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# Exhibits 648-a to 700

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1<sup>st</sup> July 2009

The Hon Alan Henry Goldberg AO Federal Court of Australia Owen Dixon Commonwealth Law Courts Building 305 William Street Melbourne 3000

Dear Sir,

Alan Smith from the Seal Cove Guest House has informed me he has provided you with information regarding his Fast Track Arbitration Procedure that occurred in the period of April 1994 to May1995 and of Golden Messenger's arbitration process for the period of April 1994 to July 1999.

After the end of Alan Smith's arbitration in 1995, Alan has continually registered his concerns with the appropriate regulators that his arbitration was not conducted in accordance with the official arbitration agreement, the agreement you assessed on behalf of Alan Smith and Golden Messenger in April 1994.

As Alan has already explained in previous correspondence sent to you, the arbitration agreement . presented to Alan Smith & Golden Messenger for signature by the TIO special council Mr Peter Bartlett, was materially altered without our knowledge or consent, or your knowledge or consent, after both you and William Hunt (now deceased) had evaluated the arbitration document forwarded to William Hunt and yourself by Dr Hughes' (the arbitrator) secretary.

These covert alterations clearly favoured the TIO's Special Counsel and the Arbitration Resource Unit over the claimants and placed us the claimants in a position where we are defenceless as the TIO Special Council and the Arbitration Recourse Unit are not liable for their respective negligence and or wrong doing.

I am aware that, in some circles, it is believed that I was correctly compensated in July 1999 for my business losses as a result of a Senate investigation during the period of September 1997 to March 1999.

While it is true that Golden Messenger did receive some compensation in July 1999, William Hunt's files and transcripts of conversations with other parties associated with Telstra identify how I was forced to accept less than 30% of the losses that I could substantiate, which was a direct result of the limited supply of Telstra documents that only identified some of the call losses Golden had incurred during the period of May 1985 to April 1994, none of these limited claim losses included cost of preparation of claim, legal and technical expenses which amounted to numerous hundreds of thousand of dollars over the period of April 1985 to July 1999.

Golden Messenger's telephone service difficulties problems and faults extended well beyond April 1994 which was the claim period ending under the Fast Track Arbitration Procedure, as we were still experiencing these problems in 1998 and beyond.

More recently obtained Telstra documents indentify Telstra's recording and knowledge of Golden's incoming call losses exceeding 5,000 lost calls per week during the 1980's and the 1990's.

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In October 2008, in response to a Golden Messenger FOI request placed upon ACMA, the Regulator supplied to Golden Messenger the Telstra and Regulator documents identified the Telephone Industry Regulator and Telstra's accountants knowledge the Golden Messenger claim was understated as a direct consequence of Telstra's failure to correctly supply documents sought under FOI and under the discovery process of the Fast Track Arbitration Procedure.

This information is being directly forwarded to you because Alan Smith and I are both aware of certain people, with a vested interest in maintaining concealment of conduct and events that occurred during the respective arbitrations conducted under Fast Track Arbitration Procedures, will argue that our claims of misconduct and the failure of the arbitration process are without foundation.

I am confident the information Alan Smith has forwarded to you, demonstrates that our joint claims that occurred during the Alan Smith and Golden Messenger arbitrations, the people who engaged in the conduct to pervert the course of justice, is a factual complaint and cannot be considered by a fair minded person with a knowledge of law, to be a frivolous or vexatious complaint.

Since I was the claimant who asked William Hunt to contact you on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1994, to obtain your legal opinion in relation to whether or not we should sign the arbitration agreement, I feel I am obligated to inform you, that the arbitration agreement you assessed for William Hunt on behalf of Alan Smith and Golden Messenger was covertly altered without Alan Smiths's and Golden Messenger's consent, after you had assessed the said document.

To date, none of the parties directly and or indirectly associated with the Alan Smith and Golden Messenger's Fast Track Arbitration Procedure are prepared to address any of these issues of wrong doing.

Sir, given that the Hon William Hunt and yourself are the only two people who can give direct evidence as to the reason you advised Golden Messenger and Alan Smith to enter into the Fast Track Arbitration Procedure as per the document supplied to William Hunt and yourself by Dr Hughes' secretary, and only both of you can verify the content of the document your legal opinion was given upon.

As the Hon William Hunt is now deceased, I believe Golden Messenger is dependent upon obtaining direct evidence from yourself as to what was contained within or what constituted the final draft of the Fast Track Arbitration Procedure document forwarded to you.

I will appreciate receiving your response.

Yours Sincerely,

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Graham Schorer. Managing Director GOLDEN MESSENGER

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Date: 19 April 1994

To: MR GOLDBERG

670 8389 Fax No:

From: CAROLINE FRIEND

Subject: TIO ARBITRATION

Further to my telephone discussion with Mr. Graham Schorer of todays date, please find attached "Fast Track" Arbitration Procedure as of 31st March 1994 for your attention.

Yoursy faithfully, HU

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Liability of Administrator and Arbitrator

- 24. Neither the Administrator nor the Arbitrator shall be liable to any party for any act or omission in connection with any arbitration conducted under these Rules save that the Arbitrator (but not the Administrator) shall be liable for any conscious or deliberate wrongdoing on the Arbitrator's own part.
- 25. The liability of Ferrier Hodgson and the partners and employees of Ferrier Hodgson for any act or omission in connection with any arbitration conducted under these rules (other than in relation to a breach of their confidentiality obligations) shall be limited to \$250,000 jointly.
- 26. The liability of DMR Group Australia Pty Ltd and the directors and employees of DMR Group Australia Pty Ltd for any act or omission in connection with any arbitration conducted under these rules (other than in relation to a breach of their confidentiality obligations) shall be limited to \$250,000 jointly.

#### Return of Documents after Arbitration

27. Within 6 weeks of publication of the Arbitrator's award, all documents received under this Procedure by the parties the Administrator, the Resource Unit and/or the Arbitrator and all copies thereof, shall be returned to the party who lodged such documents.

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Date: 19 April 1994

To: MR. WILLIAM HUNT

Fax No: 670 6598

From: CAROLINE FRIEND

Subject: TIO ARBITRATION PROCEEDURE

Further to my telephone discussion with Mr. Graham Schorer of todays date, at his request, I attachfor your attention a copy of the "Fast Track" Arbitration Procedure of 31st March 1994.

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Yours faithfully, ant HUNT & HUNT

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The \$250.000.00 liability caps which were firmly in place in clauses 25 and 26, as shown in the arbitration agreement on the previous page, were covertly removed from the final agreement either just prior to me signing it or removed by persons within the Telstra Corporation after the signed agreement was couriered to Telstra's Melbourne office.

Please note Steve Black's signature (see below) is not witnessed.

### Liability of Administrator and Arbitrator

24. Neither the Administrator, the Arbitrator, the Special Counsel, a partner or employee of the legal firm of which the Special Counsel is a partner, a member of the Resources Unit, Ferrier Hodgson or a partner or employee of Ferrier Hodgson, DMR Group Australia Pty. Ltd. or a Director or employee of DMR Group Australia Pty. Ltd. shall be liable to any party for an act or omission in connection with any arbitration conducted under these Rules or involved in the preparation of these Rules save that the Arbitrator (but not the Administrator) shall be liable for any conscious or deliberate wrongdoing on the Arbitrator's own part.

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Conflict of Rules

In the event of any inconsistency between these rules and the provisions of the Act, these rules shall prevail to the extent of that inconsistency.

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Dear Alan

Confirming our recent telephone conversation:

I recall a discussion with Senator Ron Boswell during the late 90's.

He had been shown fax's which had clear indication of change in the headers, indicating interruption in transmission by a third party or parties.

He questioned whether it was possible that faxes to and from senators could be interrupted, read or copied.

My response in the affirmative brought about an expression of extreme anger. Stating that if it could be proven that it occurred the offender(s) would be jailed.

If required I am prepared to re-state this on an affidavit.

Regards

George

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NB: this is not from George's email address, we have sent it on his behalf.

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Seal Cove Guest House 1703 Bridgewater Road Portland 3305 Phone: 03 55 267 170

20<sup>th</sup> July 2009

Mr Paul Crowley Chief Executive Officer C/o the Ethics and Professional Affairs Committee Institute of Arbitrators and Mediators Australia PO Box 13064, Law Courts Melbourne 8010

Dear Sir,

My letter to you on 16<sup>th</sup> July advised that the following documents would be hand-delivered to you. These reports are now attached for your information:

- Service Verification Tests (SVT) Telstra's Misleading and Deceptive Conduct Part 1, pages 1 to 38 (August 2008);
- Bell Canada International (BCI) Telstra's Misleading and Deceptive Conduct Part 2, pages 39 to 50 (September 2008);
- 008/1800 & Fax Billing Issues Telstra's Misleading and Deceptive Conduct Part 3, pages 1 to 23 (3<sup>rd</sup> October 2008);
- Statement of Facts and Contentions as submitted to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (26<sup>th</sup> July 2008);
- 5. Nine bound spiral bound volumes of exhibits 339 in total have been provided in support of my AAT submission, numbered as 1 to 47; 48 to 91; 92 to 127; 128 to 180; 181 to 233; 234 to 281; 282 to 318; 319a to 323; and 324 to 339;
- 6. A document titled Questions to the (IAMA) and accompanying 58 Exhibits;
- A draft manuscript titled the "COT CASE" One of the stories from the "Casualties of Telstra' saga'. This document has been provided to give a human interest side of the saga.
- 8. Draft & Final Arbitrators Award,
- 9. Lane Technical report dated 6th April 1995;
- 10. Draft DMR & Lane Report dated 30th April 1995;
- 11. Formal DMR & Lane Report dated 30th April 1995:
- 12. Letter of Claim submitted to arbitration 15<sup>th</sup> June 1994;
- The Arbitration Agreement faxed on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1994, from Dr Hughes' office to Mr Alan Goldberg AO (Now a Federal Court Judge), please note page 12 of this agreement shows clauses 24, 25 and 26 was firmly in place when this document was received.
- The Arbitration Agreement I signed on 21<sup>st</sup> April 1994, showing clause 24 exonerated Peter Bartlett and the Resource Unit – both clause 25 and 26 regarding the liability clause have been deleted (i.e. do not match the agreement faxed to Mr Goldberg).
- 15. Report to the Senate Environment, Recreation, Communications and the Arts Legislation Committee (Ministers Office) from John Pinnock (TIO) dated 26<sup>th</sup> September 1997, noting on page 4: "Firstly, the Arbitrator had no control over the process because it was conducted outside the ambit of the Arbitration Procedures". Senate Hansard (attached) noting the same.

- Report titled Dr Gordon Hughes Interception of Telephone Conversations not addressed during Alan Smith's Arbitration, Prepared for the IAMA July 2009;
- 17. Report titled Dr Gordon Hughes, Arbitration, Prepared for the IAMA July 2009
- Report titled Dr Gordon Hughes, Arbitration Billing Issues Not Addressed, Prepared for the IAMA July 2009;
- 19. Report titled Dr Gordon Hughes, Arbitration Service Verification Tests (SVT) Prepared for the IAMA July 2009;
- 20. Report titled Dr Gordon Hughes, Conspiracy to Pervert the Course of Justice, Prepared for the IAMA July 2009;
- 21. Report titled Dr Gordon Hughes' Resource Unit, Conspiracy to Pervert the Course of Justice, Prepared for the IAMA July 2009

The exhibits on the enclosed CD (point 5, above) should be read in conjunction with the AAT Statement of Facts and Contentions (point 4, above) - the appropriate exhibits are referred to in the AAT submission, with each number preceded by my initials, i.e. AS1, AS2 etc.

The documents at points 1 to 4, and the exhibits on the CD (point 5, above) were all provided to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) between August and October 2008, in support of my AAT Statement of Facts and Contentions.

Although the document at point 6 (above) was not provided to the AAT, it will be useful to the Ethics and Professional Affairs Committee during their investigation into my matters because it includes a detailed explanation of the way our arbitration agreement was secretly altered.

The Ethics and Professional Affairs Committee should also know that, during my arbitration, I raised the problems with the arbitration SVT tests, and the ongoing billing problems associated with my 008/1800 phone service, with Dr Hughes, but not only did he fail to investigate my complaints, he also made no mention of them in my arbitration award. The award did mention that both AUSTEL and the COT claimants complained, in general, about the BCI testing process but did not note that BCI could not possibly have carried out the 13,000 test calls they record in their report on the Cape Bridgewater RCM Exchange. Dr Hughes did not instruct the arbitration technical resource unit to investigate any of the three issues covered by the enclosed reports, even though all three were registered in my claim documents.

I was telephoned late this afternoon by a representative (Alan) of the IAMA Ethics and Professional Affairs Committee of the Institute asking whether I had provided all the relevant information concerning my complaint against Dr Gordon Hughes.

I have attached here and in my previous correspondence to the Ethics and Professional Affairs Committee, all the information I consider relevant to my claims. However, I trust that if the IAMA require any further information that they might see is important to their investigations they will in fairness under the circumstances see a need to request any further documentation that they require.

I have also attached copies of Dr Hughes draft Award and final Award along with the 6<sup>th</sup> April 1995, draft Lane technical report and the Dr Hughes' copy of the DMR & Lane draft 30<sup>th</sup> April report as well as the final DMR & Lane 30<sup>th</sup> April 1995 formal technical report. My Letter of claim submitted 15<sup>th</sup> June 1994 to Dr Hughes, has also been attached as background information.

<u>Please note</u>: because some of the reports such as the Ferrier Hodgson Corporate Advisory financial draft and final report along with Telstra's interrogatories are voluminous they have not been attached. If any documentation along these lines is needed for assessment purposes please request for the information to be forwarded.

Sincerely,

Alan Smith

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#### <u>Alan Smith</u>

From:	"Richard Atherton" <trust@iama.org.au></trust@iama.org.au>
To:	"capesealcove" <capecove12@bigpond.com></capecove12@bigpond.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, 20 October 2009 9:49 AM
Subject:	RE: Registered Documents
Dear Mr Sn	-

I can confirm that all the documentation has been received into the IAMA office and passed to Mr Crowley.

Regards,

Richard

From: capesealcove [mailto:capecove12@bigpond.com] Sent: Monday, 19 October 2009 3:47 PM To: Richard Atherton Subject: Registered Documents

Attention Mr Paul Crowley
Chief Executive Officer
Institute of Arbitrators
Melbourne

Dear Mr Crowley

Please find attached confirmation that I registered a parcel on 5 October 2009 which was not received by your office and/or the Law Courts Post Shop until 13 October 2009. I am concerned that perhaps your office might not have received the documentation I sent and would appreciate confirmation what your office actually received. Your office should have received the following three documents:

1. An 8 page letter to you titled: Final Submission to Mr Paul Crowley dated 29th September 2009;

2. A bound submission dated 28th September 2009 with accompanying Exhibits

3. A bound submission dated 29th September 2009 with accompanying Attachments

I appologise for any inconvenience this extra work will cause your office staff but I am sure you will understand my concerns.

An email concerning this matter will allievate my concerns.

Alan Smith

From:	"Richard Atherton" <trust@iama.org.au></trust@iama.org.au>
Το:	"Alan Smith" <capecove12@bigpond.com></capecove12@bigpond.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, 21 October 2009 12:50 PM
Subject:	RE: Alan Smith - Document issue
Dear Mr Sm	

Presently, IAMA does not require this further documentation to be sent. However, the investigating persons will be notified of these documents and may request them at a later date.

Regards,

Richard

From: Alan Smith [mailto:capecove12@bigpond.com] Sent: Wednesday, 21 October 2009 12:16 PM To: Richard Atherton Subject: Alan Smith - Document issue

Dear Mr Atherton,

Since I confirmed that my submission to the IAMA is now complete I have been advised that I should also have clearly explained that I have a large file of documents that confirm that, between 1998 and 2001, at least fifty-two Telstra/arbitration related faxed documents were intercepted by a third party after the faxes had been sent from either my residence or my business premises. Since these faxes were not sent during my actual arbitration, this material has not been included in my submission to the IAMA.

If you refer back to **pages 137** and **138** in my Administration Appeals Tribunal (AAT) Statement of Facts and Contentions, a copy of which was provided to the IAMA on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009, you will see that, two professional technical consultants have stated that, in their opinion, (the faxed material provided to them) confirmed they were intercepted and then redirected to their intended destination.

If Mr Paul Crowley believes this file would be of assistance during the IAMA investigation, (the intercepted faxes are all related to my Telstra/arbitration matters, please let me know and I will arrange to send it to the IAMA. I must confirm again though, that the evidence in this file only confirms the interception of faxes that were sent <u>after</u> the end of my arbitration.

As I stated earlier today, my IAMA claim is now complete.

