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29 May 2023

Dear Joanne,

## Attachment: Assessment of Corrupt Management Conduct by the Ombudsman.pdf

You sending me a disciplinary case which is full of falsehoods constitutes a criminal act in clear violation of university policy and the whistleblowing legislation in my opinion as it, long prepared, represents a direct extension of the corrupt and thus illegal management practices that have already been externally confirmed by the Ombudsman (attached).

Since your proposal appears to have a criminal intent, I must not accept it. I shall take advice from the NTEU's legal department and on whether the material you have sent should be kept as evidence of further corrupt management conduct for future reference given the above circumstances.

You are taking responsibility for the document you have personally sent so you should also know that its writers are appearing to try and cover up management misconduct which happened when Dr. Michael Spence was VC and Professor Stephen Garton was Provost and afterwards. Garton is also mentioned in my PID for signing off fabricated charges after and in response to my wrongdoing submission when he was temporary VC.

It is quite telling that the witness statements of three professors are ignored and the flawed and superficial desktop review of a consultant for hire, Dr Mary O'Kane, is accepted by management although she had been rejected by USAP Council as a suitable investigator. Have you ever heard about a Head of School innocently paying money to a reportedly blackmailed and bribed vulnerable young colleague? Do you think this can happen anywhere on this globe? This and the many other questions surrounding the current management of our university are the reason why we are pursuing an independent external inquiry into the management of the University of Sydney. Your case can be added.

Kind regards



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

**From:** Amanda Chui <achui@ombo.nsw.gov.au> **To:** Manuel Graeber <manuel@graeber.net>

Date: 17/01/23 05:16

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Our reference: C/2022/11889

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,

Amanda Chui

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