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As per our discussions below is the email I received from Detective Inspector Waddell the Crime Manager Lake Macquarie making representations about the preliminary investigation being allocated to their Command. They have indicated it should be allocated to Newcastle City LAC.

I understand that the file was allocated to them on the basis that they had the expertise to speak to the witnesses based on their Commands experience in dealing with matters relating to the Catholic Church. The rationale for that decision was sound. If statements were taken from the primary victims ^{AL} and ^{AK} and some issues clarified (particularly if the wanted the matter reported to the police when they disclosed the offences to the catholic church) it may become self evident which the victims would accept that there was no basis to pursue the matter.

Steve Rae indicated that he would be prepared to assist when the witness are debrief which I would fully support.

In my view there is some merit to their request to review the allocation to Newcastle.

Additionally we are now requesting assistance from Lake Macquarie to make Sergeant Al Janson available to assist in the planning for Camp for Climate. He has expertise in planning the please response in relation to environmental protests on Power Stations. We would be seeking that he come off line asap in relation to this event. His release has come more problematic because Sergeant Mark Plant also from Lake Macquarie is due to start a secondment to the Region Office in September to fill the PSM Sergeant role that has been vacant for 18 months.

I have spoke to Brendan about deferring Sergeant Plant's secondment till after the Camp for Climate to ensure that event is properly planned for as the State Planning Unit are only offering consultancy and it by far how highest rks job in the Region for this year.

If you could advise Ma'am's thoughts in this regard it would be greatly appreciated.

Regards Tony



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To Craig Rae/22212/Staff/NSWPolice@NSWPolice
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 Subject Catholic Church

Superintendent RAE,
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cc. Insp Townsend, Operations Manager, Northern Region

As you are both aware I am very disappointed with the decision to allocate the recent sexual assault investigation relating to the Catholic Church to Lake Macquarie for further investigation. I am aware that Inspector Townsend is going to forward me the hard copy of the file and discuss further, but I feel compelled to voice my dissatisfaction with this decision.

The information initially came to Lake Macquarie due to our investigation of SF Georgiana relating to the Catholic Church. I still have two Detectives, including Detective Sergeant Faber and PS SC Gardiner, investigating and preparing ongoing briefs of evidence in relation to SF Georgiana, when time permits. The current complaint has nothing to do with this investigation and relates to Newcastle City and Hunter Valley LACs.

Lake Macquarie Detectives are stretched at the moment from a workload and resourcing point of view. Only yesterday I had a meeting with Detectives due to issues associated with their staffing and workload. This was initially set down for last week, but had to be cancelled due to a search warrant last week requiring significant resourcing and ongoing investigation. This matter again being one that should be investigated with a significant strikeforce response, but one that we are having to manage on a lower scale that will not ultimately reflect the true criminality, due to a lack of available resources.

Lake Macquarie Detectives ran a significant industrial campaign two years ago to address their staffing issues and were successful in getting three additional overstrength (not to be de-activated) positions with an indication that they would get more Detectives from the promised two hundred additional LAC based Detectives soon to be allocated. The Lake Macquarie Detectives were the instigators of the Northern Region project in relation to Detectives workload allocation formula and based on this analysis ranked highly and are obviously in need of further staffing.

In relation to this specific issue, Lake Macquarie are already investigating SF Lozano - an historical sexual assault investigation relating to St John of God at Morisset. This will be a protracted investigation with about 4 POIs and 20 victims identified at this stage and we would anticipate that these numbers will grow significantly during the course of the investigation. A request for assistance was submitted to Sex Crimes, SCC but declined. I would anticipate that based on the current staff that we have been able to allocate to the investigation that this investigation will take at least six months, or more, to complete. Ideally we should be allocating further staff to assist with the investigation, but unfortunately do not have the available resources.

I have prepared a document (attached) setting out our current staffing and availability. The spreadsheet indicates in red those that are unavailable due to strikeforces, sick report etc and in blue those that would not be considered to undertake this type of investigation due to workload, role and welfare issues.



Lake Macquarie Detectives staffing submission to Region.doc

As indicated there are very few Detectives that are in a position to conduct an investigation of this nature and in reality it would be allocated to a Detective Senior Constable working on the floor to manage amongst their other cases and workload coming into the office. With the media attention and interest that this matter would generate I do not see this as an ideal situation and it would only exacerbate the staffing and workload issues that already exist within our Detectives office.

My view is that this investigation relates to Newcastle City and Hunter Valley and has nothing to do with Lake Macquarie and based on our available resources we are not in a position to provide an adequate investigation of this matter.

I would request that the Region Commander and HR Manager be again reminded of the staffing issues in relation to our Detectives and that a strong priority be given to our investigative resources when additional Detectives staffing are allocated in December.

For your consideration.

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RE MAQUARIE DETECTIVES STAFF

D/Insp David Waddell	Crime Manager.
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Det Sgt Kristi Faber	Detective Sergeant - In last two years has been Supervisor / OIC of two protracted and lengthy investigations in SF Adrienne (homicide) and SF Georgiana (Catholic Church). Still running investigations and briefs of evidence in relation to SF Georgiana (and St Plux relating to Newcastle City LAC) from office. Decision made not to assign any further protracted sexual assault investigations (particularly those relating to the Church) due to welfare concerns.
DSC Russell Turnbull	SF Lozano - historical sexual assault investigation relating to St John of God at Morisset. This will be a protracted investigation with about 4 POs and 20 victims identified at this stage. RFA submitted to Sex Crimes, SCC declined. Additional staffing required but not available due to general LAC workload. Anticipated that investigation will take at least six months with current staffing / resources.
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DSC Todd Clayton	Involved with SF Georgiana and SF Adrienne with D/Sgt FABER. Two protracted and lengthy investigations in SF Adrienne (homicide) and SF Georgiana (Catholic Church). Decision made not to assign any further protracted sexual assault investigations (particularly those relating to the Church) due to welfare concerns.
DSC Jacqui Flipo	
DSC Shaun McLeod	Sick report - issues specifically relate to SF Georgiana.

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