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RE: VARIATION OF PAYMENT IN RELATION TO PARRABELL PROJECT

Dear Procurement Manager of NSWPF,

I write to respectfully request that NSWPF consider making an *additional* payment in relation to the Strike Force Parrabell project.

When we produced our initial tender documents for *Parrabell*, we could not predict that an **additional data set** would be introduced to the project. I believe that the NSWPF did not foresee this additional data set either (or they would have detailed it in the request to supply documents Jackie Braw sent me).

The data set I am specifically referring to here are the **ACON dossiers** (which were introduced 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 this 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 painstaking 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 of the cases.

Nevertheless, the **process that enabled us to get to this point of decisiveness 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** [of the 88 odd cases under review] cases and ran to some 115 pages.

I was able to dismiss most (but not all) of the **media material** outright, but **trial transcripts** (most of which were unreported judgments) had to be examined and sentiment cross-referenced.

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All up, 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 amount as stipulated below.

The work took place in March across a three week period. Some days I only worked 4 hours (including Sat and Sunday!), other days I worked 6 hours. Sometimes I did a stray hour or two between other tasks. I kept a note of the time in block of one hour. The combined total was 40 hours.

So the logic is:

\$1000 [Payment for Dr Dalton based on original tender daily rate] **x 4 days = \$4000 + 25% University Infrastructure Levy = \$5000 total** (You will recall the University applies this levy to all consultancies. I cannot escape charging it!)

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.

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.

Yours sincerely,



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