Sincerely, Alan Smith

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	<b>From:</b> To: Sent: Subject: Dear Mr A	"Alan Smith" <capecove12@bigpond.com> "Richard Atherton" <trust@iama.org.au> Wednesday, 21 October 2009 9:12 AM Re: Registered Documents therton</trust@iama.org.au></capecove12@bigpond.com>
	to Mr Paul Affairs Co suspected evidences	hat my two submissions dated 28 and 29 September 2009, and the accompanying 8 page letter I Crowley on 29th September 2009 is my final submission to the IAMA Ethics and Professional mmittee. My letter of 5th October 2009 to Mr Paul Crowley was sent only to clarify that while I I facsimles were intercepted by a third party during my arbitration, I only have documented showing documents were being intercepted i.e. after leaving my business and residenace for between 1998 and 2001. I appologise if my 5 October letter confused the IAMA.
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	Further t regard to	to our correspondence below; please can you confirm that these documents are final submissions in by your complaint.
	Regards,	
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From:"Richard Atherton" < Trust@iama.org.au>To:"capesealcove" < capecove12@bigpond.com>Sent:Friday, 23 October 2009 3:39 PMSubject:RE: Letter to Mr CrowleyDear Mr Smith,

This document will be accepted.

I have been advised that the final day for submissions is October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Regards,

Richard

From: capesealcove [mailto:capecove12@bigpond.com] Sent: Friday, 23 October 2009 2:07 PM To: Richard Atherton Subject: Letter to Mr Crowley

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Attention Richard Atherton

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Dear Mr Atherton

Please find attached my two page letter to Mr Paul Crowley, the original will be posted on Monday. Also attached is page 57 from my AAT Statement of Facts and Contentions referred to in my letter to Mr Crowley.

I trust that Mr Crowley and the Ethics and Professional Affairs Committee will accept that I am not submitting new material at this stage I am only clarifying information that I have already submitted.

Kind regards Alan Smith

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9 May 2011

Mr Alan Smith Seal Cove Guest House. 1703 Bridgewater Road PORTLAND VIC 3305

Dear Mr Smith

I have to hand your correspondence dated 2 May 2011. I observe that in that correspondence you state that you "have some concern that the IAMA Ethics and Professional Affairs Committee has not yet responded to my claim against Dr Gordon Hughes, which was lodged in July 2009".

I advise that my receipt of your other recent correspondence, dated 17 April 2011, caused me to enquire of the IAMA CEO as to the status of this matter as I had understood that the IAMA Ethics and Professional Affairs Committee had concluded its deliberations and notified you accordingly. In response to that enquiry, I was advised by the CEO that a response was dispatched to you in late December 2010.

In light of your most recent correspondence, I have today requested that the CEO forward you a further copy of that correspondence.

Yours faithfully

Warren Fischer President

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THE INSTITUTE of ARBITRATORS & MEDIATORS AUSTRALIA Dear Mr Jnich . Cony of lette sat to you on December 21st, 2010 Reyards Peter haves The Institute of Arbitrators & Mediators Australia, A.C.N. 008 520 045. Incorporated in the ACT. Level 9, 52 Phillip Street, Sydney, V 2000. Telephone: (02) 9241 1188. Facsimile: (02) 9252 25 Email: nsw.ch Email: nsw.chapter@iama.org.au

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#### STATUTORY DECLARATION

Statutory Declarations Act 1959

1 Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration

2 Set out matter declared to in numbered paragraphs I, ALAN SMITH 1703 Bridgewater Road Portland VICTORIA make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959:

Individual copies of this Statutory Declaration will be forwarded to the following list of people, together with the attachments listed below:

- The Hon Mr Frank (Judge) Shelton, County Court Victoria;
- The Hon Michael Kirby, AC CMG;
- Ms Kate Conners, Associate to Mr G.D. Friedman, Senior Member of the Administrative
- Appeals Tribunal; and
- Ms Melissa Gangemi, Lawyer with the Australian Government Solicitor.

<u>ATTACHMENT 1</u>: A letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011, from Mr Warren Fischer, clearly stating that, some time in December 2010, the IAMA CEO notified me, in writing, that the IAMA Ethics and Professional Affairs Committee had completed their investigations into my arbitration complaints. While this may be true, it is also true that <u>neither my partner (Cathy Ezard) nor I</u> <u>have ever received that document</u> and this is why, at various times in the past, I have written to those listed above, noting that the IAMA had <u>not</u> notified me of the result of their investigation. The more recent IAMA investigations began on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2009. If I had received the document that Mr Fischer alleges was sent in December 2010 I would not have continued to complain about what seemed to be an inordinately slow IAMA Ethics and Professional Affairs Committee investigation.

ATTACHMENT 2: My response dated 16th May 2011, to Mr Fischer's letter of 9th May 2010;

<u>ATTACHMENT 3</u>: My joint letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> May 2011 to The Hon Mr Frank (Judge) Shelton, County Court Victoria, The Hon Michael Kirby, AC CMG, Ms Kate Conners, Associate to Mr G.D. Friedman, Senior Member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, and Ms Melissa Gangemi, Lawyer with the Australian Government Solicitor.

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act* 1959, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

3 Signature of person making the declaration

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Note 1 A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years — see section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.

Note 2 Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 --- see section 5A of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.



#### Australian Government

Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts

our reference

Mr Alan Smith Seal Cove Guest House 1703 Bridgewater Road Cape Bridgewater PORTLAND VIC 3305

Dear Mr Smith

Thank you for your letter of 10 March 2006 to Ms Forman concerning the independent assessment process.

There is an implication in your letter that I advised you that the independent assessment process is not the process agreed to by Senator Joyce. I did not advise accordingly.

If the material you have provided to the Department as part of the independent assessment process indicates that Telstra or its employees have committed criminal offences in connection with your arbitration, we will refer the matter to the relevant authority.

Yours sincerely David Learn

David Lever Manager, Consumer Section Telecommunications Division

17 March 2006



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#### SENATOR KIM CARR

Manager of Opposition Business in the Senate Labor's Parliamentary Secretary for Education

27<sup>th</sup> January 1999

Mr Alan Smith Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp Blowholes Road RMB 4408 PORTLAND 3305

Dear Alan,

Thank you very much for sending me a draft copy of your publication detailing your battle for justice with Telstra.

I continue to maintain a strong interest in your case along with those of your fellow 'Casualties of Telstra'. The appalling manner in which you have been treated by Telstra is in itself reason to pursue the issues, but also confirms my strongly held belief in the need for Telstra to remain firmly in public ownership and subject to public and parliamentary scrutiny and accountability.

Your manuscript demonstrates quite clearly how Telstra has been prepared to infringe upon the <u>civil liberties of Australian</u> citizens in a manner that is <u>most disturbing and</u> <u>unacceptable</u>.

It is for this reason, as well as the fact that Telstra has spent \$30 million to fight the Casualties of Telstra, that I believe it is incumbent upon elected representatives to continue to demand answers and expect greater justice to be done.

I congratulate you on your efforts to bring these matters to light, and hope your publication brings greater awareness of what has happened.

Yours sincerely,

SENATOR KIM CARR

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5 May 1995

Mr Alan Smith Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp RMB 4408 CAPE BRIDGEWATER Portland Vic 3305 Our Ref: GLH Matter No: 5126886 Your Ref:



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Dear Mr Smith

#### **ARBIRATION** - TELECOM

I refer to your telephone message of 4 May and your facsimiles of 4 and 5 May 1995 and advise I do not consider grounds exist for the introduction of new evidence or the convening of a hearing at this stage.

I reiterate that any comments regarding the factual content of the Resource Unit reports must be received by me in writing by 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday 9 May 1995.

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This information would have produced evidence of calls not being answered at the Camp, yet Telecom has suggested otherwise.

Mr Steve Black informs me there were no MCT on my line from August 1993, I have proof that there was, Telecom's own technical staff has said this interfered with the calls coming into the Camp, yet Telecom still had this device in operation. Data will show calls not getting through. CCAS Data miss calls, this can be checked by tracing Raw Data.

Telecom have not produced Bell Canada Data. Three lots of calls coming into the same PTARS.

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# CLAIM DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE CLAIMANT ON 18 AUGUST 1994

- In relation to the document (untitled and undated) which contains a table consisting of five columns and a further table which the Claimant has stated contains an example of some of the "Raw Data" which Telecom refused to give to Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp during this Arbitration Procedure:
  - Provide an explanation of how this document is relevant to the documentation submitted by the Claimant.
- (b) Provide details of other examples of the type of "Raw Data" which Telecom has refused to give Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp during this Arbitration Procedure.

Answer Question 1:

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- It is relevant to the extent that the Raw Data I believe proves technical issues. I believe production of all the Raw Data would benefit my claim.
- If Telecom produces Raw ELMI Data over a period of time, two weeks in May 1993 and 13 October 1992 to 30 October 1992. As I was at the Camp at the time of 13 October 1992 and Telecom lied about this monitoring being in use. I can show the Assessor four calls in a one day period which I did not receive. We go to the 28 October 1992. Produce the full Raw Data for this day and I will show how the ELMI registers in coming calls as incoming, yet they were not answered at the Camp.

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All Raw Data from May to July 1993. Raw Data which is on Telecom fault records. Check and you will see many CCAS and CCA7 data, which have not been provided.

A letter to Simon Chalmers from Dave Stockdale 11 January 1994, clearly shows Telecom A withheld information from my resource team (see attachment forwarded direct to

#### Answer Question 12:

The basis upon which it is alleged that Telecom failed to maintain Leopard records or any other fault records over a long period of time is the amount of times that people complained of the faults re the above and the subsequent details I have discovered since obtaining my F.O.I. and the material supplied to me by Telecom over the period of my dispute. I would of course refer you to Page 115 of the Austel Report through to 121 inclusive and in particular Sir I would point out 6.38 with reference to Coopers & Lybrand Report *"Telecom unreasonably used its inability to adequately document faults and tests for causes as a defence against claims."* Furthermore I refer you to Page 32 of my letter of claim where you will note that reference Page 1124 is clearly set out where Telecom admit that some files have simply disappeared or never existed. I would also ask you to read further through Page 34, 35 and 36, 37, 38.

Again, the amount of times people complained of faults re above. Palmer School Teacher, Gladys Crittenden, Lorreto College Ballarat. Sister Donellon complained, Telecom in reports about MELU; if complaints had of been received prior to 16 March 1992 then this RVA may have been in existent a lot longer. We have Palmer, Crittenden, my letters of complaints to 1100 as well as Hamilton. Where are those reports. Are these people lying.

Re my letters sent to Telecom in 1988. 1998-1991 re letter from Gladys Crittenden. She rang 1100 many times, yet not on fault report.

Robert Palmer rang 1100, yet no report of these calls being on fault reports.

Coopers & Lybrand indicated the same response of which the Cape Bridgewater Camp received.

Letters I have in Ref. 2001-2158. Some of these complaints were to 1100, yet Telecom has not sent these in my Freedom of Information. 1 69167

60 Minutes, TV Program contacted 1100, William Dutton Motel Portland contacted 1100 for Jim Constandinidis, Mrs Hancock of South Melbourne. These did not go on leopard fault. 6644 8

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11. In relation to pages 16 and 17:

The Claimant states that he "attached correspondence" from clients and other business operators in the Cape Bridgewater area which show that they also suffered severe fault conditions with their service from Telecom.

Provide details of the location in the Claim Documents of the "attached correspondence" **(a)** from clients and other business operators in the Cape Bridgewater area which show that they also suffered severe fault conditions with their service from Telecom.

#### **Answer Question 11:**

2093, 2108-2118 inclusive, 2075 and 2073. (8)

#### 12. In relation to page 17:

The Claimant has stated that Telecom failed to maintain Leopard records or any other fault records over a long period of time.

- State the basis upon which it is alleged that Telecom failed to maintain Leopard records (a) or any other fault records over a long period of time.
- State what documentation, if any, has been submitted by the Claimant to support the (ው) allegation that Telecom has failed to maintain Leopard records or any other fault records over a long period of time.

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28 June 1995

Strictly Confidential

Mr Alan Smith Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp Blowholes Road •RMB 4408 CAPE BRIDGEWATER VIC 3306

By facsimile: (055) 267 230

Dear Mr Smith

I refer to your recent correspondence.

So far as your request concerning the Bell Canada raw data is concerned, our file shows that on 15 August 1994 you asked the Arbitrator to direct Telecom to produce this information. On 16 August 1994 Dr Hughes asked Telecom for its reaction to your request so that he could consider appropriate directions on the matter. There is no indication on our file that Telecom responded. Nonetheless, on 25 August 1994 you provided statutory declarations to the Arbitrator to the effect that your claim documentation was complete.

Our file then shows that by letter dated 28 December 1994 you again formally requested the Arbitrator to require Telecom to provide the raw data associated with the Bell Canada testing. The Arbitrator wrote to Telecom that day enclosing a copy of your letter and requesting a submission in relation to your request. Telecom's submission, dated 13 January 1995, insofar as it related to your request for the raw data stated:

" Telecom located some of Bell Canada International's working documents which were thought to be in the possession of Bell Canada International but which were later found to have been left with Telecom staff in Australia.

Those working documents, insofar as they related to Mr Smith's business and fell within the scope of his FOI request of December 1993 were provided to Mr Smith under cover of my letter dated 21 October 1994. Mr Smith has previously been informed (by letter dated 15 December 1994 from Telecom to Mr Smith) that, as far as I am aware, all Bell Canada International's working documents (including raw data) in Telecom's possession have already been provided to him."

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Dr Hughes provided you with a copy of this submission on 23 January 1995, noting that Telecom did not consider it had any further information of relevance in its possession. Dr Hughes then invited you, within twenty-four hours, to respond to Telecom's submission. Our file does not indicate that you took the matter any further.

In other correspondence you refer to what you apparently now see as problems in the process of developing the Fast-Track Arbitration Procedure, an agreement which flowed from the Fast Track Settlement Proposal negotiated by AUSTEL and the parties in November 1993.

I understand that during that negotiation process Mr Schorer and Mrs Garms sought their own independent legal advice. Of course you had the opportunity to do likewise.

The Arbitration Procedure that was subsequently agreed to by all the parties set out a fair and realistic framework within which these longstanding disputes could be resolved.

The problems in the provision of documentation under FOI did cause delays in the progress of these arbitrations. However, as you are aware, this office has no jurisdiction over FOI, which is instead within the realm of the Commonwealth Ombudsman.

As you know, Dr Hughes took the view that it would assist neither the parties nor the process itself to insist on the adherence to submission deadlines when FOI applications by the claimants remained outstanding. It was not possible or appropriate for Dr Hughes or this office to play a more active role in the FOI issue.

Your concerns, only recently expressed, with the Arbitration Procedure appear to be based on the grounds that you had no guidance as to how to present your claim to the Arbitrator, in the face of the far greater resources available to Telstra for the preparation of its defence. Of course, in order to maintain the integrity and impartiality of the arbitration procedure, neither this office nor the Arbitrator could provide you with such guidance. Dr Hughes states in his Award that he took into account the fact that you formulated your claim submissions without legal representation. He also notes that he did not believe it would have been reasonable to expect you to present your claim in a manner similar to that which would have been adopted by a legal practitioner.

While you may be disappointed with the Arbitrator's findings as to the losses which flowed from the considerable technical difficulties for which Telecom was found liable, this should not detract from your justifiable sense of great achievement with regard to the technical findings.

The Arbitration process has run its course, and a final resolution has been achieved. There is nothing to be gained by revisiting issues which have been dealt with in the arbitration procedure. Neither Dr Hughes nor this office has any further role to play in the matters which gave rise to your dispute with Telecom which has now been resolved. 6655

However, if you do experience any further problems with your telecommunications services that are unrelated to the matters resolved by the arbitration procedure please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Yours sincerely

John Pinnock Ombudsman

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technical data to validate any of these test calls. Telecom has though, in their letter to Ms Cardiff, stated that, out of those 34,686 test calls only 106 failures occurred. However, in Telecom's own - Defence Documents, appendix 5 at 31, they state that the failure rate was 1,569.

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C.O.T. and its members, myself included, have asked Telecom repossedly to provide this technical data regarding these so called 'received calls' at our businesses and at test stations. Telecom has failed here at Cape Bridgewater to supply any data at all to validate even one set of test calls.

Further to my report on the Bell Canada testing it will be seen, from Telecum's own documents, that the NEAT testing was capturing (or should I say, was supposed to capture) all tests to my business. My question is, did Telecom have two sets of CC\$7 operating at the one time; one to my business and one to the PTARS at the RCM at Cape Bridgewater? Whichever, not one piece of CC\$7 data has been produced for my viewing.

Also in this Bell Canada report, again using Telecom's own documents, it will be seen that Telecom had raw ELMI tape testing at this business sent directly to AUSTEL, but I have not yet seen the raw tape data which was asked for some six months ago.

The claim that I have against Telecom is that I did not receive all the calls which were intended for this business. Telecom states that they were received on a percentage basis. Telecom says that I received clients, businesses and from Telecom themselves, stating that they could not make contact at will. Test calls were a part of Telecom's proof that these calls did get through.

