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Siob sent me an email and rang me expressing her concern that Pam had excluded her from the background briefing with Dan.

She said that PY had told her that she wanted to tell Dan certain things on background that she didn't want Siob involved in. Siob couldn't really overrule her.

Siob was worried about that hence sent the email.

I subsequently rang Mick Willing to express my concern about Pam's actions. Mick told me he had discussed this with PY who told him that she didn't want Siob involved because she might want to intervene and stop the briefing based on what was being said and that she had experience with Siob (maybe doing this, not sure). Mick agreed not to overrule PAM. I reluctantly agreed, given it was background only and not on the record, but I expressly told Mick that if Pam made a mess with this, she should not come running back to the public affairs branch looking for us to dig her out of a hole.

That said, I had always assumed that the purpose of the briefings was to reduce Pam's complex document to an easily digestible form, sticking to the main points to outline Pam's investigation. There was never an discussion about the Gallacher matter or indeed attacking the family. It was about rationally setting out the scope and thoroughness of the investigation so journalists could not question, as the family had done, the efficacy of what police had undertaken.

Media discussed with Georgie previously was that we would do an executive summary and Pam would background brief several journalists.

On the day Georgie indicated that a release had been prepared and it basically welcomed the new Inquest and NSWPF supported the inquest. This release we agreed to and I presumed based on conversations (I think) with Georgie that Mick would have approved its contents, there would have been legal input and presumably Pam had also sighted the release. The release was uncontroversial and set the record straight about NSWPF's support for the inquest.

The day Pam did the interview

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