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Mr Howard Rapke

BY EMAIL: [REDACTED]

Ms Alexandra Tighe

BY EMAIL: [REDACTED]

Ms Kylie Hall

BY EMAIL: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Rapke, Ms Tighe & Ms Hall,

**Re: Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants
Officer Green**

I now **enclose** my second statement in response to the request from The Royal Commission.

Yours faithfully,
TONY HARGREAVES & PARTNERS



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**IN THE MATTER OF THE ROYAL COMMISSION INTO THE
MANAGEMENT OF POLICE INFORMANTS**

Second statement of ANTHONY HARGREAVES

This statement is in response to a request from The Royal Commission into the Management of Police Informants dated 12 November 2019 to produce an additional statement relating to Mr Cooper. In response to the questions asked of me, I state: -

- 1 , 3, 4, 5 & 6. Save for Ms Gobbo's involvement in the prosecution of Paul Dale, I had no knowledge that she was informing or assisting the police on a wider basis until the Lawyer X Articles appeared in the Herald Sun.
2. I was aware at the time that Ms Gobbo had developed a friendship with Mr Cooper, which extended beyond her professional relationship with him. I was aware that she arranged [REDACTED] party at Wheat Restaurant, and that she was seeing him on what I believed to be a regular basis. I was not aware of the extent of their personal relationship.
7. My recollection of Ms Gobbo's professional involvement in the prosecution of Mr Cooper is extremely vague. Without reference to documents, I am not able to accurately recall what role, if any, Ms Gobbo played in the prosecution of Mr Cooper.

For example, I have no recollection of briefing Ms Gobbo to appear on behalf of Mr Cooper at his Committal, or indeed, attending his Committal. My recollection is that after Mr Gobbo gave Mr Cooper advice upon his arrest for the third set of charges resulting from the Strathmore Laboratory, Ms Gobbo played little, if any, role in the defence of Mr Cooper. My recollection is that I negotiated the resolution of the matter with members of the Office of Public Prosecutions, including the Director, with the assistance of Mr Duncan Allen SC.

I was not aware Ms Gobbo had seen the statements Mr Cooper made, or that she gave Mr Cooper any advice regarding amendments to those statements. I received them for the purpose of the plea under strict conditions of confidentiality, which included not giving them to any person save for Mr Allen.

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ANTHONY HARGREAVES

Dated: this 21st day of November 2019