

22 September 2020

The Honourable Margret McMurdo AC

Online Submission

Dear Commissioner,

Following my first submission, this submission is outlined in order to highlight key occurrences which I have accumulatively noted over the past ten years' worth of diary notes alongside sworn evidence and tendered exhibits from the Royal Commission. I would hope that this information is duly considered in the investigations pertaining to the undoubtable agenda associated with the Purana Task Force phase three, which had commenced on the 28/6/2007, in the targeting of Mick Gatto, his close associates and company Elite Cranes Pty Ltd. The unlawful misconduct of Victoria Police and deliberate misuse of registered police informers in targeting Elite Cranes and close associates, illustrates the agenda of directed conspiracy. The main concerns I have with the accountants who represented my obligations, advised and represented my best interests; were in fact agents of Victoria police who collaborated with the larger incorporation, conspiring to my demise. The unravelling of events initiated by Phase 3 Purana and its key objectives tie in closely with, not only Sandy White's SDU "Hit list" as stated by Nicola Gobbo, but the further investigations of Operation Doka (targeting 164 people by ATO member Mr. Khoury as stated by Boris Buick) and Driver task force operation Insular (in the release of the covertly recorded and manipulated tape, which was not initially represented in the brief presented in the committal process, eventually withdrawn after three days); all tie together in the clear targeting of not only my company but my own demise. In collaboration with the controlled media leaks, the unorthodox way in which a victim (myself) was elaborately portrayed and promoted, falsely, as a police informer; questions the very foundations of legitimacy and procedure within the Police Force and their investigations. The admittance of Victoria police in their use of Nicola Gobbo as "profoundly wrong" only enhances the injustice of her involvement with all operations included in this submission. The facts and their exhibit reference points below, I regard, as fundamental to a legitimate understanding the Royal Commission's investigation into the management of police informants.

(1) Endeavours to Submit.

- a. On the 6th of June 2019, I contacted Mr. Mark Butterworth, VICPOL Member No. 21592, from The Purana Task Force requesting a copy of the covertly recorded tape obtained by Mr. Damian Jackson (No. 311164) and Mr. Chris Hill (No.31446) on the 28th of May 2012. At this point I was unaware of Phase 3 Purana.
- b. The following week I was advised by Mark that he had obtained a copy of the recording, but he was unable to legally hand it to me. He advised me that a request for a copy of the tape must be made formally via the Freedom of Information (FOI) process.
- c. Subsequently, following Mark's advice, I requested a copy of the tape through FOI and all correlation relating to the request for transparency has resulted in refusal.
- d. Mr. Buick stated that "a storm is coming" in his sworn evidence to the Commission. I assume that that he was contacted by Mr. Butterworth about my request for the tape and information on Operation Insular. It was in this sworn evidence to the Commission that Buick fails to mention anything involving Operation Insular by Driver Task force, even after being questioned on the scope of Driver and being a member of the steering committee.

- e. At that point I was concerned as there were three extensions being requested by FOI. I then decided to submit my initial submission, of which was only structured from my diary notes to the commission on the 31st of October 2019, which was also forwarded to IBAC.
- f. Following the lack of acknowledgment from the commission, I took it upon myself to contact Herald Sun reporter Anthony Dowsely. After informing him that I had a copy of the Operation Insular Brief, we met personally where he took copies and informed me that he would present it to Mr. Howard Rapke from the Royal Commission. Nothing as of yet, has eventuated from this communication in February 2020, despite his confirmation of the handover to Mr. Howard Rapke.
- g. In disbelief, as there was no acknowledgement from the commission, I contacted the Age Newspaper reporter Mr. Chris Vedelago. Upon our meeting, I presented all FOI correspondence to him and a copy of the Operation Insular Brief. To further investigate we agreed that I sign a disclaimer allowing him to advance inspection about my FOI request of the covert recording.
- h. He then informed me that he had made contact with the commission and that somebody would be in touch with me in the following days. Three days later, I had received a call from Michael Stefanovic, with whom I am still extremely grateful towards, relaying to me that the commission had received and acknowledged my submission and endeavours relating to IBAC and FOI.
- i. It was during this period that I contacted Melbourne Accounting Partners and CSS Partners requesting copies of the 'clean bill of health' from the ATO (related to all three companies). All correlations pertaining to tax obligation of 1 million-dollars, required to be fulfilled, and tax portals supporting the obligation, to this day, have all been denied transparency to me.

(2) Phase three Purana's agenda in the Destruction of Elite Cranes and Close Associates.