Telecom used CCAS and CCS7 testing equipment to capture these test calls to present a pattern in a graph/table form, for their own NNI investigating teams. The proof is in the CCS7 data. If Telecom have been unable to provide any testing results or data to show that test calls did finish at the intended location, the PTARS RCM at Cape Bridgewater or this business, then Telecom have no defence.

Your letter of 23 January, 1995 specifically mentioned that you wanted to be sure that there was no confusion surrounding the CCS7 data; that the dates shown in Mr Benjamin's letter were not misunderstood. My request is once again presented in this letter: CCS7 data had to be used in this testing, it is shown in the Bell Canada Report as being used. Without these CCS7 test results it must be seen that either Telecom is hindering my case, or they fabricated the testing.

I leave this matter in your hands.

Sincerely,

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Alan Smith

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Her parting words were similar to "That's as far as I will go, Mr Smith it's up to you." Due to the stresses placed on me at the time, the fact that I felt that Telecom was threatening me with tying me up in legal action I took the settlement. I took this settlement because I believed Telecom at their word in respect to faults.

I now find that Telecom did have records of faults prior to June 1991. I find also that Telecom withheld documents from my hearing with Ms Pittard. I can also note the connotation of Ms Pittard's letter to Network Investigations, "I cannot comment on the variations between what Mr Smith was told on the settlement day and the contents of the Network files." I would state this, in closing, in respect to Ms Pittard's Statutory Declaration: I have been misled in not only the negotiations at the settlement in 1992, but I was also deceived in regard to my F.O.I. Application in 1992. How many unethical business transactions would Telecom expect me to swallow. When I showed that I had had enough I was cunningly transferred over to Freehill Hollingdale & Page where I was misled and deceived by them also. Perhaps, inadvertently, stress nearly won the day for Telecom. The fact that a fault report, via Freehill Hollingdale & Page Telecom's Response Unit, could take up to two weeks to get an answer mattered not to those in charge of Telecom Commercial. Breach of terms and conditions for the supply of a Telecom communication service has taken place.

Mr Arbitrator you would find that Telecom has been negligent in their dealings with my phone service and the actions of Ms Pittard in refusing me historical fault information prior to the settlement was not only negligent, misleading and deceptive, it was also unconscionable conduct. Mr Arbitrator you would also have to wonder about Ms Pittard's statement that I had unlimited use of a telephone and that she was aware that in her absence I made several telephone calls during the negotiation period. Was Ms Pittard that concerned about me that she had this telephone monitored?

Statement Two - Ross Stewart Anderson

I would address the following issues in respect to the defence statement of Mr Anderson.

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A. At point 4 Mr Anderson indicates that I took over telephone service 055 267267 on the 6 April 1988 at the Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp from the previous owner. In fact, as I have previously statement at page 10 of my original letter of claim dated 12 June 1994 I took over Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp in February 1988 and thus the telephone service.

I make mention of this due to my correspondence to Telecom in 1989, in part addressing the problems I had with Telecom in having them recognise my business as a commercial service. Refer documents 2104 to 2106 of the Cape Bridgewater Assessment Submission 7/6/94.

B. At point 5, acknowledgment is made of faults on 1100 having been experienced. Previously Telecom have denied that any correspondence exists in regard to this reference document 1289 Cape Bridgewater Assessment Submission 7/6/94.

I now note at Section 25 of the Telecom defence document Appendix file number 5 they have managed to locate details of six faults in 1988 and two faults in 1989 for 055 267267. You will note the same document refers to fault on my Gold phone 055 267260 a month after installation in August 1988.

C. At points 8, 9 and 10 a reference is made only to 1992 onwards. I am concerned about the accuracy of Telecom's statements about documentation in respect to the years prior to 1992 due to the above paragraph B.

Technicians from Portland certainly attended my premises on a myriad of occasions prior to this. Due to Mr Anderson's early statement at point 2 that he has been at Portland for twenty two years, I would request that you undertake inquiries to establish the technician's records of service for the Cape Bridgewater area prior to and during my time at Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp. Surely Mr Anderson or Mr Bloomfield or other technicians could give evidence on oath as to the problem they have attended to with the Cape Bridgewater area.

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D. Please refer to page 2/3 with a heading Answering Machine. I have previously explained the answering machine in my letter of claim document dated 12/6/94 at pages 45 to 46.

I do not agree with the account by Mr Anderson, at point 13 where he states that I did not have the Instruction Booklet because the answering machine had been given to me. I can say that I purchased the answering machine from Portland Bulk Store new and I now enclose the Instruction Booklet. If Mr Anderson had asked for the booklet he would have been provided with the same. I believe that Mr Anderson has fabricated this evidence to suit Telecom's defence.

The statements of Mr Anderson at point 11 also seem strange in that he would have a test call made, on his account, by Mr Crease for the length of thirty seconds on the first occasion prior to hearing any click. This would therefore suggest that he did not have any evidence before him at the time to even consider the answering machine as the problem. I would note that all of the test calls made to my premises have been short duration three, four, five ring calls and I believe Mr Anderson should be made to clarify his statement and to produce any contemporaneous notes in regard to his allegations.

E. In regard to the cordless phone allegations at page 14 to 21 inclusive, I would simply deny the accuracy and substance of the same. I can state that I only had the cordless phone for a period of three months and during that time I had two different phones (at separate times) on the advice of Mr Ray Morris. I would refer you to F.O.I. document A09452 in regard to Loveys Restaurant (another C.O.T. case). It would appear Telecom are, as I have previously stated in my Letter of Claim dated 12/6/94 page 44, eager to place the fault on customer equipment.

In my submission you would put no weight on point 26 of the statement in relation to the Gold phone. This is uncorroborated, unqualified and not substantiated in the defence documentation.

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- F. I have not left my fax on auto simply due to the fact that I use 055 267230 for outgoing calls. My facsimile machines (two) have been both new and have been installed by professionals. The first facsimile machine was installed by Mark Ross of Telecom and the second machine was installed by Greg from Retravision in Portland. Mr Anderson states in relation to my facsimile line 055 267230 that Portland technicians have attended my premises on at least five occasions. Mr Anderson has neglected to mention his own difficulty in sending facsimiles whilst he attended at my business.
- G. Businesses at Cape Bridgewater. I would draw your attention to the matters at point 37 of Mr Anderson's statement which in my view are questionable.

I have made inquiries and established that none of the "alleged" commercial enterprises or business persons are in the Yellow Pages Directory of Telecom, as a Cape Bridgewater business.

Further, I would bring to your attention that Mr Anderson's "knowledge" at point 38 is questionable. Mr Anderson does not supply the service records and fault histories of these telephone numbers to support his statement. Unfortunately, I would suggest for Telecom, I have located in the defence documents, (please refer to Appendix 5 numbers 19 and 20), fault records that indicate a number of these services have experienced faults. In particular Mr Anderson's "personal friend", Mr Wilson, reported eight faults on both lines between January and March of 1994.

Mr LePage reported five faults between March and May of 1994. Mr Blacksell reported five faults between October 1992 and May 1994. Further, I find that the Seaview Guest House that opened in 1994 (267217) has reported five faults between March 1994 and July of 1994.

The records of faults only cover brief periods of time, that is 3 three month quarters of a period of three years from August 1991 until September 1994. Refer Appendix 4 number 30, Appendix 5 number 20, Appendix 3 number 46, Cape Bridgewater Submission Number Two reference AI Cobpack Adhoc Request.

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Therefore records of nine of these three month periods are missing. How many faults are there? You will note that my Submission of Cape Bridgewater Number Two shows thirty faults from 13 January 1992 to 14 August 1992. There are also sixteen faults shown between April and May of 1993.

You would note of course from reference 1145 of my Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp Assessment dated the 12 June 1994 that on the 4 June 1993 Telecom have sixteen pages of faults between the 2 April 1993 and the 4 June 1993. The eight pages I have previously referenced above contain one hundred and sixteen faults with obviously nine of the twelve quarters missing. If we take into account that document 1145 shows sixteen pages for a two month period, then I would believe you would conclude that the equation would be that for every quarter there are one hundred and sixteen faults shown. The period of my claim is over six years therefore  $24 \times 116 = 2,784$  complaints from sixty seven to eighty consumers.

I believe you would conclude a serious doubt hangs over the statements by Telecom's senior "knowledgeable" technicians for the Cape Bridgewater area.

Mr Arbitrator I would refer you to Page 5 of Mr Anderson's statement with the title Incident with Portland to Cape Bridgewater RCM System Number One 8 March 1994. I would ask that you cross reference this particular incident with the Witness Statement of Mr Banks. At point 13 Mr Banks states that lightning affected the RCM at Cape Bridgewater in late November 1992. Mr Banks however fails to conclude that this fault appeared not to be fixed until late January 1993. I would refer you in this regard to Telecom Defence Appendix 1 at 11 documents D402 on the 9 February 1993. I would also point out in Mr Banks' statements he fails to mention that just seven days prior on the 2 March 1993 that he had found several problems with the RCM System Mr Smith was previously connected to. Mr Banks has not shown the above fault to be of much significance and I would ask the Resource Team to combine further evidence that the lightning strikes mentioned by Mr Banks and in this statement of Mr Anderson are significant. In this regard I would refer you to Telecom Defence document Appendix 5 at 32 at number R01447.

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This document states that on the week ending 11 September 1992 another lightning strike has damaged the PTARS.

In this regard Mr Arbitrator I would ask that the Resource Team pay particular attention to the article Can We Fix The Can Appendix Cape Bridgewater 2 Page 79 re lightning strikes. I would quote directly from this article:-

"Lightning strikes are being encouraged by our own actions. Our focus is on quickly getting to the fault rather than preventing the fault. As a result we are ensuring that we get hit by lightening far more often."

Mr Arbitrator apart from drawing the obvious conclusion that Telecom have had a serious problem with lightning strikes in the Cape Bridgewater area for the entire period of my claim, it would appear to be somewhat concerning that Mr Anderson pays particular attention to his statement in all eight pages, however when it comes to lightning he refers to one minor issue on the 8 March 1994, you will note that Mr Anderson is a person who has been with Telecom in Portland for 22 years. You would have to consider that there is a glaring breach of the duty of care or that there is negligence and misleading and deceptive conduct on the part of Telecom and its employees at Portland in not recognising the problems concerned.

Mr Arbitrator I would submit that this particular incident on page 5 of Mr Anderson's statement would have you wondering and would be one particular issue that your Resource Team would want to pay particular attention to. Not only can't Telecom acknowledge their problems but would like to remove the blame into the simplest category that they can. Mr Arbitrator as a result of what Mr Anderson is saying in regard to heat, cooling and moisture you would ask that your Resource Team examine the possibility that the Cape Bridgewater RCM was affected by moisture over the entire period of my claim. Due to the fact that it would appear that the RCM could not be properly sealed I would suggest that you would have to draw the appropriate conclusions based on what I consider would be necessary investigations into this aspect of Telecom's defence.



Mr Arbitrator I would refer you to point 30 in Mr Anderson's statement and I believe that this again shows that Mr Anderson has an ability to not completely represent the true picture of events. Mr Anderson states he organised test calls from Ballarat to 267267 and I would point out that he failed to mention that these calls did not get answered. A note Ross Anderson states several test calls were made and the 267267 telephone rang. Ross Anderson was at my business. It would appear strange he didn't take the trouble to answer those seventeen test calls. Dr Hughes like the time with my answering machine and my cordless machine, things did not register correctly. I ask the Resource Team to check my 008 account for those seventeen test calls and note that I was charged for those calls yet the conversation time ranged from two seconds to five seconds.

Ross Anderson has clarified one thing in his statement, the telephone rang ok, he never mentioned he answered the test calls, how could he have a two second conversation or a five second conversation with a fellow Telecom technician.

I have continually complained to Telecom, Austel that I have been incorrectly charged for my phone service. This is just one of many incidents where there is proof yet still denied by the powers to be within Telstra.

#### Statement 3 - David John Stockdale

I would argue that Mr Stockdale's assessment of RVA problems at points 9 through 12 inclusive is understating the problem. I refer you to pages 14, 15 and 16 of my Second Report of Cape Bridgewater. I doubt if Telecom really know the periods of this fault and I suggest investigations and evidence already presented in my Submission confirm recorded voice announcements throughout the period of my claim. It is interesting that Mr Stockdale mentions only one fault of substance was found to be a problem on my service. If this is the case then Rosanna Pittard, Telecom General Manager Commercial Victoria/Tasmania has badgered me into a settlement of \$80,000.00 for one fault of substance. Perhaps by this arrangement Ms Pittard has set a precedent. I consider that you would find throughout your investigations that I certainly had considerably more than one fault of substance.

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FAX FROM:	ALAN SMITH	FAX TO: Mr John Pinnock
*	Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp	TIO Melbourne, Victoria.
	Portland 3305	DATE: 9.3.99
FAX NO:	03 55 267 265	NUMBER OF PAGES (including this page)
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Dear Mr Pinnock,

The enclosed copy of a fax and attachments dated 9.3.99, to Senator Ian Campbell, is forwarded for your information.

As you can see from this one example, my fax problems continued for some considerable time after the completion of my arbitration.

My main concern is not with the phone/fax line to my residence, since I have only experienced two fax faults since I connected the fax machine to this line. What does seriously concern me, however, are all the problems I experienced with the fax line prior to July of 1998, when it was not uncommon to lose faxes on a regular basis, even after my arbitration had completed.

I certainly hope that Senator Campbell can understand how significantly my business has been damaged as a result of these matters not being correctly addressed.

Sincerely,

Alan Smith

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FAX FROM:	ALAN SMITH Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp	FAX TO: SENATOR IAN CAMPBELL C/O MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY		
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**Dear Senator Campbell**,

In the course of preparing my last fax to you, as I watched the last draft arriving via my fax from my secretarial agency, the fax began to ring, even though a fax was rolling through. The fax from the secretarial agency stopped and a totally different fax, from my barrister in Melbourne, began to appear. The phone rang again and the barrister's fax stopped. The last pages of the fax from my secretarial agency then arrived. In other words, on a continuous strip of fax paper I have two pages from my secretarial agency then two pages from my barrister and another three (the covering faxes to the three cc's listed on your fax) from the agency.

I find this quite confusing. How can my fax machine have accepted two separate calls from two different addresses but at the same time? How could it be that the fax/phone actually rang as if a call was coming in when the second caller should have received an engaged signal?

All this is even more ironic when we remember that I was in the process of preparing my fax to you and that this fax was specifically related to past fax problems I had experienced!

So, I now have a continuous piece of fax paper showing the mix-up of these two different faxes and a print-out of my fax journal records which shows these faxes arriving consecutively. The fax journal also indicates a '490' fault had occurred with one of the faxes from the agency and one from the barrister. According to my fax manual, a '490' fault indicates 'received data has too many errors'. The manual suggests that this should be checked with the 'other party'. When these faxes were later re-sent to me there were no problems.

I have to now ask: How many faults are Telstra customers expected to accept?

**Alan Smith** 

copies tó: Mr John Wynack Commonwealth Ombudsman's Office, Canberra Senator Kim Carr Labor Party, Canberra Senator Ron Boswell National Party, Canberra

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DAVID HAWKER MP

27 February 1998

Mr Alan Smith Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp Blowholes Road RMB 4408 PORTLAND VIC 3305

Dear Alan

Thank you very much for the material recently forwarded to my office.

I will be writing to the Minister for Communications asking him to carefully examine your claims.

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Federal Member for Wannon

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DAVID HAWKER MP

FEDERAL MEMBER FOR WANNON

16 October 1998

Mr John Pinnock Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman Box 18098 Collins Street East MELBOURNE VIC 8003

Dear Mr Pinnock

Please find enclosed correspondence I have received from my constituent, Mr Alan Smith of Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp, Portland, 3305.

I would appreciate your assistance in resolving Mr Smith's complaint.

I look forward to receiving your advice in due course.

Yours sincerely

HAWKER, MP

Federal Member for Wannon

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#### COT CASES - ALAN SMITH

Following a Departmental restructuring I am now the Manager of Consumer and Pricing Section, replacing Ms O'Grady. I understand that my team has frequent contact with your office concerning various consumer complaints.

We have been referred correspondence from one of the COT cases - Mr Alan Smith who has written to the Treasurer. I understand he also sent you a copy.

Previous advice from your office concerning Mr Smith was to the effect that you were still considering whether or not you would investigate his claim of overcharging on his 1800 number.

I would be grateful if you could advise the status of the TIO's investigation into Mr Smith's claim of overcharging - I understand this matter has been before the TIO for some years.

