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Dear Commissioner,

I am writing in relation to allegations made by the director of the Fair Work Building and Construction Commission (FWBC), Nigel Hadgkiss under Parliamentary privilege on 26 February 2015 *[attached]*.

The allegations involve a threat of sexual violence made to a female employee of the FWBC in which the CFMEU is being implicated.

These allegations have since been repeated in Parliament by Senators Abetz, Pyne and McKenzie.

As you can appreciate, these allegations are of a very serious nature and we have publicly called on Mr Hadgkiss to go to the police. If such threats were made, the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

So far, no CFMEU officials have been contacted by the police with respect to the allegations of threats of sexual assault.

I believe it is the duty of the employer to report allegations of rape threats against employees to the police. If this has not happened, then I am requesting that the police investigate, since these allegations are being made alongside the naming of CFMEU officials over other matters by Mr Hadgkiss and Senators Abetz and McKenzie.

We are keen to see this matter dealt with officially by the police and I give you my undertaking as National Secretary that you will have the full cooperation of the CFMEU in any investigation.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



MICHAEL O'CONNOR
National Secretary
CFMEU

Attached:

Hansard transcript
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