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Martin

I thought I should update you about the Code complaint.

It is not going well.

Minister O'Dwyer has rejected my request for legal advice after careful and thorough consideration.

I thank you for your interest and support throughout this ordeal.

I have placed great store in my personal integrity. For example, Stephanie knows that I chose not to seek accommodation and travel allowances I was probably entitled to. They typically amount to \$40,000 +p.a. I thought that receiving a high salary, a CSS pension and given the job was in Canberra there is an ethical question about seeking every and all entitlements.

Also, with reservations I made a private and personal investment in our disability strategy. Only to have it thrown back in my face by some low life at Right to Know. On the other hand I am heartened by the number of people with disability who have been reassured by my personal stance.

But this complaint, aggravated by some mismanagement, has led to my integrity and indeed appointment being questioned publicly.

It makes you at times feel a mug for taking an ethical stand. You also feel a sense of being abandoned and left to your own devices to fight what I consider a spurious claim. It seems you cannot canvass your position with anybody in Government. I think this threatens fairness and jeopardises the truth being discovered. It seems everybody suddenly feels conflicted.

I suppose this email may emerge from some future FOI process. If it does I will be long gone and could not care less.

Interestingly, the MPC has a FOI request for all material that has passed between me and them. I will oppose its release. But going on recent form who knows what the MPC will decide should be made public.

You can appreciate I have some real concerns about the matter and where it will end. It is sad that after working so hard, sometimes in very confronting circumstances, my career will end like this.

Rest assured I will continue to contest the complaint in the proper manner, unless I consider a line has been crossed that makes the damage to my integrity and reputation intolerable.

Regards

**John Lloyd PSM | Commissioner**

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