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**Mark Dunstone** 

# ALAN SMITH

Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp Blowholes Road, RMB 4408 Portland, 3305, Vic, Aust. Phone: 03 55 267 267 Fax: 03 55 267 265

9 May 2000

Mr John Pinnock Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman Exhibition St Melbourne, 3000

Dear Mr Pinnock,

## Arbitration: Telstra v Alan Smith

After reading copies of correspondence I have received from your office in the past, a number of impartial persons have suggested that you knowingly misled the parties you were writing to at the time. Attached documents A1 to A11 are just some samples of these letters which show that, as late as 23 February 1999, a number of elected Federal politicians were still of the opinion that you were investigating my claims regarding overcharging on my phone and fax services.

Not only were these claims never addressed during my arbitration procedure (refer attachment A5) but Telstra's comments regarding whether or not they addressed these incorrect charging issues have never been released by your office. Evidence at hand proves beyond any doubt that the arbitrator, Dr Gordon Hughes, acted in concert with Telstra during my arbitration to ensure that my evidence of systemic billing problems in the Telstra network would not be recorded. This meant that the issues relating to billing problems, which I raised as part of my claim, were not included in the arbitrator's written findings.

Your correspondence to me indicates that you were aware of the continuing systemic billing problems relating to my phone system and that you were aware of how this affected the normal running of my business, even after the completion of my arbitration. Your correspondence also confirms that you knew that the problems had not been rectified, as they should have been, according to the rules of my arbitration procedure. Since these problems clearly continued after my arbitration it is obvious that the issues were therefore not correctly addressed during that process.

Attachments A6 and A7 indicate that you are also fully aware that, three years after Dr Hughes had handed down his 'award', your office raised with him the question of whether or not he had addressed the 1800 and gold phone issues in his award. Further, your office was provided with a legal opinion, from your own legal counsel, which confirmed that Dr Hughes did NOT address these incorrect charging issues in his written findings, as he should have, according to the rules of the Fast Track Arbitration Procedure.

You are also aware that Mr Ted Benjamin, Telstra's Customer Liaison officer during my arbitration, authorised the disconnection of my gold phone customer service in December 1995, because I had refused to pay a phone account of more than \$2,000. Telstra's own records have conclusively shown that this account had been incorrectly calculated and had charged for calls that were never successfully connected. This evidence was supported by letters from my customers who wrote of their experiences when trying, unsuccessfully, to make calls from the gold phone. It is even more alarming to note that Telstra has still not reconnected this gold phone service.

My submission to your office in March/April of 1997, which was supported by copies of Telstra's own internal data (obtained under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*), proves conclusively that the fault was not with my gold phone but was caused by the Telstra network into Cape Bridgewater (RCM System One).

I am not the only person to provide your office with conclusive evidence that, prior to, during and after my arbitration was deemed to have been completed, faxes sent from my office were still not all reaching their intended destination. Again Telstra was notified, both by your office and by me, regarding this problem and yet, in August 1998, while the matter was still under investigation by your office, Telstra unlawfully disconnected my fax service line (55 267 230) because I refused to pay for these disputed unsuccessful transactions.

Attachment A1 shows that Mr James Cameron, from Senator Alston's office, was under the impression that you had agreed that my previously raised concerns regarding overcharging on my 1800 phone line and on my fax line were warranted (paragraph two, page one). Mr Cameron indicates in this letter that he believed you would write to me regarding the outcome of your investigations. It is now fourteen months since Mr Cameron wrote his letter and I have still not received this document from your office.

Attachment A11, a letter dated 27 February 1998, from Senator Richard Alston to David Hawker MP, refers to a visit made by Telstra to my office in January 1998. The Telstra people who made this visit were Lyn Chisholm and Phil Carless. This visit, to discuss my evidence regarding incorrect charging, was witnessed by a retired Bank Manager from Portland. Both Ms Chisholm and Mr Carless acknowledged that the material I produced for this meeting was authentic. This same material has also been assessed by technical communication experts and acknowledged as factual. With all this evidence in place, why then have I not received a response regarding your investigations into these matters, which were raised with your office?

Why did you allow Telstra to unlawfully disconnect my business fax service in August 1998 when you office had received information from my customers before that, in June and July 1998, detailing the problems they had experienced when I had attempted to send faxes to them from May 1995 (after my arbitration was 'completed') and onward? Why haven't you told Senator Alston's office that, due to the disconnection of my fax service in August 1998, I have been forced to use my residential phone line to send and receive business documents?

Further evidence which I submitted as claim documents under the arbitration proved conclusively that not only were some of the 1800 incoming calls being incorrectly charged by Telstra but many of these calls were also being illegally diverted to someone with access to Telstra's network.

If you were truly impartial, as is expected from an Ombudsman, you would investigate the documents I have. These documents confirm all of my allegations, including my allegations regarding calls that were illegally diverted before they reached my business. These documents also confirm that, during one three-month period, at least eighty-six of the calls which were diverted (and therefore did not reach me) were also charged by Telstra as successfully connecting to my business.

Try living with this type of evidence for five years, Mr Pinnock. Try living with further evidence which shows that Mr Ray Bell, a Telstra employee, knowingly conjured up and then submitted a fraudulent Telstra arbitration defence document. In this document Mr Bell falsely stated that the lock up faults on my TF200 fax/phone service were caused by 'wet and sticky' beer which had been spilt inside the phone, inferring that my alcoholic drinking habits were to blame. Evidence received from Telstra under FOI, and then provided to your office since my arbitration, proves that Mr Bell was fully aware that his TF200 report was to be fraudulently submitted by Telstra in their defence of my claims, which had been lodged under arbitration. Mr Bell is still employed by Telstra, in the same special products laboratory from where he produced this fraudulent report. This makes a mockery of my arbitration and the Australian legal system. Mr Bell continues on his merry way, without being charged, because both your office and my arbitrator failed to address Telstra's unlawful conduct during my arbitration. This leaves me wondering if the person or persons responsible for the illegal phone diversion is also still employed by Telstra, perhaps in charge of a service department similar to Ray Bell. Could it be that this person is still diverting my calls, even now? Since this issue was never correctly addressed, how will I ever know? Try also living with this doubt for five years, Mr Pinnock.

Finally, I would be interested to know if your office intends to inform Senator Alston's office of the outcome of the investigations your office is allegedly making into the incorrect charging issues relating to my telephone service. I would also like to know if you intend to investigate why Telstra disconnected my phone service while your office was still investigating my valid complaint.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Alan Smith

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5th May 1993

Mr Allan Smith RMB 4408 CAPE BRIDGEWATER 3306

Dear Allan

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u≊ Hj.⊘ This is just a short note to thank you for the use of your lovely Holiday Camp at Cape Bridgewater last week. The students and staff had a wonderful time and the weather was especially kind to us. We also appreciated your assistance with the program, the catering and the meals.

The one drawback which you must try and do something about is the telephone. Many parents were anxious when their children failed to contact them on arrival. They had expressed concern about the long drive and we assured them that we would let them know when we reached camp. Unfortunately the Gold phone was not operational and we did not want students using your private phone as we were aware of the important calls you were expecting.

It is essential that a telephone is available to a camping group at all times in case an emergency develops when you are not on the site. Please emphasise the importance of this to Telecom as an unreliable service will prove extremely detrimental to your operation at Cape Bridgewater.

On behalf of the whole group and especially the staff, thankyou once again for your generosity and co-operation. I wish you success in your ventures. If you are interested in further feedback re improvements to the site, I would be happy to discuss our thoughts with you if you have some spare time when next in Melbourne.

Yours sincerely

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Russ Geddes Outdoor Education Co-ordinator

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Mr Smith's claim is based on his complaints made during the period that Telecom was, effectively, failing to fulfil its universal service obligations and was providing an inadequate quality of standard telephone service. His complaints have been made in terms like:

- phones do not ring when [holiday camp] customers call
- [holiday camp] customers receive a "busy" tone when phones are not engaged
- calls placed to the holiday camp "drop out"
- recorded voice announcements inform callers that phones are disconnected when they are not.

Telecom recorded and responded to Mr. Smith's complaints in a variety of ways. But Mr Smith did not express his satisfaction--in fact, in his claim of June 1994, he refers [p 3] to "the continuing problems that I am experiencing" and states that "my phone service is still operating at a totally deficient level." The alleged faults were not rectified up to the time of the claim.

Telecom, as the sole universal service carrier for Australia (both before and after the Telecommunications Act), has no alternative but to "ensure that a standard telephone service is reasonably accessible to all people in Australia on an equitable basis." This spirit is confirmed by Telecom in the letter to Mr Smith of 1 September 1992: "Should this investigation identify any faults in the Telecom component of your service they will be rectified in accordance with normal practice." And again in Telecom's letter to Mr Smith of 18 September 1992: "We believe that the quality of your telephone service can be guaranteed and although it would be impossible to suggest that there would never be a service problem we could see no reason why this should be a factor in your business endeavours." And again in Telecom's letter to Mr Smith of 25 May 1993: "Telecom Australia endeavours to provide at all times the telecommunications services in respect of which a customer has made application..." (Copies of the letters are attached.)

We have reviewed the specific faults reported, based exclusively on the sources of information listed at the end of the Technical Report. Were they Telecom's faults? Whether they were Telecom's faults or not, what action did Telecom take to rectify them, (or refer them to others, if they were not Telecom's faults), and in what timeframes? Was there appropriate management of network operations, fault logging, and network monitoring? Was the customer appropriately handled, considering the intensity and long duration of his complaint?

Our investigations of the documentation and the site focused only on the technical issues which might have affected the level of service, which we take to include:

design of the network-i.e., was the network correctly configured and was the design (and capacity planning) process sufficient to give a reasonable level of service?

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DMR Group Inc. and Lane Telecommunications Pty Ltd

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29 June 2001

Mr David Thompson Case Manager Customer Relations Telstra Locked Bag 4170 Melbourne 3000

Re Goldphone 055 267 260

Dear Mr Thompson,

There may well be a new breed of upstanding, honest-beyond-reproach Australian employees at Telstra and no doubt you are one of these. Some of your predecessors, however, have proved to be very difficult to deal with in relation to my complaints, particularly people like Rod Pollock and Ted Benjamin, to name just two. Both Mr Pollock and Mr Benjamin lied or misled me on a number of occasions; they also changed documents to suit Telstra's position.

On 23 November 1993 I signed an agreement with Telecom/Telstra to have an assessor value my outstanding telephone complaints. Included in this agreement was a clause which stated that, before the assessor could bring down an award, Telecom/Telstra must rectify all the telephone faults that I had proved were in existence until then.

On 11 May 1995 my assessor brought down his award, even though he was fully aware that Telstra had not rectified the ongoing phone faults that were occurring on my phone lines. During the assessment and arbitration processes, Telstra pretended to repair the faults and then, in September and October of 1994, carried out a verification testing procedure. An independent witness has since prepared a statutory declaration regarding the fact that Telstra technicians could not get their verification equipment to function correctly on the days this testing was supposed to have taken place. I have also written to the assessor/arbitrator regarding this same matter. Telstra, however, still supplied the arbitrator and Austel/ACA with a report confirming that the verification testing was a success.

By mid June 1995, my Goldphone service (one of the services supposedly tested by Telstra) was either still taking my customer's money but not connecting them to the party they had called or, on those rare occasions when the connection actually worked, the line dropped out only a few seconds later.

I fought for justice from Telstra for six years before finally reaching arbitration. That arbitration then took eighteen months to 'complete'. During this time, as a direct result of the phone problems my business suffered and the enormous amount of time and  $\checkmark$ 

effort I was forced to allocate to preparing my claims against Telstra, customer numbers dwindled. Over the same period however my Gold Phone account increased. By the time this service was disconnected by Telstra in December 1995, I had used Telstra's own data to prove, for the arbitration, beyond all doubt, that the fault was not with the phone, but was within the Telstra network.

The Hon. Senator Richard Alston is aware that some of Telstra's employees altered documentation before it was sent to the Casualties of Telstra (COT) claimants under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act. The claimants needed to have these documents, in their original, un-tampered-with state, to support their arbitration claims.

Since my arbitrator brought down his award, I have obtained documents under FOI which prove that, during their defence of my claims, not only did Telstra tamper with FOI documents but they also fabricated at least one technical report. I can only assume this was accomplished by Telstra's defence unit so that the arbitrator and his technical unit would not have to investigate the continuing fax faults my business was still experiencing, even though the verification testing was supposed to have repaired the faults.

If you are in any doubt about this fabricated report I can arrange for a copy of an opinion, provided by an independent technical consultant, which states that Telstra produced this fraudulent report in an attempt to pervert the course of justice. This is only one example of many ways that Telstra has attempted to interfere with a legal process during my arbitration but even this single example must lead us to ask why I now have to provide documentation to prove that I am right. Surely Telstra has an obligation to produce their own documentation to show how they calculated the amount they allege I now owe on my Gold Phone account.

I look forward to hearing that Telstra has provided this information to David Hawker MP.

Sincerely,

Alan Smith

Copies to: David Hawker MP, Federal Member for Wannon and other parties.



#### 1.3 Customer Access Network (CAN) Testing

During this period, when complaints were made, Mr Smith's CAN and CPE were tested and/or changed (including replacement of private cable), with NFF (no fault found) being generally reported with "no subsequent action being required," though we observe that in Telecom's Network Management Philosophy of 9 December 1994 [p 8] "effective network management relies on the detection of patterns of incidents which identify a probable network abnormality. It may take time for information about a number of incidents to accumulate to allow a problem to be traced and corrected." And Telecom's briefing paper B004, 12/12/94, page 80 in reference to Mr Smith states of Nonstandard faults (NSF) "details held in service plus records/scratch pad records." In any case, it would appear, as detailed above, that the problems were predominantly in the network (exchange, IEN). Testing was not highlighting these conditions, as it was generally conducted out of the busy periods. However, reading of the exchange congestion meters (which was regularly performed) should (and did) highlight the situation. During this period 12 fault calls were logged on the Telecom fault report system, although there appear to be several not logged (e.g. 14th August 1991 - refer B004/5 sections 23, 24).

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#### 2. Period Post 21 August 1991

The significance of 21 August 1991 is that the exchange configuration was changed (to configuration 'B'), that is, 'individual derived services via an RCM unit to the Portland new AXE exchange'.

2.1 This should (and did) relieve the link congestion problem Portland to CB. However, subsequently, congestion may have occurred in other links (refer to 2.17).

#### 2.2 Various RCM (Transmission Equipment) Faults

There were consistent problems with the RCM system. Mr Smith's services were carried on RCM No 1 until 24 February 1993. This system had a track record of problems, and the RCM system components were the subject of several design corrections (Work Specifications). These issues were likely to cause a range of problems (as reported) over the period August 1991 to February 1993 (a period of 18 months) when Mr Smith's services were transferred off RCM 1 and service improved. Specific problems caused are covered in later paragraphs (ref: 2.8, 2.9, 2.21).

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DMR Group Inc and Lane Telecommunications Pty Ltd "Congestion could have been experienced by callers due to a combination of the two faults indicated above and the volume of test calls being generated by Telecom to locate faults. I understand that some of your customers expressed this condition as 'getting busy tone' when you were not using the telephone."

2.8 RCM 1 Failure due to Lightning Strike 21 November 1992 Affected Service for Four Days

A lightning strike on 21 November damaged the Cape Bridgewater RCM equipment: Telecom received 22 customer complaints from CB customers for No dial tone, No ring received, noisy. No complaint was identified from CBHC, however RCM 1 was affected, and this was the unit CBHC services were on. The condition affected services for 4 days, before restorative action was taken, which may have been less than successful, refer 2.9.

# 2.9 Various Call Problems for 50-70 Days

Network 'reception' breaks during STD calls - (reported 6 January 1993 - fault occurred two-to-three weeks prior to this).

Believed to be network problems (ref B004 1/4), and occurring in RCM 1 - RCM 1 was reporting a large number of degraded minutes--i.e., minutes in which verror ratio is worse than 1 in  $10^{-6}$  (ref B004 1/4 internal letter of 12 July 1993 reporting on this matter).

Problems had been occurring for some time (such as, clicking, breaks in transmission, and callers not getting through). Mr Smith's services (with the exception of the Goldphone) were transferred to RCM systems 2 and 3 on 24 February 1993. Mr Smith's services were affected for at least 50 days (probably 70 days) whilst the RCM problems were tracked down. Telecom initially investigated CAN with NFF, but subsequent investigations 'revealed 4 problems with the CB RCM' - i.e., it was a network problem (refer to the copies of correspondence dated 12 July 1993, and further system difficulties occurring early in 1994 - 2.21.).

Telecom Pair Gains Support expert group (E-mail of 5/3/93 from RM) found on RCM 1:

"Major problem, faulty termination of resistors on bearer block protection" this is believed to be protection against lightning strikes, and the problem could have been in place since the repair due to the strike of 21 November, and "another (problem) caused by non modification to channel cards" - that is, modification to correct design faults (as detailed in Work Specifications) had not been carried out.