The following exhibits support my initial submission:

Collapse of Elite Cranes

- a. The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) reaudit of Elite Cranes Pty Ltd stems from Nicola Gobbo's communication with Mr. Stuart Bailey, in the days following the murder of Mr. Carl Williams [Exhibit RC0800b]. Mr. Bailey then moved into forming the Driver Task Force, Operation Insular in 2012 with the support of information provided by Nicola Gobbo's contact and communication with Stuart Bailey and through in her involvement with the operation 28/08/2012 [Exhibit RC798b].
- b. In sworn testimony to the commission, Police Commissioner Mr. Simon Overland stated "the most renowned profession pertaining to becoming registered police informers are Certified Practising Accountants". Accountants: (1) Mr. Joe Seppe from CSS Partners CPA, (2) Mr. Robert Luburic from Melbourne Accounting Partners, (3) Mr. Gary Samuels and his partner Mr. Peter Scheufens acted as accountants and advisors in regards to discussions with Mr. George Khoury (head of the ATO Investigations) and Mr. Heath Neilson (the National Australia Bank (NAB) Relations Manager). Such conversations were unbeknown to me until exposed in the commission [Exhibit RC0677b]. Sidenote: (Mr. Matthew Maher who was an internal Accountant at Elite Cranes (2009-2012), and who built a close relationship with the accountants mentioned above, is currently working for the ATO under the advisement of Mr. Khoury).
- c. After contacting Mr. Alex Dimopoulos, when hearing of his involvement in the Commission [Exhibit RC0677b] from Gable Construction a previous client of Elite Cranes', he revealed to me that he had been harassed by Mr. Buick and Mr. Mark Hatt (No. 30272) about defrauding the ATO of \$600,000 GST. He informed me that he produced a payment remittance pertaining

- to his accountants which happened to be Peter Scheufens and his partner (silent) Gary Samuels. Neither partner was charged by the Purana Task Force for theft, however Mr. Peter Scheufens received a fine of \$582 from the CPA Board.
- d. During sworn evidence Mr. Buick references a meeting between (a) Gary and (b) Nicola Gobbo on the 11th of October 2011, this meeting is thought to contribute to obstructing the ATO obligations to be accomplished. This same meeting also entails references to members of the Driver Taskforce operation Cotton 21/10/2011 [Exhibit: RC1307b] which I believe relates to Garry Samuels.
 - e. On the 17 of November 2011 Mr. Buick instructed Nicola Gobbo to use a conduit at the DDP (who I believe to be Jeremy Rapke) [Exhibit RC618d]. This is later confirmed by Mr. Richards (Gobbo's SDU handler) in his testimony on the 22nd of October 2019, where Gobbo had requested conduit/DDP contact on the 17th of January 2012. At this point, Driver taskforce is not aware of what is eventuating with the DDP, supporting the fact that this is still of Purana phase three's agenda.
 - f. The misleading direction of Garry Samuels to liquidate company assets, prior to the return of Mr. Khoury from holiday on the 17th of January 2012, ultimately pre-empted a controlled media leak of the company being forced into liquidation which was promoted to all blue-chip clients and resulted in the termination of major client contracts, including a Shell Refinery contract. This was formally presented to me by Shell refineries Head Commercial and Contracts Manager, Mr. Shane Tynan, after the article was sent to Shell Refineries European head office. Despite being awarded seven Key Performance Indicators (KPI) over a seven-year period and the company, Elite Cranes, being considered a key alliance partner; it was the manipulation of financial pressures which led to the ruination of such success.
 - g. Due to the representation of NAB and my transparency with ATO investigator Mr. Khoury, I endeavoured to fulfill my obligations. It would be fair to request that the mentioned accountants as well as involved NAB bankers and ATO member (Mr. Khoury) from May 2011 to 25th December 2011, be investigated for perverting the course of justice and causing the demise of my legitimate, viable business by potentially being registered Police Informers. To quantify such claims, Mr. George Khoury of the ATO, who was instrumental to Operation DOKA targeting 164 persons of interest, be singled.

Targeting of an Associate (Matt Tomas)

- h. Driver Task Force members from Operation Insular; Mr. Damien Jackson and Mr. Chris Hill contacted and lured me into a meeting in 2012 about the conspiracy to murder me in 2003. It was on this day that the covertly recorded tape was made, before it was manipulated to mislead those who had access to it. This meeting and the 'tape' which was produced were not referenced in the Operation Insular brief, therefore suggesting that it was of no significance to the investigation which questions the intent/purpose of such meetings aside from misrepresenting me and my intentions.
- i. Fifteen members were allocated to Driver Task Force. In a devious combination, the investigation and illicit recording led to my incorrect portrayal as a police informer which was promoted through a controlled media leak, causing the endangerment and ultimate destruction of my life [Exhibit RC1914b]. It has now been 2,613 days that no duty of care or contact has been established for my or my family's safety.
- j. Within Operation Dozer which was used to investigate key informer and murderer ^{Mr McGrath} on the 25th of October 2003, Nicola Gobbo claimed she "cracked the dam" to Mr. Buick who was in the Purana monitoring room on the night of Mr. Micheal Marshall's murder.
- k. In August 2010, in order to dissolve her relationship as a police informer, Nicola Gobbo is payed out over fear for her life. However, her future involvement is still further exhibited, see [Exhibit RC1221b], as well as her tasked instruction under Insular to attend my father's funeral in January 2013. Images of such were presented to Michael Stefanovic on the 25/8/2020.

