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Our Ref: REV-2025-0858528  
Your Ref: N/A

Dear Mr Smith

**Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW)  
Internal Review Notice of Decision**

**1. Original access application**

I refer to your access application made under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* (NSW), (GIPA Act), received on 30 June 2025.

You have applied for access to the following government information:

*"I am the victim of a sustained and malicious campaign of online impersonation and harassment, which has now escalated to a dangerous false report being made to emergency services. Background: I have been subject to online impersonation, which has been investigated by the firm Cybertrace. An excerpt from their report is attached, which details criminal impersonation and recommends law enforcement action. I have reported these matters to the Redcliffe Police Station and have been in contact with S/Con GODFREY and Sergeant Jake Lacy. An official QPS email from Sgt Lacy, dated 29/01/2025,. This email references a Cyber crime report (CIRS-20241121-242) and states that QLD Police are unable to investigate as the offences are believed to be occurring in New South Wales (NSW). The harassment escalated significantly on Thursday, 26 June 2025, at approximately 4:53 PM (16:53). I received a call from the Mango Hill /Redcliffe/Caboolture Mental Health Acute Care Team (from phone number 07 3238 7709). They informed me they had been contacted by Kings Cross Police (NSW) who allegedly reported that I had made threats to harm myself. I unequivocally state that I made no such calls or threats. I believe this was a*

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*malicious and dangerous false report, a form of "swatting," orchestrated by the same individual (s) impersonating me online. The mental health team would not provide further details about the police report that triggered their call. I need to understand what information was shared that led to the welfare check. As I am in QLD the calls must have been made in NSW as they are routed to the closest service. I seek details of this 000 call or calls, and the contents of what was sent to the QLD acute care team."*

## **2. Original Decision**

On 29 July 2025, the NSW Police Force (NSWPF) made a decision in response to your access application.

**It was determined under section 58(1)(b) of the GIPA Act, that it did not hold any information relating to a "000" call as described in the access application.**

It was also determined under section 58(1)(d) of the GIPA Act to refuse to provide access to an Event Report relating to an incident not related to that described in the access application, because there is an overriding public interest against disclosure of the information in the Report.

## **3. Application for Internal Review**

On 31 July 2025, InfoLink received your application for an internal review of the original decision.

An internal review is to be done by making a new decision, as if the primary decision being reviewed has not been made, with the new decision being made as if it were being made when the access application to which the review relates was originally received.

An internal review is not to be done by the person who made the original decision and is not to be done by a person who is less senior than the person who made the original decision.

Your application for internal review relates to the decision that the agency does not hold any information relating to the 26 June 2025 incident described in the access application.  
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## **4. Decision**

I am authorised by the New South Wales Commissioner of Police to determine applications made under Section 9(3) of the GIPA Act.

**I have decided under section 58(1)(b) of the GIPA Act, that the agency does not hold the information requested by you.**

## **5. Searches for Information**

Under the GIPA Act, NSWPF must conduct reasonable searches to locate the government information you seek.

Police do not record every task they perform. Where they do decide to make a record of an incident they have attended, this is done by creating an "Event" on the NSW Police Force Computerised Operational Policing System (COPS) database.

A particular Event linked to an individual can be located by a "person" search using the name of the person concerned. The search result is a chronological list of Events linked to the person, which can be read and if necessary, downloaded as reports.

**I have carried out a person search of COPS using your details as provided in the internal review application as search terms. I am satisfied that the searches conducted would have located all Events linked to you. I did not locate any Events recording an incident of the nature described in the**

**internal review application.**

if police had been contacted by telephone, including by “000” and officers tasked to attend, a record of an incident might exist on the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system even if no Event was created on COPS.

CAD is a system for managing calls received for police assistance and to dispatch available resources to the scene. When a call is received, the CAD operator creates a record of the request for assistance which could be a 000 or other call, which is allocated a unique number and contains details of the matter as reported by the informant, and the details of police who attend the incident.

CAD messages can be located by a search of COPS or the CAD system itself. **This office conducted a search in COPS for every “concern for welfare” CAD message created in the Sydney City area (which includes Kings Cross and your last known address in NSW) in the 48-hour period 25 - 26 June 2025. None of these messages related to you.**

**I would also note that it would be very unusual for NSW police officers wishing to report concerns for a person resident in another state to contact an agency other than the Police Force in that area.**

**6. Review rights**

If you are not satisfied with any of the decisions in this notice that are reviewable, you may exercise your review rights under Part 5 of the GIPA Act by requesting:

- an external review of the decision by the Information Commissioner or the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT) which must be lodged within 40 working days from the date of this notice.

For further information on your review rights, please visit: <https://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au>

If you have any enquiries in relation to this decision, please contact me on (02) 8835 6888. In any return correspondence, please quote Our Reference Number stated at the top of this notice.

Yours sincerely

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