



TEXTILE CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR UNION OF AUSTRALIA

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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Statement from the National Secretary of the Textile, Clothing and Footwear Union of Australia, Michele O'Neil

The TCFUA can confirm it has referred to South Australia Police and to the Fair Work Commission information regarding possible breaches of the union's rules and/or relevant laws relating to the expenditure of union funds by a former South Australian branch official.

The person in question has not been a member, official or involved in any way with the Union for many years.

The Union's National Executive unanimously authorised me to provide the information to the authorities.

On Tuesday 28 May I provided the information to the South Australian Police and to the Fair Work Commission and I asked both to conduct a full investigation.

On Wednesday 29 May I wrote to every member of the Union letting them know what has happened and the actions we have taken.

We take this issue extremely seriously and have taken all appropriate action to ensure it is dealt with by the relevant authorities.

We have told the SA Police and the Fair Work Commission that the union will do everything necessary to facilitate and assist in any investigation they undertake.

We are proud of our union and its record in fighting for our members and we take seriously our responsibility for Union members' funds.

Given this matter is now with the Police and the Fair Work Commission, the Union will be making no further comment.

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