



From the Office of Deputy Commissioner

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Dear Mr Leane

IBAC Investigation concerning the Victoria Police Management Human Source 3838

Thank you for the information provided in your letter dated 5 November 2014.

In response to your request that I consider the option of IBAC considering the legal issues relevant to Victoria Police's Operation Loricated, I advise that IBAC has serious doubts whether its governing legislation permits direct involvement in police operations, a concern shared by our oversight body, the Victorian Inspectorate. Our Mr Sutton already might have conveyed that doubt to you in the context of possible IBAC representation on police steering committees for operational matters.

Accordingly, IBAC considers itself not to be in a position to accept a referral of this nature. It is otherwise too early to say whether upon its completion IBAC might wish to review the conduct of Operation Loricated as a whole, or one or more aspects of it.

It remains possible that I may need to contact you for further relevant information as our inquiry progresses.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Kirkham', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Andrew Kirkham AM RFD QC
Deputy Commissioner