



PETER MARSHALL AND THE UFU CLEARED OF ANY CORRUPTION AND VINDICATED BY IBAC REPORT

Statement attributable to Peter Marshall, United Firefighters Union

5 AUGUST 2026 – IBAC has undertaken an extensive 8-year investigation into myself and the UFU, during which it seized our servers, phones, documents and computers, it combed meticulously through millions of our files, it used secret telecommunication intercept powers to tap our phones and it compulsorily examined myself and many others. And after doing all of that, on the taxpayer bill, in its report released today IBAC expressly concludes as follows **“IBAC did not find corrupt conduct.”** This is the second IBAC report into myself and the UFU that has concluded **no corrupt conduct**.

As I have said all along, I have not engaged in any corrupt conduct, and IBAC has confirmed that on two occasions now. **I feel it has been extremely unfair that I have had to have my name and that of the UFU regularly reported publicly by the media in connection with this purported corruption investigation over the last 8 years, especially in circumstances where I was prevented by IBAC from responding publicly to it and where I am now cleared of any corruption.** I feel vindicated by both outcomes, but very disappointed by the damage to my reputation caused by this failed investigation and the constant leaks arising from it.

As I have always done, I will represent the firefighters of this state to the best of my ability, and continue to do all I can to ensure that firefighters’ health and safety is protected and prioritised. We do all we can to ensure that our firefighters make it home to their families after each shift, that firefighters get appropriately rewarded for risking their lives every day to save others, and that we have the best fire service for the state of Victoria.