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TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL, QC's & UNIONS – CALL FOR A NATIONAL ICAC



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To: senator.cash@aph.gov.au;



Evidence of Corruption in the...
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Sent by email 9th June 2018...

Dear Federal Senators & Federal MP's,

In relation to my previous correspondence, outlined below, please view my representations to Transparency International and their response dated 8th June 2018.

The key issue and greatest threat to western society, in general, is corporate corruption. What truly shocks me is that Australia has no national or federal corruption watchdog? Unlike our states, there is no national independent commission against corruption (ICAC). Subsequently our federal jurisdictions can be, and are, corrupted by corporates with impunity? With evidence in this email to prove it.

“This corruption can only be contained if exposed to investigation and a legal process. Something lacking, at a federal level, in Australia.” One needs to ask why this is allowed to continue? On the international stage, it's viewed as third world mentality for federal governments to turn a blind eye to law breaking and corruption in favour of corporates.

Being rated 13 on the Transparency International “Corruption Scale” does not make Australia look like the lucky country. In fact, it's quite the opposite. Transparency International has penetration and reach far beyond our borders and, every fair minded Australian is shocked that our elected representatives have allowed this to happen.

Forwarded for your information and a course of action that will satisfy good Australians and, give us a bit of hope for the future. A future where we can count on a fair go for everyone. That course of action would be a “National ICAC”.

Yours Faithfully

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9th June 2018

REPLY EMAIL FROM TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

From: [Info \(TI AU\)](#)
Sent: Friday, 8 June 2018 3:54 PM
To: [Stephen Fitzgerald](#)
Cc: [Transparency International \(Press\)](#); [TI Info](#)
Subject: RE: CALL FOR A NATIONAL ICAC – AUSTRALIA

Dear Stephen

Thank you for your email and bringing this situation to our attention. We're sorry to hear that you have had to experience corruption first-hand and acknowledge there is a lot of anti-corruption work to do in Australia.

Our chapter engages in strategic advocacy with the aim of systemic change to combat bribery and corruption in both the public and private sector. Through this work, we hope to ensure that fewer individuals are impacted by the devastating impact of corruption, and that integrity systems are strengthened.

As you are well aware, one of our main areas of focus is a fit-for-purpose federal ICAC and we will continue campaigning for one until it is established.

Thank you again for your message and have a great weekend.

With kind regards,
 Henri Makkonen on behalf of Serena Lillywhite, CEO of Transparency International Australia

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Have you signed the [Declaration against Corruption](#)? Add your name today!

EMAIL TO TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

From: Stephen Fitzgerald <info@hootgallery.com>
Sent: Thursday, 7 June 2018 11:43 AM
To: TI Info <ti@transparency.org>
Cc: Transparency International (Press) <press@transparency.org>; Info (TI AU) <info@transparency.org.au>;

Subject: CALL FOR A NATIONAL ICAC – AUSTRALIA

Dear Transparency International,

What I have exposed, in the linked PDF is evidence of [Corporate Corruption in the Fair Work Commission](#). Please use this to push for a national or federal Independent Commission Against Corruption. Corruption of our federal jurisdictions continues unabated and this evidence, of corruption, can be used as leverage in your push for a national ICAC in Australia.

We are being raped, pillaged and plundered by corrupt corporations – This can only be contained if corruption is exposed to a legal process. Something lacking, at a federal level, in Australia.

If you require anything else – Let me know...

Yours Faithfully



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7th June 2018

Sent by email 22nd May 2018...

VINDICATION - ICAC JUDGES CALL FOR NATIONAL CORRUPTION WATCHDOG

Dear Politician, Senator, Magistrate, Editor, Academic, Union and, The Good People of Australia,

Please view my correspondence to ICAC dated 22nd May 2018 and, their reply at the bottom of this email, dated 23rd May 2018 as follows: -

Independent Commission Against Corruption
GPO Box 500,
Sydney, New South Wales, 2001
Australia

Dear ICAC,

“Former judges call for national anti-corruption watchdog.” What prompted this letter/email is the call by prominent judges, within ICAC, for a national, or federal government, corruption watchdog. View the ABC report by Matt Peacock - 3 Nov 2017, 11:50am at this web address:

FEDERAL ICAC: FORMER JUDGES CALL FOR NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION WATCHDOG:
<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-11-02/former-judges-call-for-federal-icac/9112396>

What I have exposed, outlined in the letters to Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash dated 8th & 9th May 2018 is clear evidence, on the court record, of [Corporate Corruption in the Fair Work Commission](#). This is not an isolated incident. I also have evidence of corruption in the QLD Fair Work Commission. So, the culture of corporate corruption, of our federal jurisdictions, is systemic.

In relation to the corruption of Fair Work Commissioner Cambridge, as outlined in my correspondence to Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash. I would like you to take appropriate action and, I would like to be kept fully informed. Could you please acknowledge receipt of this letter and, I await your early reply...

As vindication, could you also forward this information to the prominent judges referred to in the above-mentioned article by ABC News 7:30 Reporter Matt Peacock dated 3rd Nov 2017.

