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**From:** Ashton, Graham  
**Sent:** Tue, 8 Nov 2011 14:04:36 +1100  
**To:** Cartwright, Tim  
**Subject:** FW: Witsec sec [REDACTED] and ongoing issues

Tim,

For your information.

Regards

Graham

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**From:** Fryer, Douglas  
**Sent:** Monday, 7 November 2011 10:03 PM  
**To:** Ashton, Graham; Frewen, Michael; Rust, Clive; Dunne, Emmett  
**Cc:** Guenther, Ross  
**Subject:** Witsec sec [REDACTED] and ongoing issues

Hi all. Today I met with Supt Ross Guenther, who oversees Witsec. You may be aware that [REDACTED] met F to discuss witsec issues on Thursday past. It is important to note that [REDACTED] is probably one of the most experienced in Victoria Police re. witsec issues and has previously been involved in historic assessments and discussions with F; all to no avail. In short there has been no significant movement in F's mindset, except agreement that [REDACTED] is a possibility. The sticking points are multiple, including [REDACTED] and a requirement by F to [REDACTED] (I believe when F wants).

These two issues alone make it not possible to allow F into the program- due to both legislative restraints and an unacceptable risk to Victoria Police staff; if F was in the program and was allowed to [REDACTED] it would be Victoria Police staff responsible for ensuring safety, hereby putting themselves at an unacceptable risk; VP would be accepting an unacceptable risk and could not guarantee safety.

I'm aware F wrote to S/Sgt Buick outlining the unacceptable risk issues F is currently facing, and which F clearly blames Victoria Police for not resolving same. I'm advised this notification, dialog and allegations is exactly the same scenario which F utilized on the previous occasion (which resulted in a civil writ and subsequent undisclosed settlement)

Based on Ross's advice it seems that at present we are at an impasse regarding resolution of the F witsec issues; this alone creates risk. As the formal S.I.O. for the Driver Taskforce it is incumbent on me, the taskforce and the sanction of the steering committee to attempt to resolve the outstanding F risk issues.

It is apparent there are a number of areas within Victoria Police that have had substantial historic contact with her, where decisions, judgments, agreement and conflict has occurred. I'm unaware of all of these details and doubt anyone at the Driver Taskforce is either.

I intend on liaising with all of the relevant stakeholders, past and present, in order to form a holistic understanding of the ongoing viability of F as a potential witness - this will include F involvement in the proposed "misconduct in public office" brief which is being compiled. Whether the Coroner in a time to come sees fit that F is a required witness is an issue principally for the coroner - Victoria Police will act as the coroner's agent if required.

Various areas of Victoria Police have had different and quite justified reasons for ending engagement with F. My decision, which I will advise the Steering Committee of in writing will be based on one principal theme - the current risk, the ongoing risk, the potential risk and most importantly any risk

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created by Victoria Police by using F as a witness. Any other matters outstanding that involve F are for other's to resolve and consider.

However WSU have confirmed that should F which to continue to discuss witsec issues, including a change of demands that they will oblige immediately.

Mick, please ensure all upcoming written dialog between Driver and WSU is escalated from staff to you, to me and I'll disseminate accordingly.

Thanks to all for your ongoing commitment and professionalism during a period that is both complicated and a little confusing.

regards

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