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The Higher Degree Committee,
University of New South Wales.

Dear Committee Members,

Re: Early submission of PhD Thesis

I write in strict confidence.

I seek your permission to submit my PhD thesis before the required period of 4 years of part-time candidature has been reached. My reasons are as follows.

1. I have written up my thesis: 184 A-4 pages, in the required format.
2. My thesis pertains to a theoretical analysis of certain aspects of Einstein's General Theory of Relativity. The topic was not my original project. The supervisor for my original project was Professor John Webb. Upon my change of topic he remained my supervisor, but nominally. However, he has recently disqualified himself, claiming that my work is outside his areas of expertise. Notwithstanding Professor Webb's requests to do so, quite some time ago, the relevant members of the School of Physics (theoretical) disgracefully refused outright to read my papers or even to meet with me to discuss my work, evidently owing to my debunking of widespread accepted notions, to wit, that black holes, Big Bang cosmology, and gravitational waves are all inconsistent with Einstein's theory. Consequently I have no supervisor and the University is unable to provide one. Even so, my work is complete and therefore requires no supervision. It has indeed been conducted without any assistance whatsoever.
3. I have published 7 substantial papers in a peer-reviewed specialist journal.

Crothers S.J. On the General Solution to Einstein's Vacuum Field and its Implications for Relativistic Degeneracy, *Progress in Physics*, v.1, 68-73, 2005, www.geocities.com/ptep/underline_online/2005.html.

Crothers S.J. On the Ramifications of the Schwarzschild Spacetime Metric, *Progress in Physics*, v.1, 74-80, 2005, www.geocities.com/ptep/underline_online/2005.html.

Crothers S.J. On the Geometry of the General Solution for the Vacuum Field of the Point-Mass, *Progress in Physics*, v.2, 3-14, 2005, www.geocities.com/ptep/underline_online/2005.html.

Crothers S.J. On the Vacuum Field of a Sphere of Incompressible Fluid, *Progress in Physics*, v.2, 43-47, 2005, www.geocities.com/ptep/underline_online/2005.html.

Crothers S.J. On the Generalisation of Kepler's 3rd law for the Vacuum Field of the Point-Mass, *Progress in Physics*, v.2, 37-42, 2005, www.geocities.com/ptep/underline_online/2005.html.

Crothers S.J. On the General Solution to Einstein's Vacuum Field for the Point-Mass when $\lambda \neq 0$ and its Implications for Relativistic Cosmology, *Progress in Physics*, v.3, 7-14, 2005, www.geocities.com/ptep/underline_online/2005.html.

Crothers S.J. Introducing Distance and Measurement in General Relativity: Changes for the Standard Tests and the Cosmological Large-Scale, *Progress in Physics*, v.3, 2005, www.geocities.com/ptep/underline_online/2005.html.

4. Professor C. Hamer was recently requested by the Head of School, Professor W. Couch, and the postgraduate coordinator, Professor M. Gal, to meet with me and to assess my published papers. At a brief meeting with Professor Hamer I provided copies of my published papers. He subsequently wrote an appraisal after evidently reading only 1 paper, which he forwarded to myself, and professors Couch and Gal. In it he claimed that my work was erroneous and recommended that the School of Physics should not support my submission, and that I begin anew with another topic if I wish to obtain a PhD in physics. His report actually misrepresented my work disgracefully, and betrayed a thorough failure to understand anything. I responded to this in a frank and curt manner, pointing out the misrepresentations and the falsity of the rather incompetent arguments adduced by Professor Hamer to invalidate my work. The upshot of this was the agreement of professors Couch and Gal to support my early submission, and to allow me to give a talk to Faculty members and postgraduate students at an early date, yet to be fixed.

I find it astonishing and appalling that the University's professors reject arguments without even reading the relevant papers or having discussion with the author. I regard this as unscientific in the extreme, and a deliberate obstruction to the freedom of scientific expression. It is extraordinary that published papers in a peer-reviewed journal are unacceptable to the University as representation of scholarly research. To this I add that I was even requested by Professors Couch and Gal to write a paper and submit it to Physical Review D so that they could be sure that my work is scholarly. It is unacceptable that I should be compelled to write a paper for the sole purpose of being published in and peer-reviewed by a journal and people respectively, of the University's choosing. Even so, I wrote the paper and sent it to Professors Hamer, Couch and Gal. I

received no comment. I did not submit it to the University's specified journal, Physical Review D. It has however been accepted for publication by another journal, of my own choosing.

I anticipate your early advice.

Yours faithfully,

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