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MEMORANDUM TO: Nikolas Haass and Raja Stephenson

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**NSW ORAC CASE 601 – Southern Royal Albatross (*Diomedea epomophora*)**

This report details the sighting of a juvenile or young immature Southern Royal Albatross by Nikolas Haass and Raja Stephenson on a pelagic trip off Ulladulla on October 18, 2009. One of the trickier identification challenges of pelagic birding is the separation of young Southern Royal Albatross from Northern Royal Albatross. The authors have done an excellent job of analysing the key differentials and the excellent photographs clearly show all the diagnostic features.

The committee unanimously accepted this record and thanks Nikolas and Raja for taking the time to prepare such a detailed and thorough submission. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> confirmed record that has been accepted by NSW ORAC but there are probably several other valid sightings of this species reported in NSW since 1969.

**ACCEPT**

NSW ORAC Secretary

Roger McGovern