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**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

The Deputy Commissioner  
Mr. Kieran Walshe, APM  
Victoria Police Centre  
637 Flinders Street  
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20 May 2012

Dear Sir,

**Re: Witness Protection Program and Conduct by Victoria Police**

I refer to your letter dated 26 April 2012 delivered to me on 6 May 2012. Your letter is surprisingly brief and fails to address the specific issues raised in my letter.

Firstly, in response to the final comments in your letter regarding the accuracy of my references to the history of my dealings with Victoria Police, I remind you that the facts will speak for themselves and they can be referenced in hundreds of hours of covert recordings made by your members each time they met with me and, acting on behalf of the Chief Commissioner, lied and deceived me. I commend you to those secret recordings.

Secondly, it is clear that your organisation continues to hold the mistaken belief that by ignoring my personal circumstances and simply re-offering entry into the Witsec program on the very conditions that were rejected with sound reasons for many months prior to a Writ being issued, that you somehow discharge your duty of care to me.

Let me make it explicitly clear for the avoidance of any doubt. Your organisation has a responsibility with respect to my safety, irrespective of Witsec and regardless of whether or not I am currently a witness.

It astounds me that you appear to abrogate that responsibility by effectively saying "enter Witsec on conditions that are unacceptable (and injurious to your health & wellbeing) or if you remain difficult to deal with and chose not to do so, then too bad, any danger or risk to your safety is your problem".

I would hope that you don't require the Supreme Court to make clear to you that your duty of care continues, irrespective of my status as a witness and not in a program that cannot (and will not) accommodate my needs.

I understand from the recent commentary in the media that Victoria Police will induce the Coroner to call me as a witness, thereby repudiating their agreement not to call me as a witness.

Would you indicate how you propose to reconcile your ability to protect me if I'm to be a witness with your indirect agreement to not have me called as a witness?

Once again, it is clear that the Witsec program cannot provide protection to a witness who has a background other than one which is low-economic, criminal and without [REDACTED] problems. Despite history and litigation, your duty of care continues and will apply even if you attempt to make it an issue for the Coroner alone. There is an ever present duty of care to all members of the public including those people who do not fit within a stereotype for Witsec.

If your organisation continues to act in the manner in which it acted throughout 2011 (detailed in my earlier letter to you) that you are well aware is injurious to my already compromised state of health, reputation and safety, then you are on notice that such conduct of course gives rise to a fresh cause of action.

I've always been prepared to assist if I am called as a witness but subject to adequate and proper protection, as one would expect should be provided to every witness.

It is unfortunate that by reason of your organisations's conduct, I am still unable to move on with my life in circumstances in which I can feel safe and secure.

Please understand that should anything happen to me, I have provided specific instructions to my solicitor as to making your advice, the correspondence between the myself and Victoria Police and my repeated requests for assistance & clarification, a matter of public record.

Yours Sincerely,



Nicola Gobbo

cc. Mr. John Champion SC, Director of Public Prosecutions (Vic)