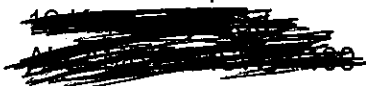




Deputy Premier
Minister for Transport
Minister for Police

Mr Dirk Nierop



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Dear Mr Nierop,

I refer to your letters to the Hon John Watkins, MP, Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, and Minister for Police, regarding the NSW Police response to an assault and the revocation of your security industry licence. The Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

NSW Police advise that your concerns about the actions of police in relation to the incident at the Surf Rock Hotel on 9 April 2006 were assessed by the Complaint Management Team, Northern Beaches Local Area Command, as constituting a complaint against police within the terms of Part 8A of the *Police Act 1990*.

As you are aware, the Complaint Management Team is responsible for the handling of complaints about Dee Why police officers in accordance with the Act and that it appointed a senior officer of the Command, Inspector Robert Bell, to investigate your complaint.

I understand that the Complaint Management Team is currently awaiting a finalised investigation report from Inspector Bell. Whilst this delay is regrettable, it is important that the Complaint Management Team be presented with a complete and accurate investigator's report for the purposes of its deliberations.

The New South Wales Ombudsman oversees the manner in which NSW Police investigates and resolves complaints about the conduct of police officers. If you have any concerns about the manner in which your complaint is being dealt, you may contact the Ombudsman's Office on telephone number (02) 9286 1000.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Brown MP BMath; LLB(Hons)
Parliamentary Secretary for Police

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