



OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER AGAINST CORRUPTION (NT)

Public Statement by Commissioner Riches

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In light of the recent findings of the Honourable Justice Kelly in *Moriarty v ICAC* [2022] NTSC 46, I recently removed from my office's website my predecessor's Public Statement in relation to the investigation into the Darwin Turf Club Grandstand Grant. I did so because Justice Kelly's findings required me to remove certain parts of the Public Statement before it was republished.

I have determined that I will not exercise the power to republish that Public Statement on the ICAC website.

In light of my decision not to re-publish the Public Statement on the website, other persons the subject of adverse findings made by my predecessor in that Public Statement, Mr Brett Dixon and Mr Matthew Moss, and the Darwin Turf Club, have discontinued judicial review proceedings they commenced against me in respect of that Public Statement.

I have previously commented on certain aspects of the Turf Club investigation in the public domain. I do not intend to make any further comment on that investigative process, or the findings reached by my predecessor in his report and Public Statement. In deciding not to republish the Public Statement it should not be understood that I accept all of the criticisms made by parties about that Public Statement, or the findings made by the former Commissioner.

My decision not to republish the Public Statement and the discontinuance of the Supreme Court challenges which have followed will put an end to contests which have been an unfortunate distraction to the important work of my office.

Commissioner Riches
Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (NT)

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