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DMR Group Inc and Lane Telecommunications Pty Ltd 25 August, 1998



Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman

John Pinnock Ombudsman

#### TIO Ref: D/98/3

Mr Alan Smith Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp RMB 4408 PORTLAND VIC 3305

Dear Mr Smith

I have considered the material which you have recently sent to the Deputy Ombudsman, regarding the non-receipt of documents by the Arbitrator. I would remind you however, of the completion of the arbitration in May, 1995 and confirm my repeated advice to you, which I have also provided to the Department of Communications, Information Economy and the Arts. I am unable to now consider these matters.

The only issues that I am considering, as the former Administrator of your Arbitration, are the alleged overcharging for your 1800 service and matters pertaining to your Gold Phone service, and whether they were considered in the final award. The Deputy Ombudsman has taken up these issues with the Arbitrator of your case, as I believe you have been informed.

Yours sincerely

JOHN PINNOCK OMBUDSMAN

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### Dear Mr Pinnock,

Just five days after my award was handed down I was rushed to hospital by ambulance. I was kept there for five days as a result of stress which was directly related to my Arbitration. I had produced irrefutable evidence to support my allegations against Telstra and yet those in charge of my Arbitration insisted I was wrong and down-played the losses I had suffered. They had their own agenda and their own terms of reference that the COT four were not aware of when we signed for Arbitration.

The day after I returned home from my hospital stay (in May 1995) I received two phone calls within hours of each other: the first from John Rundell of Ferrier Hodgson, the man who has since admitted that, on instructions from Dr Hughes, the Arbitrator, he took a large section out of his completed financial report on my losses and the second from Paul Howell of DMR, Canada.

## John Rundell of Ferrier Hodgson

I had only spoken to Mr Rundell once before this, during an oral hearing, 11 October 1994. When he rang in May 1995 he told me that, 'although the Award was not what you had expected, you should get on with your life, show them what you can achieve and put the past behind you'. Although these may not be his exact words, I swear on all that I hold dear that it is as close as it can be, under the circumstances.

## Paul Howell of DMR, Canada.

As I have said, Mr Howell rang me a few hours later, on the same day. I had never met Mr Howell, nor had I ever spoken to him previously but his supposedly independent findings covered my claim documents.

During this phone discussion, Mr Howell told me that 'this had been the worst process he had ever been party to'. He also commented that 'this would never have happened in North America'. Again I note that this is as close as it can be to his words at the time.

I believe both these men rang me, believing me to be sicker than I actually was, in an effort to clear their consciences.

A copy follows of an article taken from the Melbourne Age Newspaper, dated 28 March, 1997. As you know, the COT claimants were concerned when Lane Telecommunications were brought out by Pacific Star. Our concerns were:

- 1. Lanes were the Technical Unit attached to our Arbitrations
- 2. Pacific Star was a major player associated with Telstra
- 3. Lanes had COT claim material at their fingertips material that had taken years of individual research and which proved that there were serious faults in the Network and that we had suffered severely from incorrect charging to our phone services.

We believed that these three points raised serious conflict of interest issues. Apparently your office did not agree with us.

The second attachment following this letter is a copy of your letter dated 28 November 1995. You can see from this letter that David Read did not agree with my evidence and neither did Peter Gamble of Telstra. I can assure you that what David Read told you about this conversation is quite wrong. In fact, while these two were at Cape Bridgewater I told them that they could find evidence of incorrect charging in the Telstra Network in the two bound volumes of documents I had submitted to the Arbitrator on these matters.

From your letter it seems that, now that Lanes Telecommunications is a part of Pacific Star it appears that David Read and Lanes have changed their views on the incorrectly charged calls. How could David Read and Paul Howell state, in their technical report, that they only found one four-day fault and one eleven-day fault on my Goldphone line (055 267 260), in the entire six and a half years? From this assessment they stated that Telstra had provided a reliable service.

For your information I have attached a small sample of the documents I have acquired under FOI. These documents, which were submitted as part of my claim, clearly show that DMR / Lanes were criminally wrong in their assessment.

ATTACHMENT 1.

Documents supplied by George Close: Telstra's own data shows massive faults.

ATTACHMENT 2. Documents I supplied: Telstra's own data shows massive faults.

ATTACHMENT 3. Assorted other documents: customers' letters etc.

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Mr Pinnock, this Goldphone was disconnected in December 1995. Why should Telstra cut off my phone when all I did was stand up for democracy and when their own data supports my allegations, even though David Read and Paul Howell have ignored this? You should be asking why these two men lied instead of telling me my Arbitration is over.

An independent professional has analysed your past correspondence to me and her opinion is that you have a bias in favour of Dr Hughes and his resource unit, which you may not be aware of. According to this third person, your letters indicate (even if you are not aware of it) that you had knowledge that the Arbitrations of the COT claimants were not conducted according to the rules which we believed we signed for. It also appears from your letters that the terms of reference which were agreed to by the Arbitrator, Telstra and your office were agreed to without the knowledge of the members of COT. Regardless, I have now placed enough evidence before you, particularly over the past few weeks, to suggest that the technical resource unit of DMR and Lanes were not impartial. The Goldphone CCAS document also support the information I have already forwarded to your office 22 March 1997. I am now told that the number I had for my Goldphone has been allocated to another of Telstra's clients in Cape Bridgewater. It would seem that my stand for democracy and my attempt to have my claims correctly addressed was all in vain.

There are still many documents which Telstra has not released under FOI. In the past, Elmi raw data has supported my allegations regarding incorrectly charged calls in the Telstra Network and yet not all these Elmi (and CCS7) documents have been supplied. This nonsupply of FOI documents has seriously affected the preparation of my claim. For this reason, a copy of this letter will be forwarded to Mr Tony Morgan of GAB Robins who is currently assessing the effect of Telstra's defective administration of FOI requests.

A copy will also be forwarded to Mr Armstrong, Telstra's Legal Department and to Mr Wynack of the Commonwealth Ombudsman's office.

Please let me know what you intend to do regarding the attached documentation and my allegations that DMR and Lanes were not impartial.

I await your response.

Respectfully,

Alan Smith

*copies to:* Mr Tony Morgan GAB Robins Aust Pty Ltd, Greenwich, NSW Mr Armstrong Legal Department, Telstra, Melbourne Mr John Wynack Commonwealth Ombudsman's Office, Canberra

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# **ATTACHMENT 1**

George Close's assessment of my Goldphone losses.

Note: A single 7 month period was used as a guide only.

# **DOCUMENTS:**

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Telstra CCAS data shows that a continued fault was experienced for the seven months from 15/7/93 to 26/2/94 on this line.

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# SERVICE 055-267260 - GOLD PHONE CAPE BRIDGEWATER HOLIDAY CAMP

Information compiled from the above F.O.I. printouts supplied by Telecom Australia.

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TOTAL INCOMING CALLS ANSWERED 138 CUT OFFS NO RING RECEIVED

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FAULT %

FOTAL OUTGOING REPEAT DIAL OTHER FAULTS

FAULT % 50%

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18 May 1994

Re: COT Claimants

Herewith a letter from Dr Gordon Hughes for your background on the issue of Statements of Claim. Concern about access to documents under F.O.I has been expressed, the outcome which is not yet clear. The contents of this letter is the advise we are providing to the COT claimants.

#### **<u>Re:</u>** Secondary Arbitration

As you know Telecom cancelled Tuesdays meeting. Apparently they are seeking outside legal advice on aspects of the agreements with Austel. When they will be ready to proceed is uncertain. I will keep Rick Campbell advised of any news nothing has been heard yet on anything relating to these matters at this office.

Yours sincerely

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BY FAX: 277 8797

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Dear Warwick

# COT CLAIMS

I have been contacted during the past fortnight by Schorer, Smith, Garms and Amanda Davies (on behalf of Gillan), each requesting for one reason or another that I order Telecom to produce documentation to assist in the preparation of their respective Statements of Claim.

No doubt you will receive, if you have not already, similar approaches.

I have advised each of the claimants that I do not believe it would be appropriate for me to direct Telecom to produce any documents prior to the formal submission of a Statement of Claim. Until I have had an opportunity to gauge the ambit of each claim, I am unable to determine whether or not the information being sought from Telecom is relevant to the matters under consideration.

I have pointed out to each of the claimants that if they believe the preparation of the Statement of Claim is hindered by the absence of certain material, this fact can be highlighted in the Statement itself.

Pursuant to clause 7.5 of the "Fast-Track" Arbitration Procedure, the parties may apply to amend their respective Statements of Claim if granted leave by their arbitrator. Presumably I would be inclined to grant leave if documentation produced by Telecom subsequent to the lodging of the initial Statement of Claim revealed shortcomings in the Statement of Claim.

It is not for me to direct the claimants as to how they should prepare their respective Statements of Claim. Nevertheless I would have thought the most appropriate approach for them to adopt, if they are genuinely hampered by a lack of documentation, would be to serve simple melberrne iydney V. iddney V. iddney were brisbere construction a construction a defeide

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Statements of Claim outlining their grievances against Telecom and indicating that leave will be sought to serve more detailed Statements of Claim following discovery. At the same time they may wish to foreshadow the documents which they each believe have been unjustifiably withheld and specify why they believe those documents should be made available in each case.

Yours sincerely

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Darren and Jenny Lewis Cape Bridgewater Coastal Camp RMB 4408, Cape Bridgewater Portland, 3305 Phone: 03 55 267 267

1<sup>#</sup> October 2006

David Hawker MP Federal Member for Wannon 190 Gray Street Hamilton 3300

Dear Mr Hawker,

This brief letter is to let you know that after meeting with you last Wednesday I have had a visit from a Telstra technician. I believe this visit could well have been arranged as a result of your intervention, for which I am most grateful.

The technician, who comes from Colerain (also part of your electorate) advised me that he was aware that the problems I am experiencing now are the same problems experienced by the previous owner of the business (Alan Smith). When I asked him why this would be, he replied that the problems were caused because the wiring was so old that it was now totally incompatible with all the new technology ('totally' was his exact word).

He also told me that he was sorry that this was causing problems for my business and when I commented that I seem to be the only person in Cape Bridgewater to so constantly complain about problems with faxes he replied that if other people used their fax machines to promote their businesses as often as I do, then they would also be complaining.

When I told him that I know that these types of problems have been occurring in Cape Bridgewater for many years and that my service had been taken off the optical fibre line from the exchange some three weeks ago, but even this drastic action had not rectified the problem, he acknowledged that he knew about my business being removed from the optical fibre line, but noted that it was the first time he had heard of Telstra doing this in a situation like mine. I then described to him the latest fax problem – the one that I raised with you last Wednesday – when Alan Smith's fax (intended for a destination in Melbourne) arrived at my business, cutting off my conversation with Cathy (Alan's partner) as it came through. I also explained that Telstra's local (Portland) technician, James, had tested and programmed my fax machine just recently, so there is clearly no problem with the machine itself. At this point the technician said he was fully aware of the problem and that it was network related, with the fault occurring somewhere between the exchange at Cape Bridgewater and my service line. He also explained, quite clearly, that he didn't have the correct testing equipment to detect the location of the fault, but he would put in a request for a 'level two' Telstra technician who is conversant with the correct equipment.

Most alarming however was the technician's comment, 'I don't like your chances' of a level two technician being available. He was quite sympathetic when I suggested that perhaps my local Federal Member might be able to make the necessary arrangements and said he hoped the problems could be fixed because he could understand how frustrating it must be to try to run a business with all these continuing problems.

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It is interesting to note that I am how on my third facsimile machine in my valient altempt to fix these on going problems. This technician seemed so angry that I have had to go to such extremes as I have in trying to eliminate the faults experienced.

I must also say that the technician was not at all unkind, rather he was quite understanding of my situation.

On completion of this letter today 2<sup>nl</sup> October, James from the local Portland exchange arrived and epent all morning trying to work out what the problems are. Together we spoke to a Mr Skinner in Teamenia, and after spending over two hours testing nothing could be a Mr Skinner in Teamenia, and after spending over two hours testing nothing could be achieved to bring a conclusion to why these problems continue the way they do. Both achieved to bring a conclusion to why these not my equipment.

I am now advised these problems and faults are beyond either of their expertise and further investigation will be undertaken. As I am going into hospital on Thursday this week, I thought I would provide this update now.

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Thank you once again for you support.

Sincerely.

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ALAN SMITH

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1 May 2000

Mr John Pinnock Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman Exhibition St Melbourne, 3000

Dear Mr Pinnock.

Arbitration: Telstra v Alan Smith

After reading copies of correspondence I have received from your office in the past, a number of impartial persons have suggested that you knowingly misled the parties you were writing to at the time. Attached documents A1 to A11 are just some samples of these letters which show that, as late as 23 February 1999, a number of elected Federal politicians were still of the opinion that you were investigating my claims regarding overcharging on my phone and fax services.

Not only were these claims never addressed during my arbitration procedure (refer attachment A5) but Telsira's comments regarding whether or not they addressed these incorrect charging issues have never been released by your office. Evidence at hand proves beyond any doubt that the arbitrator. Dr Gordon Hughes, acted in concert with Telstra during my arbitration to ensure that my evidence of systemic billing problems in the Telstra network would not be recorded. This meant that the issues relating to billing problems, which I raised as part of my claim, were not included in the arbitrator's written findings.

Your correspondence to me indicates that you were aware of the continuing systemic billing problems relating to my phone system and that you were aware of how this affected the normal running of my business, even after the completion of my arbitration. Your correspondence also confirms that you knew that the problems had not been rectified, as they should have been, according to the rules of my arbitration procedure. Since these problems clearly continued after my arbitration it is obvious that the issues were therefore not correctly addressed during that process.

Attachments A6 and A7 indicate that you are also fully aware that, three years after Dr Hughes had handed down his 'award', your office raised with him the question of whether or not he had addressed the 1800 and gold phone issues in his award. Further, your office was provided with a legal opinion, from your own legal counsel, which confirmed that Dr Hughes did NOT address these incorrect charging issues in his written findings, as he should have, according to the rules of the Fast Track Arbitration Procedure.



You are also aware that Mr Ted Benjamin, Telstra's Customer Liaison officer during my arbitration, authorised the disconnection of my gold phone customer service in December 1995, because I had refused to pay a phone account of more than \$2,000. Telstra's own records have conclusively shown that this account had been incorrectly calculated and had charged for calls that were never successfully connected. This evidence was supported by letters from my customers who wrote of their experiences when trying, unsuccessfully, to make calls from the gold phone. It is even more alarming to note that Telstra has still not reconnected this gold phone service.

My submission to your office in March/April of 1997, which was supported by copies of Telstra's own internal data (obtained under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982*), proves conclusively that the fault was not with my gold phone but was caused by the Telstra network into Cape Bridgewater (RCM System One).

I am not the only person to provide your office with conclusive evidence that, prior to, during and after my arbitration was deemed to have been completed, faxes sent from my office were still not all reaching their intended destination. Again Telstra was notified, both by your office and by me, regarding this problem and yet, in August 1998, while the matter was still under investigation by your office. Telstra unlawfully disconnected my fax service line (55 267 230) because 1 refused to pay for these disputed unsuccessful transactions.

Attachment A1 shows that Mr James Cameron, from Senator Alston's office, was under the impression that you had agreed that my previously raised concerns regarding overcharging on my 1800 phone line and on my fax line were warranted (paragraph two, page one). Mr Cameron indicates in this letter that he believed you would write to me regarding the outcome of your investigations. It is now fourteen months since Mr Cameron wrote his letter and I have still not received this document from your office.

Attachment ATL a letter dated 27 February 1998, from Senator Richard Alston to David Hawker MP. refers to a visit made by Telstra to my office in January 1998. The Telstra people who made this visit were Lyn Chisholm and Phil Carless. This visit, to discuss my evidence regarding incorrect charging, was witnessed by a retired Bank Manager from Portland. Both Ms Chisholm and Mr Carless acknowledged that the material I produced for this meeting was authentic. This same material has also been assessed by technical communication experts and acknowledged as factual. With all this evidence in place, why then have I not received a response regarding your investigations into these matters, which were raised with your office?

Why did you allow Telstra to unlawfully disconnect my business fax service in August 1998 when you office had received information from my customers before that, in June and July 1998, detailing the problems they had experienced when I had attempted to send faxes to them from May 1995 (after my arbitration was 'completed') and onward? Why haven't you told Senator Alston's office that, due to the disconnection of my fax service in August 1998, I have been forced to use my residential phone line to send and receive business documents?

Further evidence which I submitted as claim documents under the arbitration proved conclusively that not only were some of the 1800 incoming calls being incorrectly charged by Telstra but many of these calls were also being illegally diverted to someone with access to Telstra's network.

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If you were truly impartial, as is expected from an Ombudsman, you would investigate the documents 1 have. These documents confirm all of my allegations, including my allegations regarding calls that were illegally diverted before they reached my business. These documents also confirm that, during one three-month period, at least eighty-six of the calls which were diverted (and therefore did not reach me) were also charged by Telstra as successfully connecting to my business.

