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Hastings Diversified Utilities Fund – Panel Declines to Make a Declaration and Publishes Reasons

The Panel has declined to make a declaration of unacceptable circumstances in response to an application dated 23 December 2011 from Hastings Diversified Utilities Fund in relation to its affairs. The Panel decided not to make a declaration after supplementary disclosure was provided in a form and manner that was acceptable to the Panel.

The Panel today published the reasons for its decision which are on the Panel's website at <u>www.takeovers.gov.au</u>.

The Panel considered that it is not against the public interest to decline to make a declaration of unacceptable circumstances.

The sitting Panel was Julie McPherson, Ian Ramsay (sitting President) and Mike Roche.

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