

Dear Jacinta,

I write regarding the Affidavit you provided Melissa [Butler] a few weeks ago. The situation has changed significantly since then. As you know Dr. El Khoury has confirmed that he employs Diana Asmar when that is not the case. Dr. El Khoury's actions enabled Ms. Asmar to be admitted as a member to the HSU so that she may run in an election against us. You may or may not know about what my family and others, including Melissa, have been through in the last 12 months. I, along with others, reported corruption in our union which involved ALP heavy weights and to cut a long story short I have been attacked, smeared and vilified, and ultimately ended up unemployed (temporarily I hope). My partner and I have been struggling financially while fighting the temporary administrator (who has done nothing to address the evidence of Ms. Asmar's lies in saying she works at the clinic) to get my basic annual and long service leave entitlements.

It has been a horrible 12 months for my family and indeed all staff at the HSU. All our health has suffered, purely for standing up to rampant corruption. It has been a rollercoaster, but now we have a chance to win an election in the next couple of months, restore the HSU to a clean union and look forward to enjoying our job and some security and of course look after our members with integrity.

Dr El Khoury has effectively enabled Ms. Asmar to run in this HSU election, and we fear she will have big money and possibly outdo us with multiple mail outs. She will, as she has done in the past, run a vicious campaign and if she wins Melissa and I will lose our jobs and my family will possibly lose our home. Not because we were beaten fair and square, but because Ms. Asmar (with Dr El Khoury's help) would have cheated. Below is a link to a recent article about what was found to be electoral fraud directly involving the Asmars in the last HSU election (2009) campaign that we ended up winning (thank goodness!).
<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/national-affairs/mailout-breach-haunts-hsu-poll/story-fn59niix-1226456138368>

There is an Ombudsman's report into the Darebin Council where Ms. Asmar is Deputy Mayor, which is about to be publically released. We have very reliable information from someone who has strong links with the Darebin Council that there will be very adverse findings in the report, and Diana Asmar's name keeps coming up in media reports. Allegations that sparked the Ombudsman's investigation include: nepotism and failure to declare conflicts of interest (including family ties) when granting funding to community groups and taking bribes in building development deals. The report is described as explosive. Here are links to media articles anticipating the release of the Ombudsman's report.

<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/darebin-council-awaits-its-fate-20120904-25d04.html>
<http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/ombudsman-told-of-darebin-bribes-20120620-20okd.html>

I am sincerely asking you to assist us in making our union free of corruption, and help Melissa and I keep our jobs. It is such a pivotal moment in a long and torturous time for us, and although I know this may be difficult for you, I know from our experiences over the past year that in the whole saga, this will be a blip on the radar – the focus will, and should be, squarely on Diana Asmar, not Dr El Khoury.

We have greatly appreciated your assistance thus far – unfortunately addressing the issue directly with the Administrator has been to no avail. We believe the Administrator wants to leave Ms Asmar's eligibility up to the Australian Electoral Commission. This would leave us with no choice but to take legal action to challenge the eligibility, which would likely attract more media attention. Thank you for writing an Affidavit about what you knew. Could you please consent to your Affidavit being provided to a journalist as proof of what is a

fraud? The journalist would probably only want to talk to you to confirm that you wrote the affidavit, and yours and Melissa's Affidavit would only form a small part of a wider story. I know you're on holiday, but if you could let me know your thoughts as soon as possible, I'd be so grateful. I'm of course available to speak with you if you want. So many people are standing strong with us, and all those people have everything to lose if we don't succeed. There are so many people who deserve for this nightmare to be over, and we really need your help to ensure this happens.

I hope you can help us.

Best regards, Marco

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