



**NSW Police Force**

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Mr Steven Ridd  
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**By email only:** [steve@naturetrail.com.au](mailto:steve@naturetrail.com.au)

Dear Mr Ridd,

**Strike Force Sainsbery**

I refer to your correspondence dated 26 December 2024 regarding police event number E99731480 addressed to the Commissioner of Police. Your letter was forwarded to Financial Crimes Squad, State Crime Command for review.

I apologise for the delay in responding to you.

I note you have requested a copy of the Strike Force Sainsbery report. I advise that this document is an operational NSW Police Force report that details ongoing investigations being undertaken. Therefore, this document cannot be released to you. You are able to make an Information Access Application to NSW Police Force under the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009* should you wish to formally request this document.

Additionally, your concerns regarding the procedures for auditing of claims by Service NSW, will need to be communicated and addressed by Service NSW.

I thank you for bringing these matters to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

**Gordon Arbinja**  
**Detective Superintendent**  
**Commander, Financial Crimes Squad**  
**State Crime Command**  
Date: 25 March 2025

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