Please reference following exhibits:

- [Exhibit RC1221b] Page 5, point 26: On the 27th of March 2013 Gobbo informed Ian Campbell that a recording might be released to the media. Ian Campbell Spoke to Mr. Buick and Ryan who said there would be an application to suppress the tape.
- [Exhibit 696b]: Driver Task Force do not know about source tasking and activities of Ms. Gobbo access to the log or management file (DDP are to inspect).
- [Exhibit 717b]: 16 and 17 of April 2014 Source has been dubbed Witness F.
- [Exhibit 536b]: (Document L) is a six page report from D/I John O'Connor summarising key aspects of HS3838/Witness F.
- [Exhibit RC619b]: Nominated conduit between Witness F and Victoria Police, murder of Adam Khoury 21st of February 2012.
- [Exhibit RC771b]: Investigation of Micheal Marshall murder, phone interceptions from Operation Dozer.
- [Exhibit RC1507b]: Statement of Mr. Damian Jackson did not mention of Driver Task Force Operation Insular (misleading the Royal Commission).
- [Exhibit RC1232b]: Statement of Mr. Jim Coghlan did not mention of Driver Task Force Operation Insular (misleading the Royal Commission).
- [Exhibit RC0771b]: Statement of Mr. Nigel L'estrange did not mention of Driver Task Force Operation Insular (misleading the Royal Commission).
- [Exhibit RC914b]: Operation Mogals' intelligence and assessment pertaining to media leaks, a technique employed by Nickola Gobbo.

Operation Insular is comprised of the following members:

1. Mr. Tony Hupfeld (No.31652)
2. Mr. Matthew Rizun (No.30696)
3. Mr. Damian Jackson (No.31164)
4. Mr. Stuart Bailey (No.26178)
5. Mr. Jim Coghlan (No.22479)
6. Mr. Jerard Walsh (No. 30238)
7. Mr. Chris Hayes (No.34600)
8. Mr. Richard Birkett (No.31522)
9. Mr. Dave Ford (No.36037)
10. Mr. Lindsay Wood (No.34214)
11. Mr. Ben Leonard (No. 34558)
12. Mr. Nigel L'estrange (No.30968)
13. Mr. Steven Saunders (No.21817)
14. Mr. Mark Hatt (No.30272)
15. Mr. Jim Hilliard (No.35390)

Driver task force steering committee meeting 'Minutes' pertaining to operation insular. Members of the committee are as follows: Det Sup't Doug Fryer; Det Insp Mick Frewen; A/C Pope, A/C Ashton, A/C Dunne and D/S/SGT Buick.

Your honour,

Mr. Buick stated that “a storm is coming”. Nicola Gobbo and Purana Task Force Phase 3 contaminated intelligence and evidence so that crimes resulted beyond the more obvious conspiracies to prevent the course of justice. Hence, other crimes were placed beyond detection, ultimately creating false and misleading narratives. In debasing the heart of justice through the appalling breaches of professional ethics, the cheated and corrupted organization that is the legal system, is tainted by conspiracies between Gobbo and Police; fundamentally breaching privilege and confidentiality, which Gobbo admits herself that she “crossed that line a long time ago”. No disclosure or transparency pertaining to justice in an unaccountable (Police Force in Victoria) system is witnessed in these above occurrences. The failure of duties to enforce and exhibit the responsibilities imposed on all other citizens, is neglected by the executive command, ultimately betraying the very foundations of democracy. How then, Your Honour, have the ‘Steering Committees’, ‘Human Source’, ‘Ethics Committees’ and the ‘Disclosure Governance Committee’ allowed such injustices to take place and further proceed in their courses. The fate of manipulation and suppression of the truth (the registered informers) that has resulted in the ultimate gain of criminals through *their* wrongdoings in *our* democracy, is in *your* hands. Sir Ken Jones was ejected from the police force in May 2011 and my nightmares begin as Gobbo aims to finish her “unfinished business” as stated to Boris Buick.

Yours Sincerely,

Matt Tomas

