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Subject: Robbie Thorpe - Acknowledgement of Complaint - CASE-20237035

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Dear Robbie Thorpe

Acknowledging receipt of your complaint

Thank you for your complaint, received by IBAC on 30 October 2023.

IBAC acknowledges that making a complaint about corruption or police misconduct can be challenging and we appreciate the time and effort taken by you in bringing this matter to our attention. The information received is assessed by IBAC as outlined below.

IBAC's vision is public sector and police that acts with integrity for all Victorians. It is for this reason we take all complaints very seriously. IBAC receives around 5000 allegations of public sector corruption and police misconduct each year. This information is vital in exposing corruption and misconduct, identifying emerging trends and risks across the public sector and supporting our prevention and education function.

What happens now?

IBAC is currently assessing the information you provided to decide on the next steps.

Under the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission Act 2011, there are three main actions IBAC can take with a complaint:

- a) **investigate** a complaint
- b) **refer** a complaint to another organisation for investigation
- c) take no further action/**dismiss** the complaint.

The action we take will depend on a range of factors, including whether the threshold of alleged corruption or police personnel misconduct for IBAC to investigate is met. Once we have made a decision about your complaint, we will notify you. If we determine IBAC is not the right agency for your complaint to progress, we will inform you of other options which may be available to you.

When will I hear about the outcome of my complaint?

IBAC aims to assess the majority of complaints received within 8-12 weeks. Our assessment may take longer where the complaint is more complex or if we require additional information. If we need further information, we will contact you. Alternatively, if new information comes to light that supports or further informs your complaint, please let us know.

Public interest complaint

When you make a complaint to IBAC, we assess your complaint to see whether it is a public interest complaint under the Public Interest Disclosures Act 2012. If your complaint meets the definition of a public interest complaint, certain confidentiality obligations will apply to the agency that deals with your complaint. If your complaint is not a public interest complaint you are still protected from detrimental action as a result of making your complaint. Further information regarding what protections apply to you will be provided when you are notified of IBAC's decision.

What should I do in the meantime?

You do not need to do anything, we will contact you if we need anything further. However, if you have additional information, please email info@ibac.vic.gov.au quoting the case reference at the top of this letter.

If you need support

Sometimes making a complaint can be very stressful or difficult for a person. If you are impacted by this complaint, we encourage you to contact your healthcare provider. Alternatively, you may wish to access one of the support services listed on our website: <https://www.ibac.vic.gov.au/reporting-corruption/what-happens-to-your-complaint/mental-health-support>

For more information

If you have any queries, please contact IBAC on 1300 735 135 or info@ibac.vic.gov.au

For more information on our complaints process and the support available, go to www.ibac.vic.gov.au/complaintoutcomes

If you want to speak to us in your language, call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 13 14 50 or visit our website for translated resources: <https://www.ibac.vic.gov.au/general/accessibility/tr>


Yours sincerely

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