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Ms R Matchett,
Acting Director General,
Department of Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs,
G.P.O. Box 806,
Brisbane 4001

Dear Ms Matchett,

re Outcomes - investigation of complaints by certain staff
members at John Oxley Youth Centre

Following the cited investigation by Mr. Noel Heiner last November,
the Teacher-in-charge at John Oxley Youth Centre, Mrs. Karen
Mersiades, has expressed a number of concerns to the Union.

These concerns are outlined below, with a view to seeking your
urgent response.

1. Despite assurances from the then Director-General, Mr. Alan Pettigrew, that the enquiry would observe the principles of natural justice, our member (Mrs. Mersiades) has not been given an opportunity to verify if any complaints were made against her, to hear or read any such complaints, or to correct any problems or prejudicial statements therein.
2. The recent decision (apparently) to nullify the enquiry has further removed the possibility of our member's being afforded natural justice in the matter.
3. Any complaints against our member thereby remaining unchallenged may have adverse consequences for her future career prospects.

In consideration of these foregoing factors, the Union requests that Mrs. Mersiades be granted access to all material (letters of complaint, transcripts of proceedings) - pertaining to her - received by or emergent from Mr. Heiner's enquiry.

This request is made pursuant to regulations 46, 63 and 65 of the Public Service Management and Employment Act.

We await your response on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,
Steve Knudsen

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Acting General Secretary

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