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MEMORANDUM TO: Mick Roderick

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NSW ORAC CASE 502 –Red-footed Booby *Sula sula*

This report details the sighting by Mick Roderick and 13 other observers of a Red-footed Booby during a pelagic trip some 15 nautical miles off Port Stephens on March 27, 2010. The excellent description and the clear photographs left no doubt as to its identification although one committee member suggested that it might be a light morph bird approaching adult plumage, rather than an intermediate morph as suggested in the submission.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of ACCEPTANCE and would like to thank Mick for taking the time to prepare the submission. This is the 9rd confirmed record for NSW, all of these since 1976, and most subsequent to the year 1994.

ACCEPT

NSW ORAC Secretary

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