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MEMORANDUM TO: Mick Roderick

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NSW ORAC CASE 503 –White-bellied Storm-Petrel *Fregretta grallaria*

This report details the sighting by Mick Roderick and 13 other observers of a White-bellied Storm-Petrel during a pelagic trip off Port Stephens on March 27, 2010. White-bellied Storm-Petrel is a species notoriously difficult to satisfactorily identify in the field but the excellent description and the clear photographs left no doubt as to its identification. Members of the committee noted that the clean white belly and inner underwing with no hint of dark smudging, together with the clear demarcation between dark head to white belly on the upper breast were factors which clinched this identification.

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 15rd confirmed record for NSW, all but one of these have been recorded in the period between March and October.

ACCEPT

NSW ORAC Secretary

Roger McGovern