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Subject: Harassment Complaint



To Whom It may Concern,

I am sending this e-mail to you in reference to an harassment complaint which I submitted to the Senior Equity Office of 1 Brigade (Darwin) in Oct 2002.

As way of introduction, My name is Dean Wirth, I have recently discharged from the Army (11 Jan 04) after twenty years of service.

During my posting to 1 Command Support Unit Robertson Barracks Palmerston NT from Dec1999 to Dec 2002. In my opinion, experienced harassment from the Officer Commanding and the Squadron Sergeant Major of Operational Support Squadron.

As stated I initially made the complaint in Oct 2002, and as yet have not had any formal resolution to that complaint. The investigation was conducted around April 2003.

I feel that I have been directly obstructed by the powers that be, in gaining a resolution to this situation. As you can imagine I am very frustrated over the whole issue. I am of the opinion that those who are suppose to deal with this have taken the attitude that out of sight out of mind, and that they knew I was discharging due to this harassment. So they have played the waiting game until I discharged, and now they are using the good old red tape excuse to delay even more.

Please help me concerning this issue, I have not gained any from either the Senior Equity Officer of 1 Brigade, or the NT Equity Adviser (Donna Davies) after sending many e-mails to request help!

Dean Wirth

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