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Subject: Response

Gents,

This is my position given what I believe is a smear campaign against my company . I do not want to in any way compromise BMD or its management with this issue and questions that have come to me from an ABC news reporter direct.

Please let me know if this impacts BMD in anyway before I send it. I can only assume the CFMEU is behind this and are now trying to create a false narrative and disinformation to distract the public and officials and put doubt in BMD about my company and the services we provide.

My response.

Bemir Saracevic and Krstomir Bjelogrljic have no role whatsoever with Host. There has been no payment to Wisepath and we don't know who they are. Any suggestion otherwise is utterly untrue and is consistent with ongoing smear campaigns by those who have recently been exposed for their own ethical, compliance and legal failings.

We are aware of recent revelations of the CMFEU having been infiltrated by alleged criminal syndicates. By comparison, we have had a constructive working relationship with the Australian Workers Union (AWU) on our building sites for many years.

We are aware of an ongoing turf war between the CMFEU and the AWU for members, and influence over the building industry in various Australian states, which explains why some people are now trying to smear legitimate building interests in Queensland.

We will continue to stand against union intimidation, thuggery and smear tactics."