

**BEFORE THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS COMMISSION
OF NEW SOUTH WALES IN COURT SESSION**

IRC of 3124/2000

VALDA JUNE KERRISON

Applicant
and

**TECHNICAL AND FURTHER
EDUCATION COMMISSION**

Respondent

AFFIDAVIT:

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On the fourteenth day of June 2002, I Valda June Kerrison of Unit 5, 71 Probert Street, Newtown, NSW, TAFE teacher, MYOB appointed trainer, say on oath

- 1 I am often unrepresented in this matter. A concerned member of the public, Mr Gerard Crewdson has sometimes assisted me.
- 2 Neither Mr Crewdson nor I have legal training.
- 3 Neither Mr Crewdson nor I have resources to mount this case in a way comparable to the respondents.
- 4 The respondents have apparently unlimited resources and use them.
- 5 Mr Crewdson is frequently in court with his own matters and is no longer assisting.
- 6 I do not have money to buy legal assistance and it is doubtful that any private lawyers could match the money and time of the respondent and its legal department and Crown Solicitor's team..
- 7 Some lawyers have first agreed to act for me then on the relevant day not appeared.
- 8 No lawyer has looked at all the evidence in this matter to be able to advise or guide me.
- 9 I can not get transcripts of the proceedings until some time after hearings. Even with transcripts I have difficulty understanding the legal requirements and arguments required.
- 10 I ask that this be taken into consideration

- 11 The transcripts mention that previously disallowed evidence may be considered if I supplied the documents which I referred to in my affidavits. I ask that this affidavit serve to have them considered as part of my evidence.

Documents referred to in applicant's affidavits

- 12 Re Exhibit 3 (applicant's affidavit 20 November 2000) 2.16.1
- 12.1 15 October 1997 TAFE 4-page Internal Memo from TAFE Legal Officer Mr Peter Cribb to Ms Ros Williamson. Page 2 "allegations...grounds of racial and gender discrimination..." [Attached marked Attachment 1]
- 13 Re Exhibit 16 (applicant's affidavit 9 August 2000) Paragraphs 128, 128.1 to 128.4.3
- 13.1 Cover letter to Ms Heather Crawford A/Director, Access and Equity South Sydney Institute of TAFE. "I have yet to receive notification from Ms Kerrie Walshaw of NCI TAFE regarding the present status of my employment..." [Attached marked Attachment 2]
- 14 Re Exhibit 16 (applicant's affidavit 9 August 2000) Paragraphs 152-153 [see transcript of proceedings on 27 April 2001 P 69 Line 55 and P 70 Line 1]
- 14.1 TAFE records dated 18 and 19 November 1997 from Lorelle Thurston to Brian Mortimer. [Attached 3 pages marked Attachment 3]
- 15 Re Exhibit 29 (applicant's affidavit 4 September 2001) Paragraph 167.1
- 15.1 11 April 1995 TAFE Mr Mike Quinn to CRS Re-Rehabilitation Val Kerrison
- 15.2 11 April 1995 CRS 2-page Referral Form. Page 2 "Diff sleeping, aggressive tendencies, feelings..." [3 pages attached marked Attachment 4]

Further Information I seek to put in

- 16 My letters to TAFE late 1995 included the information that I had lodged a claim in the AntiDiscrimination Board against TAFE for alleged victimisation (Ref: attachments to Exhibit 19 Walshaw affidavit).
- 16.1 Through the years I have lodged FOI requests.
- 16.2 On 9 August 1996 Mr Adrian Tuxworth of TAFE to Kerrison stated in part:
- " I have consulted with Ms Kerrie Walshaw... and can at this stage identify no documents relating to your current application which have not already been appraised in making the previous determination ...Accordingly, Mr Siro Peroni, Manager Administration, has determined under S28(1)(b) of the FOI Act that the TAFE Commission holds no documents relevant to your request."
- "Walshaw... continuing to interview individuals involved in your case. Ms Walshaw will be responding separately and, if any relevant documents are located which may be held privately by these individuals copies will be forwarded to you..." [2 pages attached marked Attachment 5]

