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Dear Vice-Chancellor and President Mark Scott,

Alzheimer's dementia is on its way of becoming the most important human disease in terms of societal impact if no effective treatment is found. I discovered Alois Alzheimer's original research material in Munich and a collection has been officially part of my laboratory for more than 30 years with international visitors even coming to Sydney to see it. Therefore, great public interest would be guaranteed in the fact that Professor Stephen Garton when he was temporary vice chancellor fabricated a surveillance camera out of an essential security camera which I had to install to protect the material as well as the reputation of our university AND for which I had the broadest possible written permission after thefts had occurred near my office. Merely locking my office door was not an option because it was opened and left unlocked repeatedly after I had secured it which is on file. Garton's attempt with the camera to silence me in response to my public interest disclosure about alleged criminal activity of a Head of School is now being repeated by your management and Senate needs to know about this and the risk of international reputational damage to our university if management does not correct its course because management's actions will unavoidably become part of the international history of Alzheimer's disease.

Senate is the governing body of this university and ultimately responsible for what is happening. I am therefore attaching to this letter a summary of what has taken place for Senate's information. This documentation was prepared for official sessions with Ms Jane Wright which the NTEU attended.

Subsequently, instead of apologizing and rectifying the situation university management has only used my submissions to fabricate new allegations against me to silence me. Therefore, the delegate officer simply checking on process integrity will not be enough. It may be the last opportunity for your management to get things right. The delegate officer will finally need to look at the facts.

Disciplinaries against whistle-blowers are a typical response by managers who have failed but absurd because whistle-blowers cannot comply with authoritarian measures taken by the very same power they have reported for misconduct, and even alleged criminal misconduct in this case. The tactic of subordinate managers to discredit people who bring legitimate concerns to your attention should not only give you pause but make you want to examine the evidence yourself.

Senate will remember my vote of no confidence against you and the chancellor of February last year if it was ever forwarded as requested. Senate being aware of the lengths to which management under Spence, Garton and yourself has gone to silence me would be condoning revenge against a whistle-blower. If it is true, that previous correspondence from USAP has not reached Senate one needs to ask if the submission process must be improved.

I issued my vote of no confidence in university management on the day when the targeting of my students intensified with the enrolment of a very talented student being blocked by Professor Macdonald Christie. The

students' witness statements are included in the attached PDF.

I will meet with the NTEU early this week and if their lawyers advise me to deal with the retaliatory disciplinary sent to me by Professor Joanne I will respond to it but I would need until the end of the month to address the accusations because I am flat out with reviews for the ARC (deadline 9 June), the organization of a conference and the guest editing of an issue for a leading journal. Important, my belongings including my scientific archive that were removed on Professor Jagose's orders need to be returned to their original location without further delay so that the wet lab work of my team can continue and the three of the five students who have not given up as a consequence of the targeting are allowed to do their work (two need to be reinstated after their wrongful termination and one needs to be allowed to enrol).

The university paid \$30,000 specifically for the transport of my scientific archive from London which proves that the space it occupied for more than a decade until it was removed on Professor Jagose orders was officially assigned to me. I have no other space for the material which is used in our research, and we have already lost one year.

Important. A proper investigation of the report to audit by three (!) senior professors on alleged criminal management misconduct at our university which triggered my persecution by management and which I was the first to take forward in my role as USAP President as was my duty and for which I have been targeted for more than two years is still outstanding:

 $\underline{https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/council/Transcripts/UTAS/LCS\%20UTAS\%20Inquiry\%206\%20December\%202022.pdf}$

Such an important investigation can only be trusted if truly independent and if the conditions are agreed by all sides. USAP Council has rejected Dr Mary O'Kane as an investigator for very good reasons.

The fact remains that while Mr Pallier may have temporarily received his wages from the university, he is a Deloitte employee, and I was not informed about Deloitte's involvement. I therefore again reserve my rights concerning any involvement of a company like Deloitte in my work without my knowledge. Deloitte employees are not scholars, they are not researchers, and they are not teachers of any academic standing. However, they are increasingly being used in the public service when managers are not sufficiently capable. Why are these managers in post in the first place? Even more concerning, all too often external consultants are hired as paid "fixers" and since their priority is profit but not university ethics or academic values they do not shy away from questionable activity as the PwC scandal shows in great clarity. Consultants like Deloitte are loyal to profit, not the public. Their use at a public university is therefore completely inappropriate.

At a university, academic standards and principles must rule, or it is not a university.



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