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FYi

Kind regards

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Hi Nic and Sally

See below media inquiry from Josh Robertson, an investigative journalist from the ABC.

I've spoken to Brett about this, and understand that after the allegation was raised with the Minister, TMR undertook an investigation into the matter. I also understand the subcontractor on that project has now changed.

Could you please urgently draft a brief response to the below, outlining the actions taken by TMR.

We will likely provide a statement from the Minister as well.

I'd like to get back to the journalist today if possible. Will likely also need a HIB.

Thanks

From: Joshua Robertson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 10:10 AM
To: Lesley Major [REDACTED]
Subject: BMD, Host and Comancheros

Hi Lesley,

Thanks for speaking on the phone just now.

As mentioned, I'd like to ask the Minister some questions regarding the Centenary Bridge Duplication at Jindalee.

My investigation has shown that the contractor BMD, through its Victorian-based contractor Host, has employed two senior members of the Comancheros outlaw motorcycle club as part of a security contingent of up to 50 people.

This is an apparent response to pressure by the CFMEU.

The Comancheros are Bemir "Benji" Saracevic and Krstomir "KB" Bjelogrljic, both Melbourne based.

One alleged incident on the site involved Saracevic and Bjelogrić threatening a CFMEU delegate working on the project with burning his house down and killing his children. Saracevic has been the national president of Comancheros and in 2016, he was sentenced to four and a half years jail for blackmail, threats and intimidation of two people including a property developer, and unlawful possession of an unregistered semi-automatic pistol.

*Is the Minister concerned that outlaw bikies are being employed as security on a publicly-funded project?

*Will the Minister raise this issue with BMD?

*Will the Minister ensure an independent investigation of this matter?

Could you please respond by midday tomorrow?

Thanks very much

Josh Robertson
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