
WHISTLEBLOWERS

Action Group (QLD) INC.



*Defending the right
to live by integrity.*

AN OPEN LETTER TO MR GOSS, PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND.

25 November, 1994.

Dear Mr Goss,

It has come to the notice of the Whistleblowers Action Group (WAG) that you have described the Kevin Lindeberg case (which involved the destruction by Cabinet of vital documents required for litigation purposes) as "old hat" and "dead and buried". WAG will NOT accept such mindless trivialization of such an important matter which goes right to the heart of our justice system.

The Kevin Lindeberg case involves vital matters of principle, abuse of authority and position as well as the destruction of a man's personal life and career. It clearly demonstrates corruption at a high level. It cannot and must not be swept under the carpet as is your obvious intention. It demands unbiased assessment and an equitable solution.

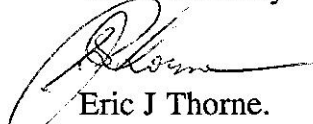
Kevin Lindeberg followed the "rules" impeccably but the same cannot be said for your government. The shredding of official documents by the Cabinet knowing that they were required for litigation purposes demonstrates a clear ignorance of the law, lack of restraint and responsibility. It showed an obvious, perhaps blind, disregard for the truth. Political expediency and convenience does not in any way justify blatant abuse of power.

Thus, if the Kevin Lindeberg case is "old hat" and "dead and buried", so too are the concepts of truth, honesty, integrity and ethical behaviour. WAG does not believe that it is "old hat" for the people of Queensland to expect from its representatives, the highest duty to respect and maintain the integrity of parliamentary government.

WAG, its growing membership, the Kevin Lindeberg case and other unresolved public interest disclosure cases as highlighted in a unanimous finding of an All-Party Senate Committee, are sad testament that corruption in its many guises, diminishes us all. To be "dead and buried" implies silence. WAG will NOT be silent. Whistleblowers will continue to speak out and demand action without fear or favour.

In the case of Kevin Lindeberg, WAG demands action NOW.

Yours sincerely



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Act Secretary.