

## AFFIDAVIT

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I, Luke Cornelius, of the State of Victoria, make oath and say as follows:

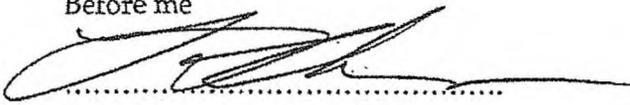
1. On 14 September 2007 at 1030 hours, I met with Mr Graham Ashton, Assistant Director, Office of Police Integrity. Mr Ashton briefed me about alleged unauthorised disclosures in relation to Operation Briars and allegations of a destabilisation campaign by senior members of Victoria Police. Operation Briars is a current joint operation by Ethical Standards Department, Victoria Police, and the Office of Police Integrity. Mr Ashton authorised me to discuss these matters with the Chief Commissioner of Police, Ms Christine Nixon who I understood had already been briefed about these issues.
2. In the afternoon on the same day I spoke with the Chief Commissioner about the matter and then in the evening on the same day, I briefed Deputy Commissioner Overland about my earlier briefing from Graham Ashton.
3. At 0830 hours on 17 September 2007, I met with Chief Commissioner Nixon and Deputy Commissioner Overland regarding the briefing from Graham Ashton.
4. On 3 October 2007, I met with two investigators from the Office of Police Integrity (OPI) who conducted an informal interview with me. During this meeting, I provided information on various issues relating to an OPI investigation into these matters.

EXHIBIT

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This is the annexure marked Exhibit LC/1 referred to in the affidavit of Luke Cornelius sworn at Melbourne this 1st day of November, 2007.

Before me



Joshua Raymond Bernshaw  
(A person authorised under  
Section 123C of the *Evidence Act 1958*)