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Ken, John,

The Directions Hearing in relation to a possible third Inquest re: the death of Scott Johnson is to be held on Monday 13 April 2015 at Glebe Coroner's Court. As you are aware, this has been a case of intense media interest, partly as a result of campaigning by and on behalf of the Johnson family and a reporter hired to assist them, Daniel Glick. The ABC, The Australian and the SMH have been the main outlets following the matter.

A statement has been prepared for the Coroner by Det Ch Insp Pamela Young. It totals some 445 pages and, while a non-publication order has been sought by Det Ch Insp Young, it is possible it could be made available to the media for reporting as soon as Monday. The concern is that media, in lieu of not being able to adequately review such a large document in a short time frame in order to compile a full report, may instead rely on commentary from the Johnson family for any media reporting.

As such, we would like to provide a background briefing to the ABC and The Australian prior to Monday so they can take a look at the report and have a chat to police about what's in it. The briefing would be for background information only and off the record. They would also be informed that there is a possibility there may be a non-publication order on the report. We do not intend to approach the SMH as their reporter, Rick Feneley, is biased in his reporting and not willing to consider any information provided to him by police. If and when the statement is made public, we would be happy to go on the record then, plus address any media requests from all media (including Rick Feneley).

Additionally, Det Supt Mick Willing intends to advise the Coroner that we will be backgrounding a number of reporters on the statement as a courtesy.

I have discussed this strategy with Strath and he supports and approves it from a PAB perspective.

Kind regards,

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