Try living with this type of evidence for five years, Mr Pinnock. Try living with further evidence which shows that Mr Ray Bell, a Telstra employee, knowingly conjured up and then submitted a fraudulent Telstra arbitration defence document. In this document Mr Bell falsely stated that some of the lock up faults on my TF200 fax machine were caused by 'wet and sticky' beer inside the phone, inferring that my alcoholic drinking habits were to blame. Evidence received from Telstra under FOI, and then provided to your office since my arbitration, proves that Mr Bell was fully aware that his TF200 report was to be fraudulently submitted by Telstra in their defence of my claims, which had been lodged under arbitration. Mr Bell is still employed by Telstra, in the same special products laboratory. This makes a mockery of my arbitration and the Australian legal system. Mr Bell continues on his merry way, without being charged, because both your office and my arbitrator failed to address Telstra's unlawful conduct during my arbitration. This leaves me wondering if the person or persons responsible for the illegal phone diversion is also still employed by Telstra, perhaps in charge of a service department similar to Ray Bell. Could it be that this person is still diverting my calls, even now? Since this issue was never correctly addressed, how will I ever know? Try also living with this doubt for five years, Mr Pinnock.

Finally. I would be interested to know if your office intends to inform Senator Alston's office of the outcome of the investigations your office is allegedly making into the incorrect charging issues relating to my telephone service. I would also like to know if you intend to investigate why Telstra disconnected my phone service while your office was still investigating my valid complaint.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

### Alan Smith

Copies to:

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ALAN SMITH

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9<sup>th</sup> December, 2000

Mr David Hawker, MP Federal Member for Wannon 190 Grey St Hamilton 3300

Dear Mr Hawker,

The attached letter from Cliff Mathieson of Austel to Steve Black of Telstra is, you will note, dated 3 October 1995 – five months after my arbitrator had brought down his award on 11 May 1995. Although this Austel letter was clearly copied on to Mr John Pinnock, TIO, (administrator to my arbitration), I only received a copy on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2000, from another COT member, through his latest FOI request. He only received this document on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2000.

This letter should be of particular interest, not only for you, but also for the Hon. Senator Richard Alston, Minister for Communications, because Mr Pinnock has previously stated in correspondence to both your office and to Senator Alston that I only raised the 008/1800 billing issues late in my arbitration claim documents. The attached letter from Austel, together with its appendices, clearly demonstrates that Mr Pinnock knowingly misled both you and Senator Alston in relation to the timing of the lodgement of my claims in regard to billing issues. This deception then led to the arbitrator, Dr Gordon Hughes, omitting to address the billing issues in his findings, even though it can now be seen that Austel also alerted Dr Hughes to the importance of these billing issues, on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1994.

It is obvious from Austel's letter of 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1995 that, at least at that time, Austel had not received a reply from Telstra with regard to Austel's concerns in relation to these issues. Even more alarming, Austel indicates in this same letter that the billing issues I had raised had "the potential to affect a considerable number of Telstra's customers."

The appendices attached to Austel's letter to Dr Hughes also point out that Ted Benjamin of Telstra had written to Austel on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 1994, indicating that both the billing issues and the RVA faults would be addressed by Telstra as part of their defence, because I had raised them as part of my arbitration claim. <u>A considerable amount of internal</u> correspondence from the TIO has been copied to you via my office. Much of this correspondence clearly shows that the TIO's office and Telstra were both intending to address the billing issues, particularly those which continued after the 'completion' of my arbitration. As you know, this never happened and the phone services affected by these billing faults (my Gold Phone and my fax line) were finally disconnected by Telstra in December 1995 and August 1998 respectively. Telstra's stated reason for disconnecting both these lines was my refusal to pay the disputed discrepancies in the phone accounts for these services, even though Telstra was, and still is, fully aware that my phone accounts for these lines were incorrect. Since neither the TIO nor Telstra would address the massive overcharging on my 800/1800 service, overcharging which occurred both before and after my arbitration was deemed to have been completed, I had no alternative but to have this third service also disconnected because of the continuing overcharging by Telstra. All these services remain disconnected to this day.

Other alarming documents, which I received in this latest FOI response, have been forwarded on the Victoria Police Major Fraud Group for assessment and I cannot therefore provide you with copies. It is clear from these documents however that my arbitration was not conducted according to the rules which were signed by each party. One of these 'rules' stated that NO award could be handed down by the assessor/arbitrator until Telstra had rectified the faults submitted by the four COT claimants. It is now painfully obvious that my arbitrator handed down his award, knowingly and in concert with Telstra, while fully aware that the billing issues I had raised had not been addressed. This 'award' was therefore incomplete.

As a further indication of the seriousness of the issues raised in this letter today, I ask that you read the enclosed copy of a letter from Darren Kearney of Austel, dated 6 December 1995, and addressed to me, together with the three page document headed 'CHARGING DISCREPANCIES RAISED BY ALAN SMITH', dated 26 February 1996, also written by Darren Kearney, and addressed to Bruce Matthews. I received the Bruce Matthews document from the same source referred to in the first paragraph of this letter, and at the same time.

In his February 1996 letter, Mr Kearney, as a Senior Policy Analyst for Austel, clearly acknowledges that Telstra had, in fact, wrongly charged me on more than one of my phone services. The TIO, Telstra and Austel/ACA are all aware that the normal running of my business has been severely affected by these disconnections and they also know that my evidence is correct. Why then did Telstra unlawfully disconnect my phone lines and why does Telstra unlawfully continue to allow these phone lines to remain disconnected?

I now request that your office ask the Hon. Senator Alston when my telephone services are going to be reconnected and what issues, if any, his office intends to address regarding the information provided in this document.

I await your immediate response.

Sincerely,

Alan Smith

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 Mr Geoff Kohlman, CEO, Glenelg Shire, Portland Councillor Jeff White, Mayor, Portland Dr Dennis Napthine, Leader in Opposition, State Parliament, Portland. Senator Kim Carr, Manager of Opposition Business in the Senate.

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### Summary

117 There is no indication that the multiplicity of possible causes of RVA's on the Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp service were ever adequately explained to Mr Smith. A number of factors may have contributed to this failure, foremost of these being the length of time it took to identify some of the causes of RVA on the Camp service.

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- 118 When Telecom wrote to Mr Smith on 24 November 1992 explaining two known causes of RVA on his service the information provided was inadequate. The duration of both RVA problems did not correspond with information Mr Smith had received from callers of their experience of RVA's when trying to contact the camp. Telecom's own internal documentation on the duration of both problems demonstrates that there was evidence that faulty relay problem almost certainly existed longer than stated, and that uncertainty exists on the duration of the MELU RVA problem.
- 119 Given the questionable information provided to Mr Smith on RVA's affecting his service and the delay in providing this information it is not surprising he questioned the explanations provided by Telecom when they arrived. Information received from local technicians would have compounded Mr Smith's perception of the problem.
- 120 The consequence of Telecom's failure to adequately advise Mr Smith on RVA problems affecting his service was that Mr Smith's faith in Telecom's integrity and capacity to resolve faults was severely undermined. Mr Smith was subsequently highly sceptical of Telecom's interpretation of faults on his service, and he undertook extensive inquiries within his industry and with people in contact with the Camp to try and ascertain the extent of the problems affecting the Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp services.

# Failure to advise of consequences of testing program

121 In July 1993 Mr Smith complained to Telecom that callers from payphones in his local region could not make contact with the Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp. It transpired that the cause of this problem was specialised monitoring equipment then being used on

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would have affected approximately one third of subscribers receiving a service of this RCM. Given the nature of Mr Smith's business in comparison with the essentially domestic services surrounding subscribers, Mr Smith would have been more affected by this problem due to the greater volume of incoming traffic than his neighbours. (A summary of the circumstances surrounding the RCM fault are detailed under Allegation (iii)).

47 Telecom's ignorance of the existence of the RCM fault raises a number of questions in regard to Telecom's settlement with Smith. For example, on what basis was settlement made by Telecom if this fault was not known to them at this time? Did Telecom settle with Mr Smith on the basis that his complaints of faults were justified without a full investigation of the validity of these complaints, or did Telecom settle on the basis of faults substantiated to the time of settlement? Either criteria for settlement would have been inadequate, with the latter criteria disadvantaging Mr Smith, as knowledge of the existence of more faults on his service may have led to an increase in the amount offered for settlement of his claims.

# Allegation (ii) Failure to keep clients advised

# Introductory Comment

- 48 AUSTEL has been hampered in assessing Telecom's dealings with Mr Smith by Telecom's failure to provide files relating to Mr Smith's complaints. A file from the local Telecom area who first dealt with Mr Smith's complaint has not been provided to AUSTEL, although documents from this file have been copied to other files. At the time of writing, no explanation for the failure to provide this file or other files has been received from Telecom.<sup>30</sup>
- 49 As a result of Telecom's failure to provide file documentation relating to Mr Smith some of the following conclusions are consequently based on insufficient information. The information which is available, however, demonstrates that on a number of issues Telecom failed to

30 May need to be re-written if other information comes to light.

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		This fault report was initiated by Peter Gamble. Peter was doing some testing with Alan Smith and apparently they were
		able to hang up Smith's phone and while Peter was still listening at his phone he could hear Mr Smith talking in his
		office. In fact Mr Smith counted to 10 then picked up his
		phone again and Peter had been able to hear the count to 10. On the 27/04/94 at 13:30 Ross Anderson visited the premises
		to investigate these claims. Ross called Peter Raphael on 03 5507309 and made 10 test calls. Ross was hanging up then
	-	counting to 10 and picking the phone up again, each test call was released ( that is line was heard to drop out ) at
	SOLUTION	5/05/94 9:10 ZV333
		within 1 second of hanging up. Peter was able to hear Ross Count 1 then the line released.
		I spoke to Ross whilst he was on site and we made further test call ( 18 calls of which 2 were from 267267 ), during
		these test calls we obtained the same result as previous, that is the line released within 1 second. We also tried the
		T200 from 267267 on 267230 and it released immediately on hanging up. We then tested the suspect T200 on 267267 and it
		displayed the same symptom on this different line. This T200
		is an EXICON and the other T200 is an ALCATEL, we thought that this may be a design "fault???" with the EXICOM so Ross
	SOLUTION =	5/05/94 9:27 ZV333 tried a new EXICON from his car and it worked perfectly, //
		that is, released the line immediately on hanging up. We decided to leave the new phone and the old phone was marked
		and tagged, Ross forwarded the phone to FMLD.
•	. •	I was speaking to Mr Smith the next day ( 28/04/94 ) and he said he has witnesses to prove that his phone used to hold
		up for over 10 seconds. He wants a letter to say nothing else has been fixed prior to the visit by Ross that could
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## EXICOM TELEPHONES.

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With the onset of the "wet" season in Northern Australia it has become apparent that we are having a significantly higher fault rate with T 200 telephones that would have been normally expected. the problem was first apparent in Darwin but it has been closely followed by Caims and Townsville. Over the pest weeks the problem has reached Southern Queenstand.

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The most common fault is line looping which can either be permanent or intermittent. A related problem is that the phone loops the line after a single burst of ring. The called party has not answered but the phone is off the hook and sometimes the calling party can hear all activity at the called end. In this case the call would also appear on the billing record as a short duration call. Breakthrough Billing have been informed of this possibility.

Tests were carried out by TRL and the problem isolated to the Excom flexible keypad circuit layers which were manufactured after week 7 of 1993. Excom are the sole supplier of Serial SSO/141 "vopicatized" talephones which are treated with conformal coating and these phones are deployed in areas of high humidity. High humidity is the specific condition most likely to bring about the fault. Therefore is areas of high humidity we have a potential major fault problem.

### DEPLOYMENT.

Whilst I do not have the total deployment of Exicom phones available it has been assessed that there is approximately 450,000 phones with potential faults. Of these there are 325,000 Serial 550/141 phones deployed in areas of high moisture. Approximate deployment of the Serial 550/141 phones since April 1993 is:

Queensland		225000
Darwin		9000
Western Australia	-	90000

in these areas virtually all T200's installed or used as replacements during maintenance have a potential problem. In addition there are some 125000 in other areas.

IMPACT.

### Darwin.

The problems in Darwin have been addressed. Since December no more Exicom phones have been used. All supplies have been sourced from Alcatel and whilst these do not have the conformat coating tests indicate that they are performing satisfactorily. Whilst there are still phones in-situ with potential defects the situation is considered manageable.

### Queensland.

The Queensland situation is very serious. The situation has progressively worsened as the wet has moved south. It has significantly worsened over the past two weeks as cyclone Rewa has moved off the Queensland Coast and brought with it very heavy storm activity and high moisture conditions. The effect in Queensland is that in January we are experiencing the need to replace phones at the the rate of 12000 a month compared to the expected 6500. Under the present Union agreements each of these replacements require a visit by field staff.

in Queensland we have taken the following actions:

- Following the success of the trial of the Alcatel phone in Darwin, supplies of Extern phones to Queensiand have ceased and all further phones used will be sourced from Alcatel. Because of the supply problems Exicom phones will still have to be deployed in areas of lower moisture risk.
- 2. We still have a heavy backlog of work due to the impact of Cyclone Rews.Staff have been recalled on duty and over the weekend we have loaned all available staff from C & G. Pay phones, CED to work with the SDU to replace telephones.Whilst this may overcome the present problem it does not offer a sustainable long term solution.

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3. We have set up discussions with the CWU with the view of implementing any of the following:

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Use of Fixed Term employees for three months

Use of Couriers to deliver phones where the fault is diagnosed as being in the phone. Use of contract labour.

All these actions are costly in terms of SDU expenses. The recently completed Mercer Study estimates that the cost of a visit is \$237. No allowance has been made for this activity in the SDU budget.

with the Ballot due in March we must address the problem as aggressively as possible. Consideration should also be given to seeking compensation from TT or Exicom.

Western Australia.

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The heavy population areas in WA are in the South and traditionally the weather is not expected to effect these areas until February or March. We are arrainging for Alcatel phones to be supplied to northern areas.

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On 23 May 1994, Smith complained that he was getting engaged signal when sending a facsimile to the Arbitrator's offices at Hunt & Hunt (614 8730). A subsequent investigation revealed that facsimile number 614 8730 is part of a two line rotary (hunt) group together with number 614 2189. Both 614 8730 and 614 2189 were tested and no fault was found. Telecom's Tony Watson telephoned Hunt & Hunt to inform them that a person had reported getting busy while calling their facsimile. The receptionist told Mr Watson that their facsimiles were very busy all the time. In light of this discussion and the testing undertaken, Mr Watson concluded that Hunt & Hunt was probably busy at the time when Smith attempted to send his facsimile and the incident was not the result of a network problem (reference document 4.10).

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Darren and Jenny Lewis Cape Bridgewater Coastal Camp RMB 4408, Cape Bridgewater Portland, 3305 Phone: 03 55 267 267

23rd January 2003

Mr John Pinnock Telecommunication Industry Ombudsman P Box 276 Collins Street West Melbourne 8007

Dear Mr Pinnock,

During a conversation with a representative from David Hawker's office earlier today, I was advised to ask your office to investigate the phone problems my wife and I have continually experienced since we bought our business from Alan Smith in December 2001.

Although these phone problems have decreased dramatically since Telstra rewired the business and disconnected the phone alarm bell recently, we still have problems with the fax line, as was demonstrated when I attempted to send a fax to your office yesterday. I am also concerned that, since the rewiring, Telstra's CCAS data still shows as many as seven incoming calls a day not being answered, even though we are at home at the time.

As well as speaking to David Hawker's representative this morning, I also had a disturbing discussion with Tony Watson, the Telstra fault technician assigned to my case. Mr Watson informed me (in a round-about way) that he is reluctant to supply me with any more information in relation to our phone faults because he knows I am in contact with Alan Smith, the previous owner of the business. Apparently Telstra is afraid that, when talking to Alan, I might bring up the phone problems and therefore provide him with information he could use in an attempt to reopen his arbitration. I am not interested in Alan's past phone problems, or his arbitration, except from the perspective of his obviously blatantly misleading reassurances, when we first bought the business, that Telstra had fixed all the phone faults.

Before we bought this business, my wife and I ran another business of our own for five years, successfully using the telephone, fax and Internet to sell memorabilia. Never before have we experienced phone faults like those we have had to cope with since we moved to Cape Bridgewater.

Since I am certainly *not* working in liaison with Alan Smith (as was suggested this morning by Telstra's Tony Watson), I am therefore now asking your office for advice on this matter in the hope that you will be able to help us to repair the damage that has been done to our business to date.

Will you please assist us in this matter?

