

To the owners and directors of Life Eternal Properties Australia Pty Limited (LEPA),

The Canberra Ashram was purchased in 1999 after many years of fundraising and saving by the Canberra Collective. Despite asking for financial assistance from the national collective at the time, none was ever provided. The Ashram was initially owned by Life Eternal Trust Canberra (LETC) with three local yogis as trustees prior to Maha Samadhi, and this ownership was for the benefit of all Sahaja Yogis in the ACT.

In and around 2014, members and advisors of LEPA (LEPA representatives), visited Canberra to press the Canberra Collective to agree to transfer the Canberra Ashram to LEPA as trustee of Life Eternal Trust Australia (LETA).

At that time, LEPA representatives persuaded the Canberra Collective on the benefits of centralised ownership by LEPA. Whilst little written information was provided at the time, LEPA representatives made various representations to the Canberra Collective and, based on these representations, LETC agreed to transfer the Canberra Ashram to LETA in 2016.

Now, however, it has become clear that those representations were not correct. For instance, LEPA representatives promised the Canberra Collective that management of our Canberra Ashram and our collectively raised finances would remain the responsibility of the Canberra collective. Instead, LEPA has undertaken several actions that go against those assurances and promises.

This has escalated with LEPA recently taking some extraordinary actions, and the overwhelming majority of the Canberra Collective has lost all confidence in LEPA as a trustworthy owner/trustee company of our collective property.

- Firstly LEPA (using its status as trustee of LETA) is attempting to interfere in the makeup and running of the Australian Sahaja Council. Canberra has been under the leadership of councillors chosen on collective vibrations for many years now and LEPA has no mandate or right to interfere in this system. Our two ACT councillors chosen on vibrations remain in their roles despite LEPA's interference, and the overwhelming majority of the collective wish them to remain in these roles for their appointed terms.

- Secondly LEPA (using its status as trustee of LETA) has instructed that the ACT councillors should no longer have access to the Canberra Collective bank account and that control of that account should be handed over to LEPA. The money in that account comes solely from donations from the Canberra Collective (and was fundraised on that basis) and the money is used only for the work of Sahaja Yoga. In disrupting access to the account you are hindering this work and contravening the basis of the fundraising.

- Thirdly LEPA (using its status as trustee of LETA) has directed that our councillors may not organise Sahaja events involving LETA properties or insurance, and that they may not send messages on behalf of the council to the collective. This is a

further hindrance in the work of Sahaja Yoga in the ACT (and appears to be a contravention of the LETA trust deed).

We seek to urgently revisit the basis on which the Canberra Ashram was transferred (including the legal and other advice provided at the time).

We wish to take back the Canberra Ashram and Canberra Collective bank account back under Canberra Collective ownership (to be clear, with no direct or indirect control of LEPA owners).

In the first instance, LEPA must reverse their decree restricting councillor access to the collective bank account immediately.

Given the seriousness of the issues surrounding LEPA's representations, which underpinned the transfer of the Canberra Ashram, we request LEPA immediately engage in a process to facilitate these changes. Since no stamp duty was payable when the property was transferred from LETC to LETA we are confident we will be able to manage a similar process again without incurring large costs to the collective.

This letter makes no adverse inference on the good standing, reputation or character of LEPA or any of its officers.

Signed by the following members of the Canberra Collective:

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