



QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE
STATEMENT OF WITNESS

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Occurrence #: _____

Statement no.: _____ Date: **15/10/2019**

Statement of

Name of witness: **BURNS-HUTCHISON, Elizabeth**

Date of birth: _____ Age: _____ Occupation: **Police Officer**

Police officer taking statement

Name: _____

Rank: _____ Reg. no.: _____

Region/Command/Division: _____ Station: _____

Statement:

Elizabeth Watson BURNS-HUTCHISON states:

1. My full and correct name is Elizabeth Watson BURNS-HUTCHISON, I am A Senior Sergeant of Police and Officer in Charge of Ipswich Police station. My registered number is 8360.
2. To the best of my recollection I do not know Russell Gordon Haig MATHEWS of 119 Brisbane Rd, Booval.
3. I recall Wednesday the 26th of June 2019. That morning I was checking my e-mails and noted a particular e-mail forwarded from Deb Reilly, a civilian staff member.
4. The e-mail related to a member of public wishing to speak to me about defamatory material posted about me on the internet. *I can produce a copy of this e-mail dated 25 June 2019 if required, marked exhibit number.....*
5. I continued reading and addressing e-mails and found a particular e-mail received from a person who stated his name was Jason Andrews. The subject of this e-mail read: 'Re haig report you photos online!!' I read the content of the e-

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mail and noticed a hyperlinked internet address. *I can produce a copy of this e-mail dated 25 June 2019 if required, marked exhibit number.....*

6. As a result of the information contained in this e-mail I clicked on the hyperlink which took me to an internet page relating to the 'Haig Report'. I immediately saw several photographs depicting myself. These photographs were taken at various times throughout my career and related to media articles, ceremonies and public forums I have attended.
7. The photographs were accompanied by typed text which contained some very nasty comments directed towards me. The text referred to me as 'Corrupt' a 'Murderer' and a 'Neo-Natsi' along with other defamatory comments. I was shocked at level of hatred contained in this text and the extent of the above-mentioned allegations.
8. I saw the report also posted my official police e-mail address and full name. The author also made comments about finding out more about me. Because of this public internet page, I felt it necessary to change my social media profile and tighten the security to protect not only my own personal information and photographs but that of my partner and three children.
9. I immediately felt concern for myself and my family. I immediately notified my Inspector surrounding the contents of this internet to have a risk assessment conducted.
10. On the 1st of July 2019 I received an e-mail from Sgt MUNN of Ipswich. I was made aware of large sign erected in front of a dwelling house situated at 119 Brisbane Rd, Booval. The sign reads 'Ipswich TOP COP Elizabeth Burns-Hutchison is CORRUPT HaigReport.com/EB. This sign is heavily illuminated at night. I immediately felt quite disturbed and unsettled at the thought of this sign being erected. I am long standing member of the Ipswich community and my children are schooled in the Ipswich area. I am reasonably well known within the business community and am quite embarrassed by this sign and slanderous material posted on the internet by this individual. *I can produce photographs depicting the sign referred too, if required, marked exhibit number.....*



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- 11. Early in July I was contacted via telephone by a friend, who was commenting on both the sign naming me as corrupt and the internet page.
- 12. Since this time, I have been contacted by other friends and colleges who referred to both the large sign on Brisbane Rd, and the 'Haig Report posted on the internet. This caused me great concern as I don't know who is reading this propaganda that has been posted.
- 13. I do not know this male person MATHEWS. To the best of my knowledge I have never met him. Since being made aware of this internet page and sign, I have changed my parking arrangements for work to stop this individual obtaining my vehicle registration number.
- 14. Since this time, I find myself being hypervigilant when out in public to prevent this individual from obtaining my address to protect myself and my family as I have fears for what this individual will do next.



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S/SGT 8360

OIC Ipswich

Justices Act 1886

I acknowledge by virtue of section 110A(6C)(c) of the *Justices Act 1886* that:

- (1) This written statement by me dated **15/10/2019** and contained in the pages numbered 1 to 3 is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
- (2) I make this statement knowing that I may be liable to prosecution for stating in it anything that I know is false



.....Signature

Signed at Ipswich this 15th day of October 2019

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