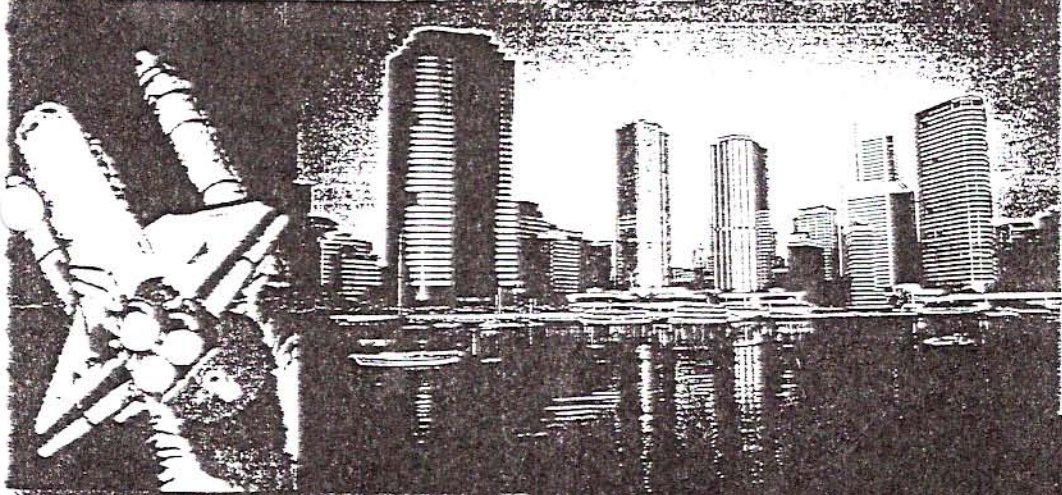
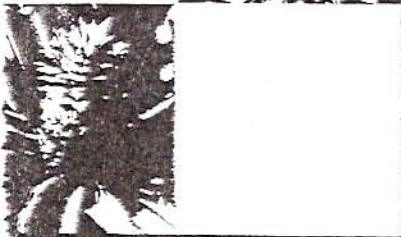
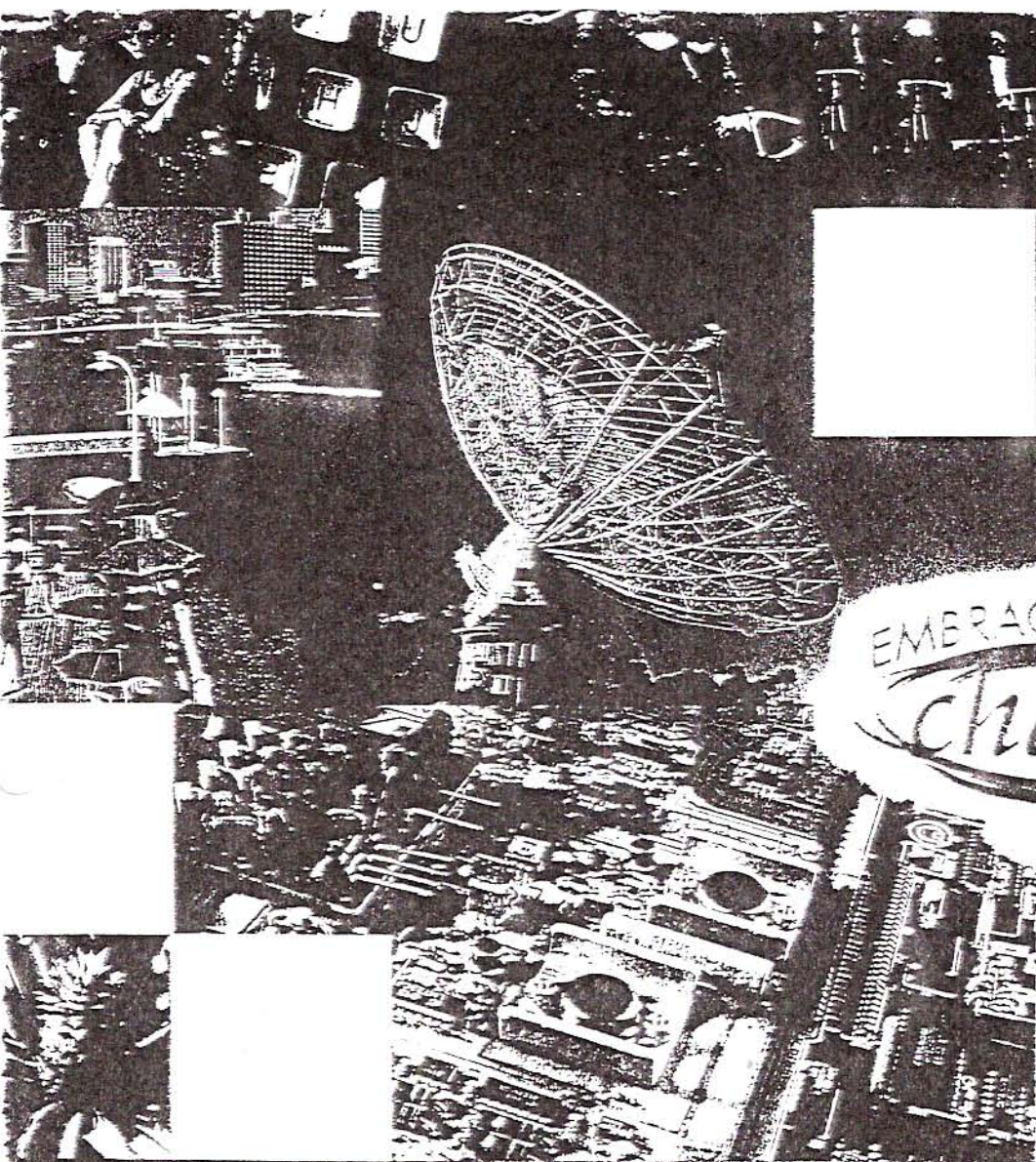
Yours Faithfully,

