

1. My full name is XXXXXXXX XXXX XXXXXXXX, I live at an address known to the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants ("**Royal Commission**")
2. I have been asked by the Royal Commission to provide a statement addressing certain matters. This statement contains the evidence that I could give to the Royal Commission concerning those matters.
3. I make this statement to the best of my ability without access to any documentation. It should also be noted that I have significant issues with my memory as a result of a possible acquired brain injury. These matters occurred a long time ago and my of them is vague.

(a) An outline of your involvement or association with Ms. Gobbo;

4. In or about 2002, I was charged with my first charge
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
5. My solicitors at the time I was charged [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] briefed Nicola Gobbo to be my barrister in relation to these matters. I had a number of conferences with Ms. Gobbo and she appeared for me in Court for some preliminary hearings.
6. In or about [REDACTED] 2003, I was charged with a second charge
[REDACTED] I was remanded in custody. I remained in custody until ultimately being released on parole on [REDACTED]
7. I instructed Valos Black to act for me in relation to the second charge and transferred the first charge to that firm.
8. Valos Black briefed Ms. Gobbo to continue to act for me in relation to the first charge and to act on my behalf in relation to the second charge as junior counsel [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] QC.

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9. Not long after being charged and remanded in relation to the **second charge** [REDACTED] I was desperate to released on bail [REDACTED]
10. I decided to make a statement to police against my co-accused in the **first charge** matter on condition that [REDACTED] assist me in securing bail on the **second charge**. I can not recall if I approached [REDACTED] directly to discuss the issue in the first instance or if my lawyers did so. In any event, the idea to trade a statement for an opportunity to be released on bail was my idea. There was no suggestion or pressure from anyone else.
11. [REDACTED] came to see me at [REDACTED] Prison to take my statement. He attended on a number of occasions. I did not have my legal representatives present during these meetings. I made it clear to [REDACTED] during these meetings that the statement was provided on condition that he would get support for my application for bail.
12. I was sentenced in the County Court to a suspended sentence in relation to the **first charge** [REDACTED] and gave an undertaking to give evidence in accordance with my statement. I think Ms. Gobbo appeared for me on that plea.
13. After completing my statement, I made a number of inquiries of [REDACTED] as to when I would be getting bail. I did not receive any satisfactory response. One day, after I was sentenced, [REDACTED] visited me at [REDACTED] prison and said words to the effect of "you are a dangerous criminal and you will not be getting bail." I told [REDACTED] during that conversation that if that was the case, I would not give evidence for the prosecution in accordance with my statement.
14. I was brought to the Magistrates Court from prison for the committal of my co accused. I was called to give evidence by the prosecution. I refused to adopt my statement. I was charged with contempt as a result. I pleaded guilty to the contempt charge. Ms. Gobbo appeared for me on that plea. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I was resented [REDACTED]

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15. Ms. Gobbo appeared for me as my barrister at my committal hearing in relation to the second charge
[REDACTED] After being committed for trial, it was my understanding that she was briefed to prepare and advise during my trial although she did not appear. I was represented by [REDACTED] QC.

16. [REDACTED]

17. Ms. Gobbo visited me in custody during the currency of my Court proceedings. She attended to take instructions and to discuss my cases. At no stage did I know or suspect that she had any dealings with police beyond those that a barrister would ordinarily be expected to have.

18. Ms. Gobbo did visit me in prison a few years after all my cases had concluded. I can not recall the reason for the visit or what was discussed.

19. [REDACTED]

An outline of Ms. Gobbo's relationship with other members of Victoria Police;

20. Other than what I have read in the media and the rumors inside the prisons, I have no personal knowledge of Ms. Gobbo's relationship with other members of Victoria Police.

Detail how you learned, or were given reason to suspect or believe, that Ms. Gobbo was providing information or assistance to Victoria Police, including when that occurred and in what circumstances that occurred

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21. Whilst in custody, there were rumors amongst prisoners that Ms. Gobbo was providing information. I did not take much notice. The prison is always full of rumors. As time passed and the rumors intensified, it became more likely that the rumors were true. I was not especially interested.

Given the Commission's first two terms of reference, namely:

The number of, and extent to which, cases may have been affected by the conduct of Nicola Gobbo as a human source.

The conduct of current and former members of Victoria Police in their disclosures about and recruitment, handling and management of Nicola Gobbo as a human source.

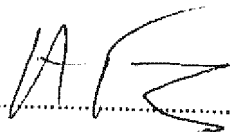
22. I do not know if Ms. Gobbo had provided any information about my cases to other members of Victoria Police and therefore cannot comment about any impact such conduct may have had on my cases. I cannot comment on other people's cases.

Signed

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17 May 2019

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