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MEMORANDUM TO: Robert Hynson/Nikolas Haass/Raja Stephenson

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NSW ORAC CASE 523 –Grey-backed Storm-Petrel *Garrodia nereis*

This report details the sighting of a Grey-backed Storm-Petrel off Sydney on August 13, 2011 by Robert Hynson, Raja Stephenson, Nikolas Haass and other experienced participants on the Sydney pelagic trip. The high quality of the photographs taken by Raja Stephenson and the excellent and detailed description provided left no doubt at all as to the identification of this bird.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of ACCEPTANCE of this record and would like to thank Rob, Raja and Nikolas for taking the time to prepare such a detailed and high quality submission. This is the 11th confirmed record of Grey-backed Storm-Petrel for NSW.

ACCEPT

NSW ORAC Secretary

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