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Inquiry Title: Effectiveness of Australia's Military Justice System

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Dear

Re: Neil Howard and Effectiveness of Australia's Military justice system

I refer to your letter dated 15th December, 2003 Ref: CC000477 in which you request the provision of a Draft Submission as per the attachments detailed below:

Terms of reference

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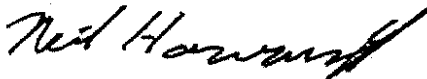
I would like to table personnel involved in interview: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] as tape recorded on Thursday 23.11.2000

My personal experiences with this treatment during my military service are many and frequent. There were instances where the need arose to report an incident and subsequently discovered that the personnel to whom I would report was in fact the instigator of the incident.

Drug Abuse

I have knowledge of instances of personnel on leave attending parties, raves, bars etc. and returning under the influence of various substances. I believe some of these substances to have been illegal substances such as cocaine, ecstasy and possibly speed. There were many times during guard duties and so forth that personnel were let out of the barracks, driving cars under the influence of alcohol and I believe that this could have been easily remedied by guard members breath testing the personnel.

Yours faithfully,



Neil Howard