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**Cc:** Moller, Scott  
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Hi Marcus and Scott,

I trust you're both well. Thank you for your time on the phone this morning Marcus.

Just confirming the desire of Brittany to have this process resolved sooner rather than later, and her expectation for a direction to be given as to what the next step is.

She expects that direction by the end of the day, as indicated by you both when you flew up to Brisbane.

As always, happy to discuss over the phone.

Thanks,

David

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Hi Marcus,

Please see below article from David Sharaz in the Higgins matter.

I expect you and the team have been hard at work trying to finalise the brief, following the productive conversations with Ms Higgins that I attended in Brisbane on 12 July. I note at that time, you were hopeful that the brief would be finalised by end of the month (tomorrow).

I note the further media engagement today, highlighting potential inconsistencies between the Commissioner's comments and information previously on the public record regarding the fact that the DPP had already provided advice. This seems unfortunate given how close the matter may be to next steps. It is certainly unhelpful for Ms Higgins and her family for these things to continue to pop up in the media.

I'm stepping into a meeting now but please let me know if there's anything I can do in terms of next steps, noting Ms Higgins has confirmed that she remains anxious to proceed if that pathway is available based on your investigations.

Regards,

**Heidi Yates**

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Hi Heidi,

I hope you're well.

I wanted to highlight this article that has just popped up on News.com.au:

<https://www.news.com.au/national/politics/director-of-public-prosecutions-denies-karen-andrews-brittany-higgins-claims/news-story/1d92670977890a0b7727bcbfe55afd8c>

I wanted to stress how much of an impact this political back and forth has on Brittany, while she places her life on hold, and awaits a step forward from the police.

We have both remained silent, as per the direction of the police, and have asked them to keep us in the loop on any media commentary they plan to make.

I notice AFP Commissioner Kershaw did indeed comment at the Press Club yesterday, despite me asking in good faith from ACT Policing if comments would be made.

No guidance was provided to us, and it appears Reece Kershaw decided to attempt to pick a fight with the DPP.

I was hoping we could once again seek guidance on whether we can expect an outcome, as indicated, by the end of the month?

We will continue to abide by the no public commentary direction in place.

Thanks,

David

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