

**INQUIRY INTO ISSUES RELATING TO
REDFERN/WATERLOO**

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Subject: Waterloo inquiry comment

Dear Madam,
I will keep this brief, as I know that you must get a great deal of correspondence on the issue.

My comment relates to a report in today's SMH - that "Redfern police is seen as a dumping ground for inexperienced officers".

I have lived in the area for nearly 10 years and have found the level of police commitment to the job to be very good. In my limited dealings with them, over the phone and in person, I have found them to be professional, courteous and effective. I intentionally work (as a citizen) with them to improve our neighbourhood and have always received brilliant cooperation with them.

They go a great job under trying circumstances and if these are inexperienced officers, then they will develop into great senior officers.

Whilst I have had no experience with the Senior Management of Redfern police, but it is generally accepted that the staff reflect the leadership - rottenness at the top filters through to the ranks - and I see no rottenness in the ranks. I only see men and women busting a gut in a job that - I suspect - would be largely thankless.

And frankly I think that they deserve better than what they are getting. If that means the tools or training to do their job better, bring it on.

I am happy for this note to be used for any purpose at your discretion and am prepared to support it in any way.

Thank you,

Peter.

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