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Ms Gillian Gould  
Secretary  
House of Representatives  
Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

18 April 2006

Dear Ms Gould

*Re:* letter written by Peter Martin appearing on the internet which contains deliberate lies and untruths about Assistant Commissioner Robert Waites and Superintendent Susan Waites of the New South Wales Police.

Recently, following advice, I reviewed the internet of all of the holdings that contain my name. At an address on the internet which is [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/laca/crimeinthecommunity/subs/sub108.pdf](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/laca/crimeinthecommunity/subs/sub108.pdf) I found the letter written by a former member of NSW Police, Mr Peter Martin dated 22 October 2002. That letter was written to you in relation to a standing enquiry being conducted under the chairperson of Ms Bronwyn Bishop and it was an inquiry into crime in the community: victims, offenders and fear of crime. In that letter Mr Martin made reference to a number of police officers in NSW Police and their actions, none of which to my understanding has been tested and therefore has to remain questionable. On the third page in the second paragraph, Mr Martin makes reference to me as the North Region Commander Robert Waites and reference to my wife, Inspector Sue Waites. In the penultimate sentence of that paragraph he makes the following assertion *"Incidentally, when Inspector Sue Waites applied for her promotion she used her maiden name before the interview panel. Why you might ask? Maybe it had something to do with the fact that her husband was one of the selectors on that panel"*. This statement is totally incorrect. My wife, who has been a member of NSW Police for over twenty years, has never applied for a promotion under other than her married name which is Sue Waites. I have never been, and deliberately so, involved in any way in any selection committee or assessment committee involving my wife, Sue Waites. And, in fact, all her selection committees have comprised officers senior to both herself and senior to myself.

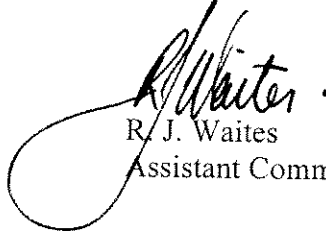
This letter was published by the Australian Federal Government on the internet site without challenge to any of the contents and the correctness thereof. Worse still, it has been left on that site for a period of over three years continuing to create a misconception to anyone who might fall upon it and read it.

Peter Martin subsequently appeared before the standing committee in which the chairperson, Bronwyn Bishop made reference to myself sitting on my wife's selection committee quoting from this letter. Again I was not given the opportunity to correct any misconceptions she may have received following the reading of this subject letter or any comments made by Peter Martin to that committee.

Again I reiterate, these claims and many others in the evidence and lies of Peter Martin are incorrect and in the very least slanderous to myself, my wife and other members of NSW Police.

I ask what you intend to do to correct this unjust publication and further, that you respond in writing as to your intent.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. Waites', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the bottom left of the signature.

R. J. Waites  
Assistant Commissioner