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Australian Federal Police Association

MEDIA STATEMENT

TRUST AND INTEGRITY IN THE AFP DECLINING

The Australian Federal Police Association President Angela Smith is troubled by the approach adopted by the AFP during the current Enterprise Agreement Access Period.

The AFP Enterprise Agreement is currently in its final week of a three-week access period ahead of a 10-day voting period commencing 30 June 2017.

The Australian Federal Police Association has been forced to recommend their membership VOTE NO to the enterprise agreement that has been offered by the AFP.

Ms. Smith said, "I am continually being contacted by members who are expressing concerns about both the way AFP are relaying information to members and about the agreement itself".

"We understand that some of their information sessions have included needless attacks on our Association".

"Late last week the AFP used an operational computer system to push their industrial message".

"At face value, this was a blatant misuse of a key internal criminal investigative system that was quickly abandoned after our Association and our members questioned the ethics of this approach".

"This type of management tactic has contributed to a growing sense of unease amongst our members" said Ms. Smith.

"At our meetings across the country where we have met with over a third of our membership, and in an ongoing survey that is seeking views on the enterprise agreement, an alarming number of members are telling us that they have lost trust and confidence in the AFP".

This can be attributed to both the protracted bargaining process and by the way in which the AFP reserves for itself the right to dictate terms and conditions, to impose these upon employees and to communicate an expectation of compliance, even when these changes will see them worse off" said Ms. Smith.

"My members are being asked to support an enterprise agreement that does not support operational outcomes. This is not the best offer the AFP can put forward".

The Turnbull governments' workplace bargaining policy is completely inappropriate for the AFP.

The Prime Minister and his senior Ministers simply refuse to see sense on this issue.

"They are not listening" said Ms. Smith.

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