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**To:** [Anthony Crandell](#)  
**Subject:** Request for Deed of variation  
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Dear Acting Assistant Commissioner Tony Crandell and Shobha Sharma,

I hope this email finds you both well.

I write to you with a somewhat delicate matter – to request that NSWPF consider making an additional payment in relation to the *Parrabell* project.

I was going to ‘let it slide’, but we have such a good working relationship that I have resolved to raise an issue concerning additional work rather than pretend it does not perturb me.

Please allow me to explain below.

In the tender, we agreed to read and analyse the case files connected to *Parrabell*. They were certainly much more lengthy and detailed than we envisioned. That’s fine and often how things work out.

What we never predicted (and therefore accounted for in producing our tender/agreement document) was the **introduction of the ACON dossiers mid-way through the review process**. These dossiers became essential to our determinations as academics. We (as a team) could not – in good faith – ignore them or reject them outright as “outlier” data that was not formally mentioned in the negotiation/tender process.

I guess, in hindsight, I should have raised the issue then, but we were so busy that we just proceeded with the task.

So I read them and then had to pursue an **extremely time consuming and pain staking task** of cross-checking to see if any data [hate crime sentiment or ideas mentioned in the ACON dossiers] was ‘new’ or ‘fresh’. That is, I had to slowly trawl back over the individual case police files to see if the ACON ideas provided additional or hitherto unknown data that would have prompted us to revise our initial classifications.

As it happens (and as explained at length in our report), we did not reclassify any cases.

Nevertheless, the process that enabled us to get to this point was extremely labour intensive. I cannot exaggerate just how onerous this task was (as process that necessitated constant cross-referencing of the individual police files with the ACON dossiers).

The ACON dossiers [as a combined document] mentioned approximately 38 cases and ran to some 115 pages.

I was able to dismiss most of the media material outright, but trial transcripts (most of which were unreported judgments) had to be examined and sentiment cross-referenced.

I spent 4 entire days on this task (in truth it was much more work following up the unreported judgements but I can put those extra tasks aside from my mind and just stick to the initial work (not the follow-up work).

So I am respectfully requesting that you consider paying an additional \$4000 for the labour this took (I worked a combined four eight hour days on this task and the charge out amount for my time is \$1000 a day as per the tender documents).

With these funds I could buy-out some teaching in semester two so I can devote the time to finalising

*Parrabell* without compromising on the quality of the work.

I am in no hurry to hear a reply, so will leave this for you to respond to at your convenience.

Apparently (according to my University) a "Deed of variation" can be made before the final payment is made in early August.

It goes without saying that I will respect your Institutional decision and reassure you that whatever you decide to do in relation to this request, our team will remain 100% committed to this project.

Sincerely,

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