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Dear Bob

I refer to my telephone discussion with Jennifer Hickey of your office on 30 March 2006 in relation to the motion before the Legislative Council concerning the case of Roseanne Catt. Roseanne has suffered a terrible injustice at the hands of a rogue detective, Peter Thomas, and I would like to take the opportunity to apprise you more fully of the current state of legal proceedings.

Judge Davidson in the Supreme Court during a judicial inquiry said that all the convictions against Roseanne were unsafe and should be quashed. Tom Molomby SC prepared the ensuing submissions to the Court of Criminal Appeal and made a decision due to the limited time available to him in which to prepare the submissions. He was only able to concentrate on the six charges falsely and maliciously prosecuted by Peter Thomas.

The two remaining convictions of malicious wounding and assault occasioning actual bodily harm are no less spurious than the five quashed convictions and one acquittal. Both are total fabrications by Barry Catt, Roseanne's former husband. In one case, Roseanne is supposed to have stabbed Mr Catt with a knife, and in the other she is supposed to have hit him with a cricket bat. Her sentence for those two convictions combined was 15 months. Her sentence for those that have been overturned was in excess of ten years.

Mr Molomby took the view that if the Court of Criminal Appeal set aside the six convictions involving the rogue detective, the remaining two convictions would follow. Unfortunately, the appeal court did not have all the information that was available to Judge Davidson, and the two convictions stand. But they are disgraceful and should not stand in the way of compensation.

Mr Catt made a fraudulent claim for victim's compensation in respect of all of these charges even though he was unable to produce any medical evidence to substantiate his injuries because they were a figment of his conniving imagination prompted by the rogue ex Detective Peter Thomas. Roseanne describes the two incidents leading to the charges

at page 82 of her book *Ten Years* published by Pan Macmillan Australia. A copy of the book is enclosed.

Ms Hickey indicated during our telephone discussion that the reason the Director of Public Prosecutions did not intend proceeding with a retrial in respect of the six quashed convictions is that the likely sentence following any convictions has already been served. If this represents the DPP's attitude it is extraordinarily disingenuous given what was found in the judicial inquiry and the Court of Criminal Appeal.

The appeal judges said that if the new evidence uncovered by the judicial inquiry were available to the Jury at the applicant's trial 1991, the jury would never have convicted Roseanne. Every Crown witness was discredited in Roseanne's judicial inquiry. At the trial, Judge Matthews said that if the Crown witnesses were lying, Roseanne was the victim of a monstrous conspiracy. The CCA have also agreed that Roseanne was, in fact, a victim of a conspiracy at the hands of Peter Thomas, as did the inquiry judge Justice Thomas Davidson. They were lying and the conspiracy is unrelenting.

In my motion, I have asked for a public apology to Roseanne; an ex-gratia payment to compensate her for ten years wrongful imprisonment; investigation of allegations of conspiracy, perjury and contempt of court by those responsible for Roseanne's convictions; and investigation of the fraudulent claim of \$89,000 on the victims compensation fund arising out of the charges against her.

Justice demands some action by you to bring Roseanne's nightmare to an end. In my 33 years as a legal practitioner, I have not seen a worse case of manipulation and perversion of the justice system by a rogue detective and his boozy mates. Debate on the motion will resume in the Legislative Council on 11 May 2006 and I ask that you give the matter your urgent consideration in the meantime.

Yours sincerely,

PETER BREEN