

## **Ian Potterton's Open Letter To All Australian Citizen's Regarding afp Corruption**

I am writing an open letter statement to all Australian Citizens on why I believe I spent time in a Thai jail and the huge extent of the Australian federal police- afp, involvement.

It appears my many public and highly critical statements regarding the former afp commissioner Mick Keelty and the afp have come back to haunt me. The subject centres on democratically vital topics such as whether a government body- the afp, can use its powers to obtain its own ends, such as they are, as previously in other cases and in my case, currently being played out to the death of Australian Citizens overseas. The question is this: Should the afp be permitted to act in a way that is clearly outside Australian law to the detriment and death of Australian Citizens? Is it not bound to act in a way that if an Australian Citizen were to be found guilty of an offence in Australia, a death sentence could not be sought? We saw Mick Keelty's hand when he went back up to an Indonesian court to speak for Scott Rush of the 'Bali 9' case, against Scott's death sentence. Did Keelty speak against the two ringleaders Andrew Chan & Myuran Sukumaran death sentences? No, he did not. This clearly shows his intentions in passing privileged information to the Indonesian police: The killing of Australian Citizens he deemed worthy of death. It is nothing but extra-judicial murder by our Australian federal police. Our Australian Citizens Andrew Chan and Myuran Sukumaran were executed by firing squad on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Consider this: If you or I act knowing the result of that action is the death of an Australian Citizen, we will certainly face court for that action.

My considered opinion, as I looked out from Bangkok's notorious Special Remand Jail, is that the afp has enjoyed an unbroken string of such actions, and that right now they feel a law unto themselves, answerable to no one. Even so much that the afp's Anita van HILST and John TANTI accessed me in jail by lying- stating they were an embassy visit on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 2pm and uttered the most vile and ugly threats. TANTI said "I want you to rot and die in here!" I enquired if they had heard about the Royal Thai justice system, with a judge, prosecution and a defense team? TANTI waved this aside. All this, whilst I am in a wheelchair sitting helplessly, with no lawyer present. I assure you, I asked for one. Also five Thai prison managers were standing behind me listening in on this scene. These jail authorities then acted as par TANTI's wishes directly after. Jail director General Pin demanded in perfect English I "work in with your country." When I refused to lie, General Pin stopped all food, water and medicine and I had severe pneumonia. All as per the direction of the Australian federal police. This very same denial of a lawyer and medical care by Anita van HILST occurred at my Suvarnabhumi airport arrest and lengthy questioning. I was tortured using electricity and burning cigarettes at the afp's request.

When an Australian body acts outside our law in extra judicial killings, it is a "star chamber." Clearly the afp have acted as judge, jury and executioner in multiple killings. Regarding my case the afp have felt my past public comments warrant especially inventive treatment. Four days after I arrived in Thailand in late October 2012 for a homestay with my friends the Saowaphan family, the afp saw their chance for black revenge. In Australia, or anywhere else, not once have any police force ever knocked on my door, phoned me, stopped me in the street- Not Once. I have zero history of any child sex investigations or charges, but four days after I arrive in Thailand, I was

labelled a huge paedophile, with a “long history of raping children in Australia.” During my home stay the family went to a well-known local waterfall. There were many other families all around a beautiful swimming hole- it is a well-attended Thai National Park attraction, with some dozen adults and about 15 kids. Every adult including me, was dressed appropriately for swimming, some were even fully clothed. Being Thailand some kids had clothing on, some had nothing. This is the deviousness of the afp that of the dozens of photos taken that day & in afp possession; just one, one photo of a nude kid standing in front of me found its way into their case. All the others showing us adults and children were not used in the afp case, just this one public photo. The afp media statement claiming I was involved in kiddie porn came to nothing- zero pictures were ever produced in court. If they had something, the afp would certainly have used it. The afp have a well-known history of charging Australians, making a big public circus out of it “look at us, aren’t we great, we deserve your trust and respect,” and later, quietly, withdrawing some or all of them.

Note the afp media scrum of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2012 storied photos are still on the internet, wherein I was physically dragged from my hospital bed with pneumonia, to the utter shock of my doctor standing by. At this time my entire doctor issued medical certificates and medicines from an earlier hospital stay, were stolen from me. The afp knew I was sick- I phoned them, asking “What are you up to?” I could hardly speak due the pneumonia. All this and their recording of my phone calls was suppressed at court by the afp. I was painted as sexually active.