Sincerely,

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Darren and Jenny Lewis Copy to: David Hawker MP, Federal Member for Wannon, 190 Gray St, Hamilton 3300

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28 January, 1994

Mr Alan Smith Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp

By facsimile No. 055 267 230

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Dear Mr Smith

### Cape Bridgewater Holiday Camp DLM:001660539

We refer to your letter dated 4 January 1994 to Denise McBurnie.

We also refer to your telephone conversation with Denise McBurnie on 25 January 1994 and confirm that Telecom wishes to establish Mr Steve Black and Mr Paul Rumble of Telecom, as your point of contact for requests for information from our client. Any further requests for information which you have for our client should therefore be directed to Mr Black or Mr Rumble.

In response to your request for information we provide below our client's responses to the questions raised in paragraphs 1-6 of your letter. In your letter you requested answers to the questions raised in paragraph 1-7. Your letter did not contain a paragraph 7 and we were unable to ascertain any further questions from your letter. Our client has instructed us to respond to the questions raised in paragraphs 1-6 of your letter as follows:

### (1) Paragraph 1

Telecom has previously advised both yourself and AUSTEL that it did locate the names of two employees who made the calls referred to in this paragraph. These employees are involved in investigating reported faults and testing customer services by making a number of calls each day. Given the elapse of time between the making of the two test calls in question and the time you requested release of the caller's name, it would be difficult to determine any detailed information regarding the discussions which took place during those test calls. It is Telecom's position that it will not release the names of employees unless Telecom considers the release of such information to be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

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# (2) Paragraph 2

An examination of the fault history for telephone number 055 267 267 indicates that you made a total of nine reports to Telecom's Fault Report Services during the period 1 January 1993 until 9 August 1993. As a result of testing conducted into these reports the following results were obtained:

- In January 1993 two reports resulted in:
  - (i) on 6 January 1993, a handset was replaced at your premises.
  - (ii) on 13 January 1993, a printed circuit board at the Portland Telephone Exchange associated with your telephone equipment was replaced.
- On 18 February 1993 your report was referred to the Customer Operations Group in Ballarat. This report involved the repair of a fault that was found on another customer's PABX located in Ballarat.
- Testing associated with the remaining six reports occurred between 20 May 1993 until 9 August 1993 and resulted in the fault reports being cleared as "No Fault Found" or "No Fault Found, but additional network testing to be undertaken". This additional testing found no evidence of any network faults.

# (3) Paragraph 3

Telecom has recently had in place equipment to monitor your service at the Portland Exchange. This equipment is involved in passive line potential monitoring and does not "register" fault conditions as such, but provides a report on the line status experienced, for example, incoming call, outgoing call, time of call. Interpretation of the output of this monitoring is required in conjunction with other information and testing to allow Telecom to determine the overall performance of a customer's service.

Other forms of service monitoring which can be used by Telecom are AXE Test System and Common Channel Signalling Monitoring. Again, these systems both produce data that requires analysis and cross referencing with other materials. It is therefore not possible to provide the information as requested in paragraph 3 of your letter. A detailed analysis of your service occurs as an ongoing process and any anomalies detected during that time are acted upon directly.

### (4) Paragraph 4

As the information provided originally in your letter dated 12 November 1993 was of a limited nature, no specific response was possible to your allegations concerning over charging and short duration of calls. However, Telecom does have clearly defined policies and principles for call charging and billing. These principles are:

- customers will be charged only for calls which are answered.
- unanswered calls are not charged.

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unanswered calls include calls encountering engaged numbers (busy), various
Telecom tones and Recorded Voice Announcements as well as calls that
"ring out" or are terminated before or during ringing.

## (5) Paragraph 5

As Telecom has previously advised to you, the incident referred to in this paragraph relates to the use of Malicious Call Trace (MCT) that was placed on your line as part of the testing of your service. MCT resulted in the line being "held busy" for 90 seconds after the actual call was terminated. Consequently, the first call was made, answered and terminated, and the following five calls, all made within the 90 second period received a busy tone. Subsequent to this incident, MCT was removed.

### (6) Paragraph 6

(i) As you have noted in your letter the Elmi Tape which was retained by you from a brief case inadvertently left at your premises by a Telecom employee was apparently returned by you to AUSTEL. Telecom has been unable to locate that tape and has instructed us that it received a different tape from AUSTEL than the one to which you refer in paragraph 6(i) of your letter.

Consequently, Telecom is unable to comment or provide any opinion of the tape to which you refer at this stage. Telecom is currently endeavouring to confirm with AUSTEL the location of the tape to which you refer. It is also Telecom's opinion that it is not appropriate for Telecom to comment on this piece of material at this time and it would be more appropriate for Telecom's comment to be conveyed during the Fast-Track arbitration procedure.

- (ii) Prior to receipt of the letters provided by you to Telecom. Telecom had had reason to investigate the matters referred to in those letters and had completed those investigations without a fault being found. Telecom did not consider it necessary to conduct such investigations again when they had already been completed Mr Campbell's statement of "each of which have been investigated without fault" in his letter to Mr Hawker was therefore correct.
- (iii) As noted above in Telecom's response to the questions raised in your paragraph 2. Telecom has not found any evidence of network faults applicable to and which could affect your service during the period to which you refer.

Yours faithfully FREEHILL HOLLINGDALE & PAGE per:

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Denise McBurnie Solicitor

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# Pittard, Rosanne

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Steve.

Thanks for your E-mail- sorry for replying late, my mail system was not fully efficient.

North Melbourne is a combination of AXE and ARE.

It would be best to avoid COT case member, Mr Graham Schorer of Golden (Messenger) to avoid embarrassment as you say. His main numbers are 03 329 7355 and 03 329 7255, but he has several rotary groups and about 40 lines in total. I do not have all the details but shall get as much by Monday midday as I can.

Please prepare the results for the Corporate lawyers under legal professional privilege and limit distribution of the results.

Please go ahead as soon as possible.

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Rosanne Pittard

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	24-Jul-92	D97	Letter	Tried to call many times over past year (92) without success - received RVA trying to organise camp for Heywood grade 4 (Portland)	R. Palmer		A14
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178	24-Jul-92	MS27	Fault report	Fault has gone on for 8 months. Followed trunking, appears OK, did not make test calls. Les Sketcher,	n/a	n/a	A52
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179		B100	fax	Network Investigations.	Ceakan		A7
180				callers from Greyhound Terminal receiving RVA when dialling 267267. Action - asked NET/MAN to make test calls NFF	Stokes		
	27-Jul-92	B101	1ax	calls from MELB rec RVA. Action - contacted Tony Leydon NET/MAN carry out tests. Ross Tonkin rang back 19/3/92. MELU did not analyse 055267 correctly therefore calls would fail. Cleared x 54 NH	Stokes		A7
181	27-Jul-92	B156	note of	rang smith, explained better if he went through Mark Ross as per letter	222		A10
182	27-501-92	6130	telephone discussion	20/7. Told Smith it would get him into trouble with the hierarchy if he went further. Smith claims its not a matter of money for compensation but need for public to know.			
102	27-Jul-92	B157	note of	Smith complained of overcharging. Smith said he hadn't and wouldn't	222		A10
183			telephone discussion	cash the cheque			
	27-Jul-92	B97	fax	Smith officially compleined & has been referred to legal dept. in Brisbane. He has been offered a settlement to cover lost advertising and		•••••••••	A7
184				business revenue. Smith unhappy and looks like pursuing matter further	<b>6</b> 1.		
185	27-Jul-92	B98	fax		Stokes	l /	A7
	27-Jul-92	899	fax	TR report caller from 057 981622 getting RVA when calling 267267. Action - asked Ballarat OSC for assistance. They made test calls from	Stokes		A7
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574	23-Nov-92	S36	Letter	I have also arranged for a new fax service as requested by you.	D Lucas	A Smith	A11
575	24-Nov-92	C310	Lotter	Attach copy of log book with 0345 early morning call - (computer calls first, if no response revert to the operator)	City West CSC	Alen Smith	A33
576	24-Nov-92	C73	Letter	Answer request regarding fault information that has affected 055 267 267	Telecom	Alan Smith	A4
577	24-Nov-92	C74	Letter	Fault at Windsor exch. causing RVA, affected incoming STD from Melbourne to Bridgewater for a period of up to 3 weeks. Maximum impact on STD calls from Melbourne up to 50%. Windsor exchange reprogrammed on 19 March 1992 and rectified problem	Telecom	Aian Smith	A4
	24-Nov-92	C75	Letter	Fault local custom. rec. wrong nos. or RVA-reported on or after 2 Oct.92 & found & fixed 7 Oct.92, Delay in fixing due to intermittent	Telecom	Alan Smith	A4
<b>;78</b>				nature and caused by 1 of 40 "registers" in exch. Test date suggest affect. a max. 1.5% of incom.calls between 2-7 Oct		1	·
579	24-Nov-92	C76	Lêtter	Probl. of congestion could have been due to a combo of 2 faults (Windsor & "registers") & the vol. of test calls being generated to locate faults. Test results indicate cong. probl. has not occured since 7 Oct.92 when Port, exhc. fault repaired	Telecom	Alan Smith	A4
<u>)</u>	26-Nov-92		File Note	Re Gold Phone. Answer Reversal problem. Stokes changed TCL-10 to TCL-13 with no effect. Tests done.	Graham Stokes	<u> </u> −	a22(
581	01-Dec-92	8116		letter re Talecom sponsorship. Smith mentions "In fact the personnel which I have dealt with should be congratulated on his loyalty".	Smith	Blunt- Telecom	A10
582	07-Dec-92	8119	letter	re unable to undertake sponsorship deal, believe all his problems have been fixed	Blount	Smith	A10
583	08-000-92	J135	Letter	Sets out action taken by Telecom to identify and rectify faults with Smith's service from 28.7.92 - 9, 11.92	J Holmes	E Cardiff	A6
584	08-Dec-92	J136	Letter	Fault in Melbourne causing RVA to be received indentified and cleated on 19.3.92	J Holmes	E Cardiff	AB
585	08-Dec-92	J137	Letter	34,686 test calls made to Cape B'water from 28.7,92 to 7.10.92 - 106 failures (this equals 0.3%)	J Holmes	E Cardiff	A6
586	08-Dec-92		Lotter	Monitoring equipment (CCAE) attached to Smith's service at exchange and premises	J Holmes	E Cardift	A6
87	08-Dec-92	L.	Letter	Fault Idenified on 2.10.92 and rectified 7.10.92 which wold hav caused wrong no.s and RVAs for calls coming from local area	J Holmes	E Cardiff	A6
5 <b>88</b>	· ·	J140	Letter	Telecom replaced alarm/ring for Smith's phone at no cost to Smith	J Holmes	E Cerdiff	A6
903	08-Dec-92		Letter	Smith indicated service working to satisfaction	J Holmes	E Cardiff	Ă6
590	08-Dec-92	{	Detailed Call Data	Detailed Call Data Report 01/10/92 - 8/12/92. k03456 - k03506.	Greham Stokes		a22(
<u></u>	11-Dec-92	m272 C284	Report	ELMI Monitoring Report on 267267: 15/09/92 - 08/12/92. k03507- k03568.	Graham Stokes		a22(
5 <u>92</u>			Settlement issues paper		Rosanne Pittard		A33
593	11-Dec-92		Settlement issues paper	Portiand problem fixed in October, wiring and cabling issues and RVA or congestions.	Rosanne littard		A33
5 <b>94</b>	11-Dec-92		Settieme issues peper	Slow resolution by Telecom of past problems of Smith - both technical and claims	Rosanne Pittard		A33
595	11-Dec-92	C287	Settlement issues paper	Evidence - letters say not getting through, AUSTEL and Ombudamen both trouble getting through, claims credible In media	Rosanne Pitterd		A33
596	11-Dec-92	C288	Settlement issues paper	not get through on the phone	Rosanne Pittard		A33
<u>697</u>	11-Dec-92	C289	paper	Mr Smith's service problems were network related and spanned a period of 3-4 years - possible immunities	Rosanne Pitterd		A33
598	11-Dec-92	C290	Settlement issues paper	Smith's service suffered over several years - some diff. to detect exchange problems in last 8 months	Rosanne Pittard		A33

