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MEMORANDUM TO: Nikolas Haass/Raja Stephenson

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NSW ORAC CASE 522 –Grey-backed Storm-Petrel *Garrodia nereis*

This report details the sighting of a Grey-backed Storm-Petrel off Sydney on July 9, 2011 by Nikolas Haass, Raja Stephenson 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 Nikolas and Raja for taking the time to prepare such a detailed and high quality submission. This is the 10th confirmed record of Grey-backed Storm-Petrel for NSW.

ACCEPT

NSW ORAC Secretary

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