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- Human Source Det Unit -

Dear Ms Gobbo

I refer to your letter dated 21 February 2012.

In your letter, you have suggested that I undertake an urgent review of Witsec's policy and consider providing you with some form of protection. I confirm that the offer of protection and assistance on the terms recorded in my letter to you dated 9 January 2012 remains open and I maintain that it is an appropriate offer in your circumstances.

The offer of protection that has been made to you has been carefully considered after taking into account a number of complex factors (in direct negotiation with you) including the risk to your safety and your personal circumstances.

As safety is the paramount consideration for all participants on the Victorian witness protection program (the Program), no compromise can be made which would expose a witness or those charged with their protection to an unacceptable risk to their safety.

I reiterate that entry onto the Program on the terms proposed by you which include a refusal to change your [REDACTED] or change your [REDACTED] would result in an unacceptable risk to both your safety and to the safety of those who would be responsible for your protection.

In your letter, you state that you have offered to provide further information in relation to former police member Paul Dale. I confirm that Victoria Police does not require any further information or assistance from you at this stage.

Finally, I note that your letter sets out in some detail the history of your relationship with Victoria Police. I do not need to address that history for the purposes of this letter but I will point out that the history in your letter does not necessarily accord with the history from the perspective of Victoria Police.

Yours sincerely

  
**Kieran J Walshe APM**  
**Deputy Commissioner**

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