

RE: Operation Covina [SEC=OFFICIAL]

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 Team ,

Because of other commitments today I have had to write this email instead of coming up to your office. A visit is being planned for Monday at some time TBA. CPO has asked me this morning to be there too.

I am fully supportive of all your observations Trent.

I completely agree.

This issue was to have been kept secret , clearly it was not hence the media last night and this morning.

I have some confidence that not all of the ACT DPP employees behave in this manner. It is thoroughly disappointing that some of them do.

I do reflect though that despite this, you all have maintained your professionalism and dedication to the investigation. CPO himself has echoed this in his email to you all today.

None of this is being swept under the carpet. There are active steps underway to address these issues at the strategic (executive , long term) level to ensure the working partnerships ACTP and ACTDPP have , endure and survive these rocky times. You understandably won't see this and might think nothing is happening - some is happening and much much more needs to happen to repair the working relationship.

From a leadership perspective (all of us - not from a rank perspective) we all have to lean into this tricky situation and navigate it professionally. Anyone can sail when the seas are calm, only good leaders/ sailors can sail through the stormy seas. Sorry for the analogy but I think this is one such situation - it is testing our mettle and we need to rise above it, hold our grounds and be ready to call out these issues when the time is right.

I really do appreciate you taking the time to pen this issues. They're important and I am listening and taking this and many other DPP related issues on, to improve where we are headed.

Catch you all on Monday I hope.

Jo

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Ma'am,

Please see email below from Trent, I agree with him and request that these issues are raised with the DPP.

Regards Scott.

DETECTIVE SUPERINTENDENT SCOTT MOLLER
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 Morning Bosses,

I would request that someone at an executive level questions the ACT-DPP about their lack of professional courtesy during this investigation. I am specifically pointing out the following sections from the AFP/DPP Collaborative Agreement, dated 26/09/2019, in which it states:

1.1 Relationships

The parties agree that this arrangement will be undertaken in the spirit of goodwill and in a manner that:

- * Promotes a mutually professional relationship;
- * Encourages regular discussions and communication;
- * Seeks to resolve issues in a timely fashion and at the lowest level;
- * Promotes the administration of justice; and
- * Enables them to further fulfil their obligations under this CA.

4.3 Consideration by the DPP

Where the DPP is considering discontinuing a prosecution it will, if practicable, contact the informant to seek the informant's views. If the DPP decides to discontinue a matter it will advise JFVO.

5.3 Communication and Notification in Prosecution matters

The DPP will keep the AFP informed, in a timely manner, of the progress of all matters through the Court process including all relevant information about the matter such as the next Court date, the purpose of the Court listing and any action required. For Supreme Court matters, the DPP will provide a Failed/Withdrawn Prosecution Report to the AFP in a timely manner.

I would like to draw your attention to one of the multiple media reports that states the matter is being withdrawn.

<https://www.news.com.au/national/nsw-act/courts-law/sexual-assault-charge-against-bruce-lehrmann-expected-to-be-dropped/news-story/b1f0db58baaf00feace7be64a6b8245d>

Last week we became aware there was closed Court hearing on 2/12/2022, again through media reporting.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2022-11-24/closed-hearing-december-application-bruce-lehrmann-rape-trial/101693666>

On 24/11/2022 I sent an email to our DPP contact for this matter requesting information about the upcoming hearing and whether we could attend. On 24/11/2022 the DPP replied with the message stating that the Director said no and if there are any updates regarding the matter I would be advised so I can brief our management.


Clearly we have not been consulted or updated regarding any developments in this matter. For the members of the investigation team to find out about the latest development through media reporting, again, and not from the DPP is highly insulting and I believe unprofessional from the ACT-DPP. It appears they had the time to notify the media about the upcoming media statement but have not bothered to inform the investigations team.

As part of the investigations team for this matter since the start in 2021 there has been a highly combative relationship with the DPP during this investigation and this is just another example of their perceived disdain towards the investigations team.

Regards,
 Trent
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