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	27-Jan-94	MS09	Appendix	Summary of background of problems beginning Feb 1988. Smith alleges that Telecom are attempting to conceal extent of network	n/a	n/a	A25.2
				problems and has broken Dec 92 settlement agreement. Telecom denies			
				any concealment or breaking of agreement.			
2104				any conceannent of breaking of agreement.			
	27-Jan-94	MS70	Appendix	Smith purchased business in Feb 1988. Reported difficulties with	n/a	n/a	A25.2
				clients receiving RVA and engaged tone. Details of faults pre Aug 1991			
2105				unavailable as no information retained.			
	27-Jan-94	MS71	Appendix	Smith expressed concern at ongoing telephone problems.	n/a	n/a	A25.2
2106							
	27-Jan-94	MS72	Appendix	Services cut-over to AXE technology replacing older 'C' type RAX	n/a	n/a	A25.2
2107				_exchange.			
	27-Jan-94	MS73	Appendix	No faults reported by Smith from 9 Oct 91 to 16 Mar 92.	n/a	n/a	A25.2
2108			A				
2109	27-Jan-94	M574	Appendix	Exchange fault located affecting 40-50% incoming calls. Duration of	n/a	n/a	A25.2
2103	27-Jan-94	M4675	According	fault 3 weeks. Letter received requesting assistance for Smith due to loss incurred			A 25 2
2110		101370	Appendix	following recent advertising campaign.	David Hawker	1	A25.2
F	27-Jan-94	MS76	Appendix	Letter expressing frustration and anger that difficulties had been ongoing		+	A25.2
	<b></b> .			for 4 years and which detailed losses incurred during this period.		1	720.2
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	27-Jan-94	MS77	Appendix	Reply to Hawker concerning Smith's claims for compensation.	n/a	n/a	A25.2
2112				•			
	27-Jan-94	MS78	Appendix	Judgement made to reimburse advertising costs for fault affecting	n/a	n/a	A25.2
		•		service during advertising campaign conducted during March 92.			
2113							
	27-Jan-94	MS79	Appendix	Details of Smith's customers experiencing RVA problems given to	n/a	n/a	A25.2
2114				National Network Investigations for analysis and testing.			
	27-Jan-94	MS80	Appendix	Tests conducted by NNI resulted in 106 failures out of 34,000 test calls	n/a	n/a	A25.2
				(0.3% switching loss). Failure due to rapid repeat call rate. Resulted in			
				activation of Seizure Quality Supervision. Failures not representative of			
2115			American	normal call in this area.		<u> </u>	
2116	27-Jan-94	M581	Appendix	Smith sought guarantee that he would be provided with an efficient	n/a	n/a	A25.2
2110	27-Jan-94	MS92	Appendix	Service to enable him to tender for venture. Reply giving guarantee, but not suggesting that service difficulties	n/a	n/a	A25.2
2117		141302	Appendix	would not occur in future.	11/4	117.0	A20.2
	27-Jan-94	MS83	Appendix	Fault located at Portland exchange which caused RVA to local incoming	n/a	n/a	A25.2
				calls. Maximum of 1.5% of incoming calls from local Portland			
2118				exchanges affected.			
	27-Jan-94	MS84	Appendix	Letter to Smith explaining outcomes of recent exchange faults which	n/a	n/a	A25.2
_				were affecting his service. Also gave duration of faults and details of			
9				extent of problem.			
	27-Jan-94	MS85	Appendix	Provision of additional service to enable Smith to ease congestion	n/a	n/a	A25.2
2120				problem due to large number of outgoing calls.			
	27-Jan-94	MS86	Appendix	Smith had meeting with Gen Mgr, Commercial Vic/Tas. Expressed	n/a	n/a	A25.2
				satisfaction with performance of telephone service and agreed past			
				issues were fully resolved. Resulted in ex-gratia payment to Smith			
				comprising cash, a 008 service and credit to account.			
2121	27-Jan-94	14007	Appendix	Customer experiment aut affe an CTD aver and 2.2 weeks			A25.2
	27-380-94	191367	Abbeudix	Customer experienced cut-offs on STD over past 2-3 weeks. Telephones checked, no fault detected - suspected exchange problem.	n/a	n/a	A20.2
2122				Telephones checked, no fault detected - suspected exchange problem.			
	27-Jan-94	MS88	Appendix	No progress to Ballarat Indial range. Resolved PABX fault in Ballarat.	n/a	n/a	A25.2
2123							
	27-Jan-94	MS89	Appendix	Report of one burst ring received then dial tone on lift-off.	n/a	n/a	A25.2
2124							
	27-Jan-94	MS90	Appendix	Caller reported several attempts at calling Smith, hearing 'electrical	n/a	n/a	A25.2
2125		ł		noise'.			
	27-Jan-94	MS91	Appendix	50 test calls made from Geelong analogue and 50 from digital, no	n/a	n/a	A25.2
2126		1	)	failures.			
	27-Jan-94	MS92	Appendix	Report received regarding clicking and breaks in conversation, & cut off	n/a	n/a	A25.2
2127				from pay-phone.			
	27-Jan-94	MS93	Appendix	Test calls from pay-phone at Terang & Colac. No difficulties	n/a	n/a	A25.2
				experienced. Test call from mobile unsuccessful due to low battery.			
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	03-Mar-94	B525	í Summary	Smith states his service is currently operating as it should when he	???	<u>).</u> ]n/a	A36
2 <u>28</u> 1			of CB	settled with Telecom and seeks further payments			
2282	03-Mar-94	D117	E Mail	Request for PORX to be incremented 30-60 ccts	M Grindlay	L Grody	
	03-Mar-94	m331	EMail	Further testing and feedback on previous testing was been arranged as	Stephen	Frank	a78
		1		result of CoT meetings. In telephone conversation with Smith, Smith	Black	Blount	
2283	1			mentioned major problem was with fax service. He also alleges Blount is			
2203	03-Mar-94	m332	EAAoil 3	Dot being told the truth. Stack states a BCI study, specifically address to Smith's network	Stephen	Frank	a78
	00-10101-04	11002	CIVICII	begment, showed that 13,000 test calls encountered no network	Black	Blount	a/0
				problems and percentage completion was within world standard. Black		Ciount	
2284		i		will commence an audit of complaint handling from 1/1/94.			
	03-Mar-94	m333	EMail	Black Informs Blount that Coopers & Lybrand are expected to complete	Stephen	Frank	a78
				procedures for revised complaint handling in 2 weeks. Also Privacy	Black	Blount	
			1	Policy and Voice Monitoring Guidelines being developed.			
<u>2285</u>	00.00						
	03-Mar-94	m334	EM91	Blount advises Black to talk with Parker before meeting Smith. Blount	Frank Blount	· · ·	a78
2286			4	has asked for test and historical data for Portland AXE for comparison with State averages.		Black	
	03-Mar-94	m335	FMail	Boont says Alan stated (in a call to Blount) he is still having major	Frank Blount	Stenhen	a78
				problems to date, and insists that Telecom staffers are not telling Blount	3	Black	
		1		the truth. Blount says it may be time to have an auditor review the	[		
2287				Portland trouble.	1		1
	05-Mar-94	m330	EMail	Black arranged meeting with Smith. Has advised Smith to step up	Stephen	Frank	a78
				marketing, and is considering paying for a CampB mailout to assist,	Black	Blount	
1200				although Telecom does not believe Smith's claim that poor telephone			
2288	07-Mar-94	8422	internal	service caused decline in business.	   Deedu		1.00
2289		0422	memo	re responses to queries in memo 1 March 1994. No CCS7 data available for 29 Nov 93. CCAS data listed	Doody	Miles	A60
	07-Mar-94	B423	internal	checking first routes between Horsham to Portland on 14 February no	Doody	Miles	A60
2290			memo	congestion - unlikely it would exist this time of day		1	
	07-Mar-94	B424	internal	CCAS data for 25/2/94 - no i/c calls were made to 276230 - test calls	Doody	Miles	A60
			memo	from Hartwell RSS 889 all successful. Test calls from PTARS 99, 50			
			1	successful, 49 received busy tone due to long hold. PTARS being			1
2291	07-Mar-94	0425	(	modified to rectify			
	07-IVI8F-94	B425	internal memo	I/c to 276230, 28 Feb 94 - data shows the 2 calls originated in Portland area. 2 interesting points - first call lasted 44 seconds with normal 4 sec		Miles	A60
		1		wait till answer, while second had wait of 7 secs - indicates fax			i i
2292		1		machine not connected for 2nd call	1		
	07-Mar-94	D128	Memo	Response to request, for info for fault reported 29/3/94 CCAS data	Doody	Miles	A23
2293	And a second sec			given		Ľ	
_	07-Mar-94	D129	Memo	Response to request for info for fault reported on 14 feb no evidence of	Doody	Miles	A23
<b>)</b> }4		-		Congestion			·
2295	07-Mar-94	D130	Memo	Response to request for info for fault reported on 25/12/94 - test calls	Doody	Miles	A23
2233	07-Mar-94	D131	Memo	from Hartwell RSS (889) successful Out of 99 calls, 50 successful, 49 busy tones due to long holding period	Doody	Miles	A23
2296		1.31		of PTARS - PTARS modified to rectify situation	Loody	140162	A23
	07-Mar-94	D132	Memo	Response to request for info for fault reported 28/2/94 - calls from	Doody	Miles	A23
				Portland area - 2 calls IA, first answered after 4 seconds, the second	,		
2297				after 7 - indicates fax not connected at second call.	<b>*</b> .		
_	07-Mar-94	E80	Fax	Refers to allegations of illegal tapping and interference with due process	Steve Black	Fay	A25-1
2298	AND TO A DESCRIPTION OF			of Smith's faxes in letter 25/2/94 to Jim Holmes	<u>.</u>	Hothugzen	
	07-Mar-94	E81	Fax	Refers to assessment of Smith's service by Bell Canada International	Steve Black	Fay	A25-1
				Result no major network problems in over 13,000 test calls. Bell	]	Hothugzen	
2299		Ì		Canada advised Telecom that percentage completions within world atlandard on 10/11/93.			
	07-Mar-94	E82	Fax	2 Fax faults reported by Smith responded to and no fault found	Steve Black	Fay	A25-1
2300			•			Hothugzen	,
	07-Mar-94	E83	Fax	Telecom to develop standard tests with Austel	Steve Black	Fay	A25-1
<u>2301</u>					1	Hothugzen	
	07-Mar-94	E84	Fax	Telecom to test Smith's service	Steve Black	Fay	A25-1
2302			<b>5</b>			Hothugzen	1
2303	07-Mar-94	E85	Fax	Telecom providing FOI information to Smith prior to Smith lodging a	Steve Black	Fay	A25-1
2303	09-Mar-94	E132	Test Data	cleim Handwritten data Portland to Cape Bridgewater	Len Banks	Hothugzen	1.20
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Your letter requisiting an emension of time for submining Telecom's defence is the smith arbitration (to which I shall respond separately) has prompted me to consider my pretented timetable for the completion of the Smith, Game and Valkobi arbitrations.

No strong preference is to be in a position to instruct the Resource Unit to commence such formal inquirtes and investigations as may be necessary from early january 1995. I undershind that the relevant mombers of the Resource Unit will be available throughout January and I am anxious so make the moster this period.

If is also my preference that the Reduirce Unit be in a position to evaluate and investigate the Smith, Gams and Valloobi claims simultaneously.

It follows that it's my further preference to receive Telebour's defense in relation to each of these claims, whicher with the respective claimants' replies (if any), plor to Christmas. This being the case, I would utilise the period between Christmas and New Year to determine what inquiries and investigations should be made by the Resource Unit.

I helleve st is in the interests of all concerned for these matters to be manyoid at socie as possible. It would not be possible to instruct the Resource limit in early January 1995 of relation to any or all of the matters if Telecom requires the full time permissible under the Past-Track Arbitration Procedure for the submittion of its defence in each case (not to mention extensions) or if the claiments require the full time permissible

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under the Fast-Track Arbitration Procedure for the submission of any replies.

If all parties are shrious for this matter to be dealt with expeditiously, and in particular if the parties are antious for the matter to progress during the holiday period, all concerned must meet their commitments and exercise their rights within reduced time frames.

It follows that whilst I am prepared to grant an emension of time in the Smith arbitration, I am doing so in the hope that in a spirit of co-operation, Telecom will use its best efforts to submit its defences in Gams and Valkobi on or before the same date.

If Telecom is able to submit all three defences on or about the same date, I shall prevail upon the claimants to submit their replies (if any) prior to Christmas.

Having said this, i do not intend to place any pressure on any of the parties to compromise their rights under the Past-Track Arbitration Procedure. The purpose of this letter is to emphasize, however, that an expeditious resolution of these three claims will require co-operation and compromise from all episcemed.

I do not proposed forwarding a copy of this letter to the claimants as I do not consider it appropriate for me to discuss any individual's claim with other Claimants.

I would appreciate any comments you may have.

Yours sincerely CRIDON HUGHES

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Dear Mr Rundell

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As you are aware, I have now been provided with all relevant pleadings in this matter. I have completed a preliminary review of the material.

I wish to engage the assistance of the Resource Unit, pursuant to clause 8.2 of the Fast-Track Arbitration Procedure, to carry out certain enquiries and research.

The enquiries and research which I wish the Resource Unit to conduct, and which I have loosely categorised as either "business" or "technical", are as set out below.

### Business Enquiries

- (a) Please identify and evaluate the assumptions adopted by each party in estimating the financial impact of the alleged service deficiencies. Specifically, please provide me with your opinion as to whether you consider:
  - any of these assumptions are invalid;
  - (ii) in the case of competing valid assumptions, one assumption is more credible than the other; and
  - (iii) in any instance, there is a more credible assumption which neither party has relied upon;
- (b) analyse the key business and financial data contained in the pleadings with a view to determining whether:

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- (i) any of this data is inaccurate or unreliable;
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- (iii) in any instance, additional data is required;
- (c) I would appreciate your opinion as to whether you consider any further financial or business documentation or other information (written or verbal) should be supplied by either party in order to facilitate my evaluation of the impact of the alleged service deficiencies;
- (d) for reasons of expediency, you should assume, in carrying out this evaluation, that the alleged faults existed. I believe it would be impractical to defer these enquiries until the technical evaluation is complete. If this makes it impossible or impractical in any instance to carry out the business and financial evaluation described above, I would appreciate an explanation to this effect;
- (e) if you consider the above enquiries necessitate a site inspection, this should be undertaken. You should notify me in advance, however, so that I can determine (after receiving submissions) whether it is appropriate for the claimant to be present and, if so, whether Telecom should also be provided with an opportunity to have a representative present;
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# Technical Enquiries

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- (a) Please advise me as to the availability of an appropriate expert to carry out enquiries and research of a technical nature. In particular, I require technical assistance in relation to:
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  - (ii) determining what further information, if any, should be sought by me before completing my evaluation of the submitted material; and
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Yours sincerely

# **GORDON HUGHES**

cc E Benjamin, Barlett, A Davis, M Gillan, R Huch

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Mr John Rundell Ferrier Hodgson Corporate Advisory Level 25 140 William Street Melbourne VIC 3000

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cc E Benjamin, A Smith, W Smith, P Bartlett

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Mr E Benjamin Group Manager Customer Affairs Telstra Corporation Level 37, 242 Exhibition Street MELBOURNE Vic 3000

Dear Mr Benjamin

### ARBITRATION - GILLAN

I refer to my letter of 20 February 1996. Documentation was to be made available to the claimants on or before 6 March 1996. If this has not occurred, could you please advise me when the delivery of that documentation is expected to take place?

 Yours sincerely
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Dr Gordon Hughes Hunt & Hunt Lawyers Level 21 459 Collins Street Melbourne Vic 3001

# BY FACSIMILE: 614 8730

Dear Dr Hughes

# **JAPANESE SPARE PARTS - ARBITRATION - TELECOM AUSTRALIA**

The documents recently provided by Telstra contain new and relevant information which clearly has an impact on the Claimants' position.

That information includes, from Telstra's own records, that Loop Mux problems were recognized as early as 1986 and persisted through at least 1992, and were not confined to the period October 1989 – inte 1990 as accepted by the Resource Unit.

Further, there is evidence that the report on the PCM Multiplexor faults was written to a pre-determined outcome.

There are also documents which provide information contrary to that contained in the Statutory Declarations provided by Telstra as part of their defence.

The documents give rise to certain questions which, we believe, ought to be put to Telstra on the matter of records referred to in the documentation recently provided.

In view of this, I request the following:

1. That a period of three weeks from today be allowed for the preparation of a further submission. (This period includes Easter).

2. That arrangements be made for the Resource unit to look at these documents. I would be happy to give them the appropriate document references.

Yours sincerely

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Amanda Devis for M. Gillan

cc T Benjamin

**J Pinnock** 





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By facsimile: (07) 3353 3593 By Post

Dear Mrs Gillan

25 June, 1996

## Arbitration

I refer to your letter to the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman of 24 June 1996, a copy of which was forwarded to Telstra by the TIO today.

Telstra advises that pursuant to your instructions the award monies in the sum of \$225,000.00 were paid to Valkobi Pty Ltd this afternoon by telegraphic transfer, as follows:-

- Commonwealth Bank, Everton Park, QLD.
- Branch No. 4110
- Account No. 0020 4766

A Copy of the Commonwealth Bank deposit receipt is enclosed for your record.

Yours faithfully

Ted Benjamin Director Consumer Affairs

Encl:

cc: Ms Amanda Davis By facsimile: (03) 9489 4452 699

Mr John Pinnock Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman By facsimile: (03) 9277 8797



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The Hon Daryl Williams AM, QC, MP Attorney General and Minister for Justice Parliament House CANBERRA ACT

Dear Minister.

**Re:** Defective Administration and unlawful corporate conduct by TELSTRA Corporation. - "TELSTRA senior technical officers have made statements under oath which are known to them to be untrue"

I wish to submit a formal complaint concerning Defective Administration and unlawful conduct by TELSTRA Corporation. I am in Arbitration with TELSTRA. The Arbitration is known as the "Fast Track Arbitration Procedure."

The Arbitration was negotiated by AUSTEL on behalf of four small business customers of whom I am one. We are commonly referred to as the CoT Cases "Casualties of TELSTRA."

The Rules of the FTAP "Arbitration Proceedings" stipulate that "the arbitration will be on documents and written submissions only" In TELSTRA's Defence TELSTRA Corporation submitted as "evidence" Statutory Declarations by TELSTRA personnel. In these Statutory Declarations TELSTRA senior technical officers have made statements under oath which are known to them to be untrue.

I am informed that it is a crime under the Crimes Act of 1914 to provide false testimony under oath. The unlawful conduct adopted by TELSTRA Corporation has severely disadvantaged us in the arbitration process.

TELSTRA is reliant upon the Statutory Declarations as evidence because TELSTRA states that the majority of historic documents which they base their Defence on have either disappeared or have been destroyed. It is therefore absolutely crucial to the process of Natural Justice that TELSTRA's Statutory Declarations be incontestable.

Subsequent to my complaint concerning the validity of TELSTRA's Defence to the Arbitrator, Mr Ted Benjamin - National Manager Customer Response Unit TELSTRA wrote on the 9 June, 1995:

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"The BOO1 Report is itself not evidence (hearsay or otherwise). The question of admissibility of the Report would therefore not seem to arise".....

"Telecom has provided the evidence upon which the BOO1 Report was based separately in the various appendices and Statutory Declarations."

I am in possession of documents which validate my assertions that the testimony sworn was known to the declarant to be untrue. Accompanying this complaint I enclose the Statutory Declarations of GEORGE SZYLKARSKI, LESLIE CHAMBERLAIN - 1989-1991 Area Manager (North) for Telecom Business Services ("TBS"). 1991- Telecom Manager, Network Operations, and PAUL HOWARD MIDDLEDITCH together with copies of the documentary evidence which disproves the sworn declarations. I will forward the Attachments with the bound copy of this complaint.

I will provide you with additional submissions next week on other statements submitted by TELSTRA Officers under oath and which were known to the declarants to be untrue.

There is now conclusive documentary evidence that TELSTRA misled AUSTEL, Bell Canada International and Coopers and Lybrand during their Inquiries. The subsequent "Reports" published by the above are in the most important areas incorrect and therefore defamatory and have caused damage to our credibility. I will today be lodging a formal complaint with AUSTEL in this regard.

The Commonwealth Ombudsman Ms Phillipa Smith has just completed an inquiry into my complaint concerning the conduct of TELSTRA in the provision of documents under FOI including the withholding and alleged destruction of documents by TELSTRA. "TELSTRA & FOI - Report of an investigation into a complaint by Mrs Ann Garms May 1996 - Report under section 35A of the Ombudsman Act 1976."

I will forward a copy of the Commonwealth Ombudsmans Report with the original of this complaint.

I would appreciate your advice as a matter of urgency as to what action you will be taking in this matter. Your officer asked me if I had lodged a complaint with the Australian Federal Police? Could you please advise me whether I or your office should lodge the complaint.

I would appreciate an acknowledgment of receipt of this complaint.

Yours sincerely

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Formal Complaint to the Hon Daryl Williams Attorney General and Minister for Justice RE: Defective Administration - Unlawful Conduct - TELSTRA Corporation.

CC Mr Neil Tuckwell Chairman Senator Ronald Boswell Senator the Hon Richard Alston The Hon Warwick Smith

> The Hon Peter Costello MP The Hon Peter Reith MP Senator the Hon Robert Hill Senator Vicki Bourne Ms Phillipa Smith Dr Gordon Hughes Mr John Pinnock Mr Peter Bartlett

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