

Your complaint to the NSW Ombudsman - Progress Update [SEC=OFFICIAL: Sensitive - NSW Government]

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Dear Professor Graeber,

Your complaint about University of Sydney (Sydney University)

I sincerely apologise for the delay in providing this update to your complaint. We have been managing a backlog of complaints due to staff shortages.

I have assessed your complaint and decided to treat it as a public interest disclosure. This means we will handle your complaint in line with the *Public Interest Disclosures Act 1994* (PID Act).

Referral of public interest disclosure to Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)

Your allegations of reprisal have been assessed as meeting the definition of corrupt conduct. Therefore, we have referred your report to ICAC as a public interest disclosure under section 25 of the PID Act.

ICAC is responsible for communicating with you about its progress. In particular, you should receive a written acknowledgement within 45 days of the date we referred the disclosure. This should give you the contact details of an officer you can deal with.

The agency must also notify you within 6 months of your disclosure of the action it has taken or plans to take (see section 27 of the PID Act).

Next steps

Our office is currently determining what action, if any, we are going to take in response to Sydney University's handling of your disclosure and the reprisal allegations. We will let you know as soon as possible any action we plan to take.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, you can call me on 02 9160 4172.

Yours sincerely,

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To the NSW Ombudsman

I made my public interest disclosure (PID), which you have, originally on 13 March 2021 to the then (interim) Vice-Chancellor Professor Stephen Garton in a formal grievance against the Head of Human Resources (HR), Ms Karen Haywood (1, 2).

However, instead of starting an independent investigation, university management has:

1. Targeted me for 18 months
2. Tried to cover up the alleged criminal activity
3. Massively bullied and harassed me
4. Severely disrupted my work
5. Fabricated misconduct cases against me
6. Repeatedly threatened to terminate me
7. Bombarded me with emails and paperwork
8. Wasted huge amounts of my time and energy as a result
9. Blocked an ethics application required for my research (10)
10. Taken all my team's space away (8, 9)
11. Besmirched my reputation with my team as a result
12. Removed my archive and other belongings whose transport from London had been financed by the university and which are essential for my work (8, 9)
13. Made my team's lab-based work and any related planning impossible as a result
14. Put world medical heritage at risk (Alzheimer's disease and related originals in my archive)
15. Taken control of my research accounts without agreement
16. Targeted my students (4, 6, 7, 14)
17. Terminated two of my students (4, 14)
18. Prevented a third student from enrolling (7)
19. Made the work of a fourth student impossible (12)
20. Apparently "scared away" a productive fifth student who has not returned
21. Thus, completely destroyed our wet laboratory-based team and the remaining planned work of my government-funded (ARC) research project
22. Fabricated an annual review report ("AP&D") about my performance (17)
23. Violated my research-only contract as well as the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) (17)
24. Attempted repeatedly to force me to teach outside my field of expertise in violation of university policy and medical ethics while ignoring all my offers of additional voluntary teaching within my field of expertise, brain tumours, although there is a need (5, 11, 16)

Detailed explanations of select points are provided in the following.

I am asking for urgent rectification of the above matters and compensation for the stolen time, emotional distress, legal fees and lost opportunities.