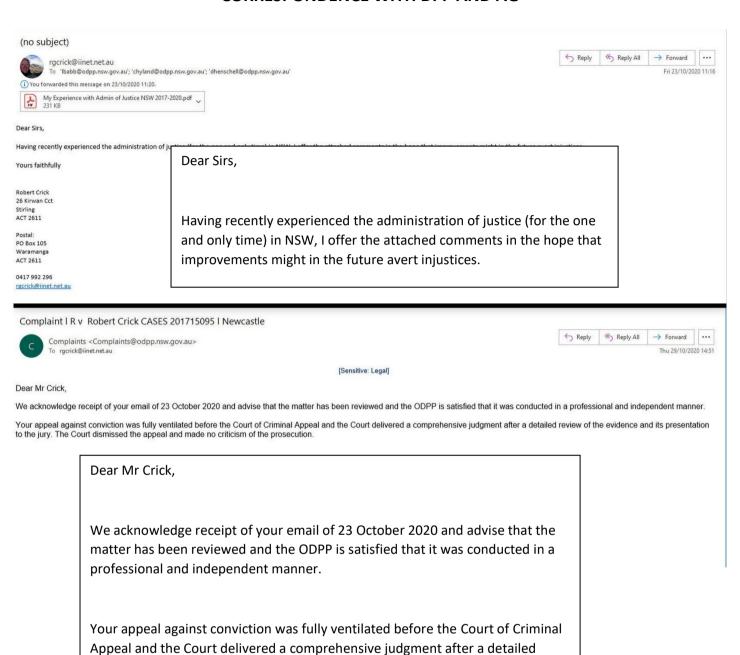
## **CORRESPONDENCE WITH DPP AND AG**



review of the evidence and its presentation to the jury. The Court dismissed the

appeal and made no criticism of the prosecution.

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8 November 2020

The Hon. Mark Speakman, MP Attorney General GPO Box 5341 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Attorney General,

I should like to draw your attention to an unsatisfactory response from the NSW DPP to correspondence from me.

I was recently prosecuted and convicted on the basis of my six-year-old grandson's choice of language relating to a quick bath I gave him — one that was identical to many such baths over many years to him, other grandsons and sons, including my grandson's father.

I wrote to the Director of Public Prosecutions and to the Solicitor for Public Prosecutions outlining a series of actions taken as part of the prosecution process against me. I believe that several missteps at stages of the prosecution process contributed to bringing not only the prosecution process but also the administration of justice generally into disrepute as well as being prejudicial to me. I outlined these issues in some detail and at some length (see Attachment 1).

I thought it reasonable to expect that thorough consideration would be given to them, with, in due course, appropriate action and feedback. It was disconcerting to get a very dismissive response after only a few days – and from the "Complaints Department" – not from any of the people I actually wrote to.

Having a more thorough evaluation of the issues would have placed the justice system in a better light; and perhaps provided some small comfort for what has been a grievous miscarriage of justice.

Attached to this letter are the following documents:

My Experience with the Administration of Justice Attachment 1
Personal References submitted at sentencing Attachment 2
Photos submitted at sentencing Attachment 3
Correspondence with DPP and Sol for PP Attachment 4

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Crick

Thank you for your letter to the Attorney General, the Hon Mark Speakman SC MP, received 8 November 2020 about your dealings with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) in relation to the prosecution of your matter. The Attorney General has asked the Department of Communities and Justice to respond on his behalf.

I have noted the issues raised in your correspondence and I acknowledge that these matters are of considerable concern to you. In particular, I note your dissatisfaction with the response of the ODPP to your complaint about its prosecution processes.

While I note your reasons for writing, I trust you will appreciate that the ODPP is an independent office which makes prosecution decisions free from the influence of politicians, the media and other external sources. The ODPP carries out its functions in line with legislation and relevant policies and procedures.

It would not be appropriate for the Attorney General to review or comment on a prosecution. Nor can the Attorney General intervene in the ODPP complaints handling process.

You may wish to seek independent legal advice regarding your matter. LawAccess NSW is a free government telephone service that provides legal information, referrals and in some cases, advice for people who have a legal problem in NSW. LawAccess NSW can be contacted on 1300 888 529 (for the cost of a local telephone call), Monday to Friday during business hours.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely Briefings & Correspondence Ministerial and Communication Services

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