Yours Faithfully



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22nd May 2018

CORPORATE CORRUPTION IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT – THE TRUTH COMES OUT

A group of prominent former judges have called for the establishment of a federal anti-corruption agency, saying serious corruption almost certainly exists in federal politics. Well, it certainly does. And, I have the evidence to prove it, in the transcripts, at this web address:

<https://www.hootgallery.com/about-steve-fitz>

"It is already well known that there is abundant corruption in the other capital cities around Australia, why on earth does the air suddenly clear around Queanbeyan?" Former Victorian Supreme Court judge Stephen Charles said: -

"In most states, anti-corruption agencies with sweeping powers have been operating for decades. In New South Wales the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) has even brought down a premier. But, it's a different story nationally, where there is nobody specifically charged with targeting corruption".

"I've got no doubt that there is corruption at all levels of the Federal Government and in Parliament itself," barrister Mark Robinson SC told 7.30.

Former NSW Supreme Court judge Anthony Whealy is heading the anti-corruption body Transparency International and he's working with a group of other former judges including Stephen Charles QC, all of whom believe the time for a national anti-corruption agency has come. View supporting news stories at these web addresses:

TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL SLAMS GOVT FOR 'SQUIBBING' ON CORRUPTION WATCHDOG:
<http://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/worldtoday/govt-slammed-for-bailing-on-integrity-commission/8945210>

NUMBER OF FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVANTS WHO SAY THEY'VE WITNESSED CORRUPTION HAS DOUBLED: <http://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/am/fed-public-servants-who-have-witnessed-corruption-doubledsurvey/9316430>

CORPORATE CORRUPTION OF OUR FEDERAL JURISDICTIONS – WITH EVIDENCE

As outlined above, I have unmistakable evidence, on the court record, of corporate corruption of the federal Fair Work Commission. View my representations to the Minister involved, Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash at the web address referred to above. The problem is, that there is no independent government body set up to investigate federal corruption so, it continues unabated.

The ongoing problem is that unscrupulous corporations continue to get away with unlawful and illegal activity to the detriment of society. With the blessing of those in government who turn a blind eye to their behaviour. Corruption in the FWC is evidence of this.

The Fair Work Commission has been overrun and corrupted by corporates to the detriment of the Australian workforce. Clearly, the reason they get away with it is because the federal government lets them. This is third world mentality and what you might call corporate pluralism.

May I remind you that Australia is a free and democratic society and corporate corruption condoned by our elected federal government representatives and our career public servants must not, and will not, be tolerated by Australian voters. If this continues it has the capacity to destabilises our two-part preferred political system.

Rally behind the former prominent judges, of ICAC and the High Court, for the establishment of a federal anticorruption agency. Since we already have the evidence of corruption in the Fair Work Commission. That would be the place to start the clean-up process. Justice must be seen to be done and we the people of Australia demand nothing less.

One may ask: “What is going on in this country and why do our elected representatives, and our government, condone corporate abuse of the people who vote them into power and pay their wages?” Corporate corruption will undermine our political system, bring down society and eventually destroy us. Look what happened in America. Wake up people and act! This has gone on for fare to long and it will only get worse if allowed to continue.

ONE MAY ASK - WHO RUNS OUR FAIR COUNTRY AUSTRALIA?

In light of the resistance to a federal or, national anti-corruption watchdog one may ask “Who runs the country”. Is it our career public servants, our elected representatives, the people who vote them into power or corrupt corporations? It’s pretty easy to work it out – Just ask the question... “Who benefits the most”.

Corrupt corporations and their largest benefactors benefit the most – So, who is running the country? Clearly, corrupt corporations are pulling the strings if the resistance to a national corruption watchdog is anything to go by. Australia is a free and democratic society where corrupt corporations run wild at the federal level?

As an example: Casualising the workforce now exceeds 50% and this is being orchestrated in the Fair Work Commission. As proven here, the FWC has been corrupted to favour corporates? Half the workforce has been driven into poverty and don’t earn enough to pay any reasonable amount of tax or the Medicare levy. It’s Alabama cotton plantation mentality and the middle and upper middle class are left to foot the bill. So, all of society are disadvantaged by corporate corruption at the federal level.

Again, please wake up, federal politicians and federal public servants – If you block the establishment of a “National ICAC” then you are part of the problem, hurting all of us, and corrupt corporations will continue to rape, pillage and plunder society with your blessing. How will that look in history, with your names attached to it...

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REPLY LETTER FROM N.S.W. ICAC – 23rd May 2018

ICAC - INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION - NSW

Our ref: OJ16/0186 – 23rd May 2018

Stephen Fitzgerald by email only: info@hootgallery.com

Dear Mr Fitzgerald

I refer to your emails of 22 May 2018, in which you raised concerns relating to the Commonwealth Ombudsman, the Fair Work Commission and its Commissioners, Woolworths Ltd, and lawyers including Sparke Helmore Lawyers.

You previously contacted the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (Commission) by letter dated 9 September 2016. The Commission wrote to you on 15 September 2016 and, among other things, explained that the Commission’s role is to investigate and expose corrupt conduct in the NSW public sector, as defined in the Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988. As your concerns did not involve a NSW public authority or NSW public official, we were not able to pursue them.

The concerns you have raised in your emails of 22 May 2018 do not involve a NSW public authority or NSW public official. The Commission does not have powers to examine matters involving private organisations, private individuals, Commonwealth agencies, non-NSW public officials, public sector agencies outside NSW, or the Police. Therefore, the Commission is unable to investigate the concerns you have raised.

We will consider any further information you provide in writing. However, unless the matter is within the Commission’s jurisdiction, we will not contact you again.

Yours sincerely

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