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23.1.11. ✓

Dear Sir or Madam,

My apologies for writing by hand, but my secretary (wife!) is briefly absent, and the deadline for submissions is near.

In my first letter of 13.1.11, I made brief reference to past contact with AusAID in Bali.

I have been an ophthalmic consultant for the training of Balinese ophthalmologists, since the inception of the free cataract programme by Rotary in 1991.

Although I had no executive role in the relationship between the John Fawcett Foundation + AusAID, it may be worth mentioning a personal observation from the planning of the Australia-Bali Memorial Eye Centre (ABMEC)

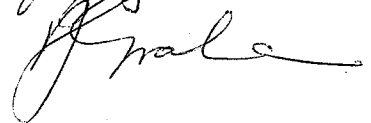
I was present at two preparatory meetings, one at the Lions Eye Institute here in Perth, and another in a hotel in Sanur, Bali

The late Ms. Allison Suradjat was chairing the Perth meeting, & remarked while discussing the budget for the ABMEC, that a certain feature under review could be paid for, if we didn't have the cost of flying delegates to WA for this meeting!

I submit that it would not be false economy to arrange telephone or skype conferences to avoid such large travel costs.

Although only a medical advisor, I would be happy to answer queries from the Secretariat in the area of my own relationships with my Balinese colleagues, over the period of the last 20 years.

Yours faithfully,



P.S. May I request acknowledgment of my two points raised in my first of 13.1.11 and this one? Also, whether your Secretariat concluded that current practices could be changed to improve those two problems?

Many thanks in advance,

Sincerely,

