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From: Peter Fox <rosehill10@bigpond.com.au>
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Just letting you know I got a call off AL just after lunch time today.

She was stressing out a bit after a call from Brad TAYLER. I explained my situation briefly to her. She said she isn't prepared to give her statement to STEEL or QUINN and would be insisting I interview her. I told her that was her decision and I would be happy to do her statement but asked she make it clear that the decision is her own decision and this had not been suggested to her by me or anyone else. She said it was her decision and would let them know that in no uncertain terms.

Finally she said Brad TAYLER was 'harassing' her for her statement and this was causing her a lot of stress and upsetting her. He was insisting it be done in the next few days or week. She explained she has a lot on at present with her family and taking her mother to Melbourne for Xmas.

I spent nearly half an hour on the phone and suggested she write to Brad and explain the situation and state that she would not be providing any statement until after New Year. There is nothing he can do about that. I suggested she do so politely and ask he respect her decision. I said I couldn't understand why he was pushing it so urgently and upsetting her, it could have been done now, two years ago or in 2 years time, the matter will not alter in that time frame. She sounded a lot more reassured by the time we finished up.

I called Townsend again today but was told he is in Sydney to the end of the week and probably cannot call me until after he is back.

I just get the feeling he is avoiding me like the plague. I think he knows he is jammed in the middle and doesn't want to hear from me.

All the best

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