John TANTI, who stated on the 19th June 2014, in a Thailand military junta courtroom in sworn testimony to being “a serving member of the Australian federal police and former spy”, talked at great length about my “long history of child sex in Australia.” TANTI’s perjury went on throughout the day- for three hours. At one point the judge stopped TANTI and asked him to “Please supply the court with Ian’s list of convictions.” TANTI replied “he has none.” I laughed in this cop’s face saying “Lies, slander and perjury your honour- TANTI is hiding behind diplomatic immunity.” But lies, perjury and slander is quite acceptable in a Thai court. Corruption- a way of life; and the afp know this. Thailand does love its intrigues: usually the US, now little Australia. TANTI also produced a three page letter to the Thai police stating all my paedophile actions. Believe me fellow Australians; TANTI will face defamation charges brought by me against him over this scurrilous letter. The look on TANTI’s face, he was clearly scared, as the judge ordered this letter passed to me for reading. TANTI also spoke about child sex in the Philippines- more lies and perjury. As Mr TANTI left the courtroom he turned to me and said “see you in 15 years.” And this is the behaviour of our federal police! It was my belief I would never be allowed to return to Australia. I am considered far too dangerous in highlighting afp criminal behaviour. And I so desperately need urgent medical care to walk again. As of typing out these hand written notes I am still in a wheelchair and, it seems, will be for life; my legs have been destroyed.

In early November 2012 TANTI and HILST, with the Bangkok police TANTI had arranged this with, went down to the Saowaphan family in Chantaburi, and ordered the Saowaphan family to sign pre-written complaints. When they refused to believe the lies told them about me, they bashed the Saowaphan family into signing complaints to start their case, as heard in sworn testimony from the Saowaphan family in Chantaburi court on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013. In court, I turned to HILST who sat directly behind me and I said “If, if, I survive this horrific experience, I swear there

will be such a reckoning on my return to Australia- you'd better believe it!" She, with her Thai minder, went and sat, in disgrace, wedged in the farthest corner of the courtroom. Note well People: The afp never missed a day in their trial against me. After their veracious testimony, the Saowaphan family came and knelt in front of me and said "Ian we are so sorry." Little Konsak came and gave me a hug. The devoted Mother massaged liniment oil into my damaged and useless leg. There was not a dry eye amongst us; the two Thai judges didn't want to see this and got up and left their courtroom!

It is my intention to invite the Saowaphan family to Australia to repeat their testimony to an Australian court and the Australian People.

My deepest concern has always been the protection of all Australian's democratically elected and constitutional rights. Without an awareness of this and a press and media strong and independent that faithfully reports actual events, how can the People make informed decisions and choices? I certainly need help and right now. Our department of foreign affairs & trade- dfat have acted despicably, as active members of the afp. The first consular assistant Ms Viputpan NUTSATI told me on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2015 at 11.30am of the afp's continued involvement saying "I wish they wouldn't interfere as much." On Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 09.15am the afp entered into the Bangkok remand jail, into Den3 and walked straight up to me with the guards standing in front of me pointing at me with their batons! I requested a letter of censure during two separate consular visits be written by the Australian attorney general to the afp that continued harassment is unacceptable: dfat refused, stating "entry into the jail is impossible." Yet another Australian prisoner saw it all and has written a statement about it. When I mentioned this to the consul Donna BENGSTON on her 18<sup>th</sup> October visit, she looked gutshot. This same consul said "the afp are not happy." To which I replied "so you are holding secret meetings about me thereby breaching all confidentiality." At 09.45am that same Sunday as the afp visit a sum of loan money from dfat was deposited into my account. So who brought the cash in? A dfat official or did dfat knowing of the afp visit give the money to them? A different consul Val METHE on her 6<sup>th</sup> December visit denied any involvement saying "I was off work and at home- it wasn't me!" I am crippled and heavily scarred in both legs now through massive untreated infections from rusty leg irons and filthy jail conditions. I walked into the jail- now I can't walk due deliberate negligence and zero consular representation from dfat towards me; and dfat continues to act right now maliciously towards me in direct breach of their 'duty of care statement.' From 108(kgs) entry into jail down to 46(kgs) with dfat denying anything was wrong- dfat did everything in their power towards my death- zero consular assistance. But I'm sure dfat's documentation is all correct. The Australian consul Val METHE stated on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 11.20am "Ian we will not help you in any way." So no prisoner transfer to an Australian hospital- even under extreme medical duress; no rehabilitation to walk again- left to "rot and die," exactly as afp TANTI spat at me at the start of their revenge act against me, with dfat following along like Mary's little lamb.

HM Queen Sirikit's 12<sup>th</sup> August 2016 Royal Amnesty finished my sentence under conviction 279. In early August Den3 building chief, with confirmation from sentence management said "Ian goes home!" But a week later I'm told I have an excluded amnesty number: 277- a lie. Then it was "you're not excellent class," but have a lesser class attracting a smaller sentence reduction. I hold

documents from the building chief stating I'm excellent class. This whole changing mess stank of afp interference- probably from their last known visit of Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July to the General rank Director of the Bangkok Special Remand Prison.

The Australian People may rightly feel they have been lied to by our federal police. I urgently call on all concerned Australian Citizens to gather together and stand up against the moral bankruptcy that has become our federal police. Meet with your local member; write to your government representative. I hold plans that on my return to Australia I want to hold public meetings so you can hear this- and much, much more, from my own lips, face to face.

If they can do this to an upstanding law abiding Citizen, they can do it to any Australian Citizen.

Yours earnestly

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