

File note to telephone call with Michael Lawler

Present: Matthew Ashworth and Michael Lawler [telephone]

Date: 29 July 2014

Time: 4.45pm

1. Michael called me and spoke to me about the draft statement he and Kathy were preparing.
2. He said that he and Kathy were both "f**ked" as they had been getting little sleep and had been constantly working on legal matters.
3. Michael told me that the draft statement would be sent through to me in the morning on the 30th at about 7am.
4. I told Michael that was fine and that if Jeremy and Fiona wanted to put the statement on as evidence, Kathy may be able to sign it on 30 July 2014 – and that there was no need to rush and get it done on 29 July 2014.
5. Michael said that if Jeremy and Fiona did not want any of it then they could just discard it, or they could cut parts out or ask Kathy to elaborate on any other parts.
6. Michael told me that the media has been harassing Kathy for some time and that now he was struggling with the effects of the last few years, even at his own workplace, where he had been spoken to by his superiors.
7. Michael indicated that Kathy has only had short notice to attend the Commission again, and that drafting a statement has been hard. He asked me why the Commission had called Kathy again so soon.
8. I told Michael that it was my belief that Jeremy and Fiona intended to deal with the issue of NHDA before the next block of hearings.
9. Michael told me that he was in awe of Jeremy Stoljar, especially when compared with the ICAC Counsel Assisting, Geoffrey Watson SC.
10. He said that Jeremy was highly efficient and dealt only with the evidence at hand.
11. The conversation closed and I told Michael that I looked forward to receiving the statement.

30 July 2014