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Subject: RE: The Police Association support of McDonalds at Tecoma

Dear Ms xxx xxx xxxx,

Thank you for your e-mail. While I accept you have concerns regarding this matter, unfortunately most, if not every piece, of your information is inaccurate.

Police do not "support" the development of any commercial enterprise. Police are obliged to be entirely disinterested in executing their duties to uphold the law. Disinterested, not uninterested.

The Police Association is not affiliated with the Victorian Trades Hall Council. We are an apolitical organisation without ties to any political party, movement or philosophy. As such, we most certainly do not follow the lead of VTHC or any other organisation.

I assume, from your e-mail address, that you are now located in New Zealand. I have no idea what happens in New Zealand but McDonalds do not provide free food to Victorian police officers/our members.

The Police Association has 13,289 members.

No-one is accepting bribes from anyone. The suggestion is as ludicrous as it is outrageous. Your assertion that our members receive a free gift is both wrong and offensive. In fact, your entire message is wrong and offensive and directed to the wrong organisation.

If you think that the community, or the police who are drawn from that community, want to see police on duty at this site, then you are wrong. Very wrong. I would have thought it would be evident to anyone that police would rather be serving the community in their usual roles but, because of the actions of some people, many are currently forced to uphold the law at this location rather than other locations.

Unless you, or someone like you, seeks to challenge the VCAT decision in the Supreme Court, the lawfulness of this construction (like it or not) will remain. I am sure that you or someone amongst your colleagues would likely know a barrister who would be prepared to act on a pro bono basis in such a legal challenge.

I suggest that, if you have further to say on the matter, you either correspond with the Chief Commissioner of Police or direct your angst towards the Victoria Civil and Administrative Appeals Tribunal, who were the body who authorised this development. In the meantime, may I suggest that if you want to send vitriolic hate-mail to someone, you at least get your facts right? It tends to make one appear very stupid when they get things so terribly wrong, and I am sure you are not a stupid person.

I assure you there is no need to reply.

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Secretary

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