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16 January 2006

Mr Scott White
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Dear Mr White

RE: FINALISATION OF YOUR COURT PROCEEDINGS

I confirm that you instructed the Legal Aid Commission to appear on a plea of guilty to disrupting the Legislative Assembly. After a plea in mitigation you were sentenced to 10 weeks imprisonment, bearing in mind that you have served four days imprisonment already. That term was suspended forthwith on condition that you enter a bond of good behaviour for a period of 2 years. Upon entering that bond the term of imprisonment of 10 weeks is suspended on condition that you return to Tasmania within 7 days and for a period of 2 years 12 January 2006 and that you do not contact any of the other persons charged with disrupting the Legislative Assembly in particular Luke Masters, Mr Bryce, Mr Dean, Mr Lam, Emma Corro, Mr Highway, Mr Meyerhoff and Mr Inder-Smith. Further during that period you are not to participate either directly or indirectly in the activities of the NAT Organisation. Should you breach any of those conditions you will be brought back before a court and the likelihood is that you will be made to serve the 10 weeks imprisonment.

In my view the result was a fortunate result for you and your family and I wish you the very best for the future. In my view the sentence was well within range and is not appealable on the basis that it is too severe. I further confirm my advice that you would be unwise to try and further argue your legal points which you have vented already before this Chief Justice. In my view you would not succeed and there is a risk that the crown could entertain an appeal to increase your sentence. Although of course, it's entirely a matter for you I think at this stage it would be best to try to keep a fairly low profile down in Tasmania.

I do wish you all the best for your future.

Yours faithfully

Ian Read
Barrister & Solicitor