Dr. Ken Michael
Chairman of Commissioners

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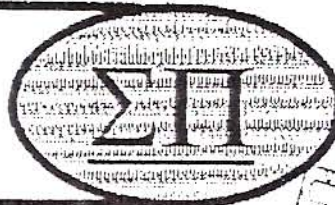


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TWS21	Future Settlements	1. "Town Planning Ideas" Analysis of some planning concepts that may help shape future human settlements-new urbanism, integrated land use / transport planning and planning for diversity.	Hans Westerman Andrew Hammonds Michael Gunder
TWS22	Future Settlements 2	2. "Inner Suburbs / Urban Renewal" Perspectives on inner suburbs issues, from settings in NSW, Vic and Qld	Lynn Sweeney Meryl Bishop Tony Duncan
TWS23	Future Settlements 3	3. "A New Look at Regional Cities" A review of some influences on the development of regional cities -including singularity, economic forces and housing costs	Alban Chamber of Commerce Norm Cameron Tory Jones
TWS24	Future Settlements 4	4. "Coastal Management" Issues and case studies	Paul May Jon Honey & Norrie Sanders Maxine Cooper
TWS25	Future Settlements 5	5. "The Role of Local Government" Taking up the challenges of government reform, integrated planning, and the future role of women in local government	Stephen Hains BCC Urban Management Rhonda Cumberland Peter Cumming
TWS31	Future Settlements 6	1. "Major Projects" Some examples of the impact of major projects on the development of cities - what does this mean for planning?	Austin Lev Bhishna Bajracharya & Joan Minnery Mark Kovich & Doug Wallace
TWS32	Future Settlements 7	2. "Residential Communities" Some examples of recent planning for residential communities in Australia and North America that point the way for the new millennium	Elise Bright James Couty Bernadette Preston
TWS33	Future Settlements 8	3. "Planning Responses to Cultural Values" Examples of planning that takes into account differing cultural values in the client community	David Young Ian Brashaw Yoshi Utaka
TWS34	Future Settlements 9	4. "Regional Cities: Case Studies" Examples of fresh approaches to planning in some Australian regional cities	Chris Berry David Crofts

