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Investigation into the conduct of a Mine Subsidence Board district manager

ICAC FINDINGS

The Commission found that former Mine Subsidence Board (MSB) Picton office district manager Darren Bullock engaged in serious corrupt conduct by:

- between 2008 and 2014, soliciting and receiving payments totalling \$314,115.50 from Kevin Inskip, of Plantac Pty Ltd, as an inducement or reward for Mr Bullock exercising his public official functions as district manager of the MSB's Picton office to favour, or not to show disfavour to, Mr Inskip's business in relation to its work for the MSB
- between 2006 and 2013, using his position to direct David Salmon, of A&DJ Building Services, to produce and submit 11 backdated A & DJ Building Services "cover quotes" (false quotations) to the MSB and then applying false "Received" date stamps to specific A & DJ Building Services cover quotes, and using the cover quotes for the purpose of exercising his public official functions as district manager of the MSB's Picton office, to show favour in the provision of work to Plantac by falsely representing that quotations competitive with the Plantac quotations had been sought and obtained in relation to work on those properties
- between 2007 and 2015, arranging with Mr Salmon for Mr Salmon to include additional amounts totalling \$210,200 in A & DJ Building Services invoices, quotations and tenders for repairs to properties submitted to the MSB with the intention that these additional amounts would be shared equally between Mr Salmon and himself. Mr Bullock received \$83,600 from Mr Salmon as a result of this arrangement as an inducement or reward for Mr Bullock exercising his public official functions as district manager of the MSB's Picton office, to favour, or not to show disfavour to, Mr Salmon's business in relation to its work for the MSB
- between 2007 and 2013, using his position at the MSB to direct Mr Inskip to produce and submit seven Plantac cover quotes to the MSB in relation to seven properties, for the purpose of exercising his public official functions as district manager of the MSB's Picton office, to show favour in the provision of work to A & DJ Building Services by falsely representing that quotations competitive with the A & DJ Building Services quotations had been sought and obtained in relation to those properties

The Commission found that Mr Inskip, his wife Barbara Inskip and Mr Salmon engaged in serious corrupt conduct by their participation in making payments and providing cover quotes to Mr Bullock, a public official, in the instances described above.

ICAC RECOMMENDATIONS

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

CORRUPTION PREVENTION

The Commission makes seven [corruption prevention recommendations](#), to help the MSB to minimise the recurrence of the conduct found in this investigation.

BACKGROUND

In October 2013, the Commission commenced an investigation after receiving a complaint that Mr Bullock was receiving payments from Mr Inskip of Plantac in return for showing favour to Plantac in his role as district manager of the MSB's Picton office. The Commission held a public inquiry, as part of the investigation, over 13 days between 20 March and 10 April 2015, and then between 25 and 29 May 2015. Commissioner the Hon Megan Latham presided at the public inquiry and 11 witnesses gave evidence. The report is available on the ICAC website at www.icac.nsw.gov.au.

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