

Investigation into the conduct of a Regional Illegal Dumping Squad officer and others

ICAC FINDINGS

The ICAC found that **Craig Izzard** engaged in serious corrupt conduct by:

- from 2015, being party to an agreement where Ibrahim Beydoun paid \$10,000 to Nosir Kabite, which Mr Kabite agreed to share with Mr Izzard, in return for which Mr Izzard improperly exercised his official functions to: intimidate Raed Ykmour into departing from 30 Bellfield Avenue, Rossmore, in order to assist Mr Beydoun to relocate his business to that property; assist Mr Beydoun to avoid detection of the illegal operation of his skip bin business at that site; assist Mr Beydoun with the development application for the operation of his skip bin business at the property
- between September 2015 and March 2016, agreeing to receive from Kabite cash payments, and receiving at least two mobile telephones, firewood and free rubbish removal as a reward for assisting Mr Kabite by improperly exercising his official functions by deliberately failing to investigate the unlawful waste disposal activities and not enforcing waste disposal laws in relation to Mr Kabite's operations at Bandon Road, Vineyard.

Nosir Kabite engaged in serious corrupt conduct by, from 2015, being a party to an agreement where he received \$10,000 from Mr Beydoun, which he agreed to share with Mr Izzard, in return for Mr Izzard improperly exercising his official functions as described above.

Ibrahim Beydoun engaged in serious corrupt conduct by, from 2015, being a party to an agreement whereby he paid \$10,000 to Mr Kabite with the intention that Mr Kabite would share the money with a Liverpool Council Officer in return for that officer improperly exercising his official functions as described above.

ICAC RECOMMENDATIONS

The ICAC is of the opinion that the advice of the Director of Public Prosecutions should be obtained with respect to the prosecution of Mr Izzard, Mr Kabite and Mr Beydoun for [various offences](#).

CORRUPTION PREVENTION

The Commission has made 15 [corruption prevention recommendations](#) to address the issues and concerns raised in this investigation, including the need to: strengthen the strategic oversight and governance framework for the Western Sydney Regional Illegal Dumping Squad; address the problems associated with the incentives and motivations driving illegal dumping; ensure a tighter regulatory response to illegal dumping, aided by the creation of a standalone offence for asbestos dumping and the establishment of a single statutory entity to oversee asbestos waste.

BACKGROUND

The Commission's investigation began after it received a report in June 2015 from the chief executive officer of Liverpool City Council pursuant to section 11 of the *Independent Commission Against Corruption Act 1988*, that Mr Izzard may have solicited a bribe from a member of the public by using his position to ignore an illegal landfill operation. Section 11 of the ICAC Act requires the principal officer of a public authority to report the Commission that any matter that the persons suspect on reasonable grounds concerns, or may concern corrupt conduct.

The Commission held a public inquiry, as part of the investigation, over nine days from 22 August to 13 September 2016. Assistant Commissioner the Hon Reginald Blanch AM QC presided at the public inquiry, at which 28 witnesses gave evidence. The report is available on the ICAC website at www.icac.nsw.gov.au.

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