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SESSION 2
11.30am - 1.00 pm FUTURE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

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2.00pm - 3.30 pm FUTURE HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The organiser reserves the right to make changes to the published programme. Updates will be notified on the conference web page, www.rapicongress.com

In conjunction with the Congress, two conference events have been organised with complementary themes, to give delegates the opportunity to extend their stay in Brisbane and broaden the purpose of their visit.

Why not arrive earlier?

COMPLEMENTARY EVENT - ANZAPS Conference The Australian and New Zealand Association of Planning Schools is conducting a two-day seminar before the RAPI Congress, from Friday to Sunday, 3rd-5th July. For further details contact Eddo Coiacetto at E.coiacetto@ens.gu.edu.au

Why not stay on?

COMPLEMENTARY EVENT - City Image '98 Conference "Urban Design for Tomorrow's Centres" Following the National Congress on Friday and Saturday, 10th-11th July, Brisbane Development Association in conjunction with RAPI and QUT is conducting an urban design conference, which will explore the contribution that urban design can make to the quality of life and vitality of our cities and their centres in the future. The conference features several international speakers. For further information, check City Image page on www.bda.com.au

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*Mr I Wilson
Executive Director
Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry Inc
171 York Street
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Dear Ian

RE: PAPER - RAPI NATIONAL CONFERENCE

I refer to our discussion late last week when I raised with you a query about the Albany Chamber of Commerce being listed to deliver a paper on "A New Look at Regional Centres" at the Royal Australian Planning Institute's 1998 National Congress in Brisbane on 9 July, 1998 (see copy of program attached).

From our discussion I understand that the Chamber may not be aware of this matter. It seems that the paper to be presented may in fact be coming from Smithson Planning, and in particular Mr Neil R Smithson (also see attached).

Would you please confirm whether or not your Chamber is directly involved in the presentation of any paper at the conference or whether you have endorsed another person to present this paper on your behalf.

I do emphasise that we respect and acknowledge the right of any individual to present a paper at any conference, providing the conference organisers are fully aware of the circumstances.

If the Chamber, or any other person, was to present a paper at this conference and make specific reference to Albany then we would ask that the presentation be clearly and emphatically prefaced that the information being presented has no endorsement by, and not necessarily the official policy of, the Town or the Shire of Albany (noting that on 9 July we will in fact be the City of Albany).

In case you are inclined to endorse Smithson Planning as your official representative I want you to be aware that neither the Town nor the Shire has formally considered, nor endorsed, the thirteen points made by Mr Smithson in the attached document under the heading of "Rainbow 2000 - A Regional Planning Strategy for Albany and the Great Southern by Neil Smithson".

Subject to your advice I may find it necessary to specifically write to the organisers of the National Planning Congress in Brisbane and advise them of the points made in this letter, particularly relating to non-endorsement by Town or Shire of Albany.

Finally, I want it to be known that Albany has an outstanding message to present and an extremely bright future. A major catalyst to progress the achievements to date will be the proclamation of the City of Albany on July 1, 1998. Although the timeframe is extremely tight, we would be happy to contribute to the National Planning Congress in Brisbane on exactly what is, and will be happening to Albany in the future.

I await your urgent advice on this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E H Kelly', with a large flourish at the end.

*E H (JIM) KELLY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER*

2 June, 1998

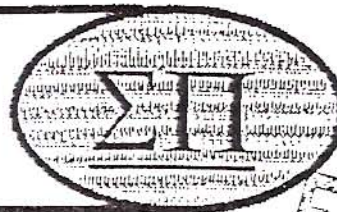
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