



VICTORIA POLICE



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Dear Mr Cameron,

I write on behalf of Victoria Police. The Heracles Taskforce has been established to investigate all matters arising from the Royal Commission into Trade Union Corruption and Governance (matters relating to Victoria) and other matters relating to allegations of corruption within Employee Associations. The Taskforce consists of Australian Federal Police and Victoria Police investigators.

I thank you for your correspondence dated 3 June 2015 regarding the matters initially alleged by the Director of the Fair Work Building and Construction Commission under parliamentary privilege on 26 February 2015.

I understand that these matters were again raised on 2 June 2015 during a Senate budget estimates hearing. I can confirm that Victoria Police received correspondence from the CFMEU on 23 March 2015 and 19 May 2015 requesting the matter be investigated. In response a letter requesting assistance from the CFMEU was sent on 26 May 2015.

I wish to advise that Victoria Police has conducted an investigation into matters alleged regarding threats of rape made towards a then-member of the ABCC.

This investigation was commenced on 18 March 2015 but concluded on 15 June 2015 following the receipt of correspondence from the victim, who requested no further police action in relation to the allegations for personal reasons (although the victim asserted to investigators that the allegations were factual). Without a victim statement the matter cannot proceed to prosecution. There will be no further action taken by Victoria Police at this time.

I totally agree with your comments that it is not in the public interest for the Senate estimates process to be used as a kangaroo court.

Yours sincerely,

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