

**Royal Commission
into the Management of Police Informants**

STATEMENT OF DENNIS WATSON

I, Dennis Leslie Watson, Inspector at Victoria Police, say as follows:

- 1 I am currently an Inspector at Victoria Police, assigned to Taskforce Landow.
- 2 Taskforce Landow is responsible for servicing the requirements of the Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants (**Commission**).
- 3 I have been employed by Victoria Police for 41 years. I graduated from the Police Academy in 1979 and have served in a variety of different roles, including general duties, investigations, and prosecutions.
- 4 In the context of Taskforce Landow, I primarily manage the retrieval of current and former member email records relevant to the Commission's Terms of Reference (**TOR**).

Archived BCC metadata

- 5 I have been shown a copy of document VPL.6017.0007.7142 produced to the Commission on 27 October 2019.
- 6 Document VPL.6017.0007.7142 is a copy of an email sent by Peter Lardner at 2:56 PM on 18 June 2010 with the subject line 'Gobbo Directions Hearing – Information Only'. I observe that document VPL.6017.0007.7142 does not list the blind carbon copy (**BCC**) recipient information.
- 7 Now produced and shown to me and marked "**DLW-1**" is a copy of VPL.6017.0007.7142.
- 8 I am informed by Mr Kulwant Sekhon, of Victoria Police IT Security Incident Management, that:
 - (a) as at the date of the email at VPL.6017.0007.7142, Victoria Police's IT system automatically archived emails after a period of one month;
 - (b) the archive system used by Victoria Police for emails did not retain the BCC metadata; and
 - (c) the native .msg file corresponding to VPL.6017.0007.7142 does not contain BCC metadata.



Sir Ken Jones' mailbox

- 9 On 20 December 2019, I instructed Acting Inspector Matthew Bell at Victoria Police Security Incident Registry, to restore Sir Ken Jones' Victoria Police mailbox.
- 10 On the same day, I:
- (a) was informed by Mr Sekhon that the restoration of the mailbox was complete,
 - (b) was given access to Sir Ken Jones' mailbox through my own Victoria Police Outlook account;
 - (c) searched Sir Ken Jones' mailbox made available to me; opened an email stored in Sir Jones' inbox from Mr Lardner received at 2:56 PM on 18 June 2010 with the subject line 'Gobbo Directions Hearing – Information Only' (**Outlook Email**);
 - (d) identified that the Outlook Email was a copy of the email at document VPL.6017.0007.7142; and
 - (e) observed that the Outlook Email did not list the BCC metadata.
- 11 Now produced and shown to me and marked "**DLW-2**" is a copy of a screenshot of the Outlook Email.

SIGNED by Dennis Leslie Watson



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Date: 24.12.2019.
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STATEMENT OF DENNIS LESLIE WATSON

DLW-1

This is the annexure marked **DLW-1** referred to in the Statement of Dennis Leslie Watson dated 24 December 2019.

Document VPL.6017.0007.7142

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DLW', is located at the bottom center of the page.

VPL.6017.0007.7142

From: Lardner, Peter
Sent: Fri, 18 Jun 2010 14:56:05 +1000
Subject: Gobbo Directions Hearing - Information Only

Hello All,

Just confirming that todays Directions Hearing re Gobbo went as anticipated with no unexpected issues.

Next court date anticipated to be a directions hearing on 13 August 2010 with a mediation to have occurred prior to same.

Regards

Peter

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STATEMENT OF DENNIS LESLIE WATSON

DLW-2

This is the annexure marked **DLW-2** referred to in the Statement of Dennis Leslie Watson sworn on 24 December 2019.

Outlook Email

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DLW', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Gobbo Directions Hearing - Information Only - Enterprise

File Enterprise Vault - Archived Item Help ADOBE PDF Tell me what you want to do

Delete Archive Reply Reply All Forward Meeting Protect Done To Manager Team Email Reply & Delete Create New

Delete Respond Protection Quick Steps

This item was archived by Enterprise Vault on Monday, 19 July 2010 9:05:49 PM. There was an error loading this item - some functionality may not be available.

From: Lardner, Peter
To:
Cc:
Subject: Gobbo Directions Hearing - Information Only

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