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Ms. Bronwyn Bishop  
House of Representatives - Chairperson  
Standing Committee on Legal & Constitutional Affairs  
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Ms. Bishop

To begin with, I wish for this letter to be tendered or read onto the proceedings of the Inquiry. I was ready and prepared to give evidence at the Inquiry in early December, 2002 when Mr. Melham acted despicably and dishonourably in having the proceedings halted that day. I was also aware of Police Service solicitors being present that day, and busily making notes of all persons in attendance. You and I did in fact have an informal discussion throughout that day whilst awaiting the outcome of Mr. Melham's antics.

I was again prepared to give evidence earlier this month, and intended to when a suitable adjournment date could be reached. Unfortunately, since I have embarked on this quest to expose the truth and the corruption within the NSW Police Service, the Police Integrity Commission, the NSW Ombudsman's office, and in particular the most serious ongoing corruption within the NSW Police College, I have been subject to further harassment, intimidation and serious threats, all designed to prevent me from giving my evidence.

I am disappointed to inform you that I have to place priority on my life, my livelihood, and my family's security, and therefore have re-considered attending and giving evidence at the Inquiry. The evidence that I was intending to provide includes, *inter alia*, the following:

- The existence of a corrupt network of officers including many Commissioned Officers, and the sanction of their activities.
- The deliberate cover-up of serious criminal, and other corrupt activity, by Internal Affairs, including their open admission to not investigating the allegations that formed the basis of Operation Ribat (into the Academy).
- The non-supervision of serious Category Two complaints by the PIC, and the resultant rubber-stamping of Internal Affairs' findings by the Ombudsman, without any scrutiny of those findings.
- The constant misuse and abuse of the Police Promotions Systems, including unfair and unethical appointments onto Interview panels.
- The constant derailing of Reform projects, and undermining of persons involved in sincerely trying to reform the service.
- Widespread abuse of tendering processes for individuals, companies, the Police Association and tertiary providers.
- A constant environment of fear, threats, and harassment, in the form of a systematic campaign against anyone prepared to speak against the "Police Regime".

These are just the tip of the ice-berg, so to speak. I must inform you of the events that have lead to my decision this date.

In August 2002, I became aware of numerous documents that existed, and which were prepared by independent auditors, that would further prove my allegations. I submitted an application through the FOI section of the Police Service, for these and numerous other pertinent documents and personal records, only to be denied all items applied for. I submitted a request for an Internal Review of that decision in September, 2002, and **I have yet to receive a response**. I did pay the requisite fee for both applications, and I am aware that the internal review is still in the hands of the Police Service solicitors as I write this letter. As in all other areas of my complaints and allegations, the adherence to the law is one constant where the Service and its people believe they are unaccountable.

To aggravate the circumstances further, in late 2002, my home was broken into, and a number of crucial documents that I had secreted in my home, went missing. Nothing else was stolen from my home, so the exact time and date of the security breach can not be pinpointed. I am aware of another former colleague having his home broken into on two occasions, and again only documents being stolen. There can only be one explanation for this, and I will leave it to you to form your own conclusion, as to who and why we have been targeted. As a result of these missing documents, together with the non-compliance to the law in regard to the FOI applications, many crucial documents are not currently available to me.

Since my medical retirement in March, 2002 I have received highly credible information from a source within the NSW Police College, that I, and more disturbingly my de-facto wife, were being followed and all our movements monitored by academy personnel. I lodged a formal complaint about this behaviour in May, 2002 and **have yet to receive any response**. Upon my retirement, I had handed in all my Police Service equipment and uniform (I have a receipt to prove each item returned), only to learn some weeks later, that my Police Identification Certificate (ID), was suddenly unaccounted for. My service revolver and handcuffs were returned to the Police Armoury for destruction, some 12 months previously, (about January, 2001) without my knowledge, and without a personalised handgrip being returned to me. During this time, my de-facto had her vehicle broken into and the contents ransacked.

The most serious and disturbing threats, have only become known to me, in the past two weeks. Since being retired from the Police Service, I have managed to gain contract employment as a teacher (what I enjoy doing most – as was the case when employed at the academy). I teach law, criminal investigation, court procedure, and compliance for the State Rail Authority (Transit Officer course), and for various Councils (Parking Patrol Officers, Rangers, Health and Building Inspector courses). Some of these are contracted through my own company, and contracted by the Police Service. I have recently learnt that a senior public servant (Mr. John Knight) from the College has learnt of my work, and has verbally ordered my business partners to have me excluded from this work. This expulsion order is the result of me “giving evidence to the Inquiry”, and was first raised a short time after I attended the Inquiry in December, 2002. My business partners have refused this verbal directive, and are fully aware that this attempted action is discriminatory, malicious and unwarranted.

They have asked for this directive to be placed in writing, and I am **still awaiting any further result**. The college employs a large number of contractors, yet I am the only one to be singled out for attempted exclusion. Ironically, the college and their tertiary partner (Charles Sturt University) still use all my written material and books, as the basis for the Diploma in Policing Practice course, so this directive cannot be attributable to any lapse in the quality of my work, nor for any other legitimate reason. In fact, a recent internal document titled "Review of the Diploma of Policing Practice 2002 – Final Report" (4<sup>th</sup> December, 2002) appears to criticise the move of training away from the "One Stop Officer" original statement. I was the researcher and author of the "One Stop Officer" document referred to.

As can be seen from the ongoing incidents cited, my family's safety is being jeopardised, my home security is breached, the Service is with-holding documents to which I am legally and morally entitled, my "hurt on duty" claim against the Service is still being unreasonably delayed, (after 3 years and 3 months, they have yet to even send me to a medical, yet I have overwhelming medical evidence, including from independent medicos, that supports my claim), and my ability to earn a living is now also being compromised, all because of my willingness to testify against the Police Service.

It is with a heavy heart and deep regret that I come to the decision of withdrawing from appearing at the Inquiry. I do thank you for your tolerance and support, and for giving me some months of hope that the truth may finally be exposed and known. I have decided to focus all my evidence and energy on the upcoming Hurt On Duty matter that should soon be listed at the Compensation Court, instead of risking the incurrence of ongoing intimidation, harassment, vilification and threats by the Service in regard to your Inquiry.

Yours Sincerely,

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