

12 June 2015

File No: C/15/8659

Mr Chris Binse
CRN 43517
Barwon Prison
DX 217020
LARA VIC

Dear Mr Binse

Your complaint to the Victorian Ombudsman

Thank you for your letter dated 20 May 2015 in which you complain about Victoria Police, the conduct of your Victoria Legal Aid lawyer, Mr Saul Holt, and more generally the actions of the Crown during recent court proceedings.

I understand from your complaint that:

- You have a number of concerns about the conduct of Mr Holt, including that he was only masquerading as your defence counsel.
- You consider the Crown engaged in perjury, tampered with evidence and perverted natural justice during your committal hearing.

This office cannot consider complaints about Victoria Police or the conduct of your lawyer.

Legal Services Commissioner

I suggest you contact the Legal Services Commissioner (LSC), whose role is to receive and handle complaints about lawyers, regarding the conduct of your lawyer. The LSC can be contacted via the following details:

Legal Services Commissioner

DX 185
MELBOURNE VIC
Telephone: 9679 8001 or 1300 796 344

This office can investigate complaints about the LSC. You may wish to contact this office again if you are not happy with the way the LSC deals with your

complaint, or if it does not deal with your complaint within a reasonable time. If you decide to contact us again, you should provide:

- a cover letter outlining the reasons why you are dissatisfied with the response of the LSC
- copies of any relevant documents, including a copy of your complaint to the LSC and a copy of its response.

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission

Section 15(1) of the *Ombudsman Act 1973* provides that the Ombudsman must refuse to deal with a complaint about the conduct of Victoria Police. I suggest you contact the Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission, whose role is to prevent corruption and misconduct across the public sector, including dealing with complaints about Victoria Police. IBAC can be contacted via the following details:

Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission

GPO Box 24234

MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Telephone: 1300 735 135

I hope this information is of assistance. If you have any queries, you are welcome to contact me on the prisoner's free call line, quoting reference number C/15/8659.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Leadbetter

Investigation Officer