

**Memorandum to:** The Director of BirdLife Australia  
**From:** Birds Australia Rarities Committee (BARC)  
**Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> October 2013

**Voting Members:** Danny Rogers                      David Bishop  
                                 Jeff Davies                                      Andrew Silcocks  
                                 Tony Palliser                                      Mike Carter  
                                 David James                                      Rohan Clarke

**Cc.**

**Submission No 786: Westland Petrel *Procellaria westlandica* Port Kembla NSW. 25<sup>th</sup> December 2012. Submitted by: Nikolas Haass (on behalf of Libby Hall & Vanessa Di Giglio (Taronga Wildlife Hospital)).**

**Verdict: Accepted**

This case relates to a Westland Petrel, *Procellaria westlandica*, rescued at Port Kembla, NSW by Australian Seabird Rescue on the 25<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and taken to SOSSA (Southern Ocean Seabird Study Association) headquarters for identification and intensive care.

The photographs clearly show the extent of black on the bill and the biometrics conclusively identified the bird. Members voted unanimously in favour of acceptance.

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> record of this species to be accepted by BARC.

**References and Bibliography:**

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Tony Palliser