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**Senator the Hon David Johnstone**

Minister for Defence

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Dear Senator Johnston

**RE: ADF PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS WITH GROUPS MONITORED BY THE NSW POLICE**

For the last two years, the Australian Defence Force has participated in the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras.

The Sydney Leather Pride Association also participates in that event. In early March, 2014, I reported to the New South Wales Police that the Sydney Leather Pride Association provided information on the 'Education' tab of its website about how one could signal an intent to engage in pederasty and bestiality. The police report number is CAS-322103-Z1P6.

Screenshots are shown below and an archive of the website is [linked](#).



Senior Constable [REDACTED] responded on 14 March, 2014, stating:

*"I share you (sic) concerns regarding these matters and can assure you that the NSW Police Force closely monitors organisations such as these, as well as all known sex offenders, on a daily basis."*

Shortly after I publicised the type of information provided by the Sydney Leather Pride Association on its webpage, these details were deleted. However, this website still contains graphic information about urinating on other people and sexual activity with faeces.

It should be noted that children, including from the Macquarie Grammar School, also attended the Mardi Gras and marched in the same parade as the Sydney Leather Pride Association.

As a Defence member, I am extremely concerned that Defence would participate in an event with an organisation that has previously provided 'educational' information regarding pederasty and bestiality. It should be of great concern that Defence members march in the same parade as this group, which the New South Wales Police have confirmed are monitored daily, alongside registered sex offenders, as a result of their disturbing sexual practices.

This concern is heightened by the fact that children also attend this event.

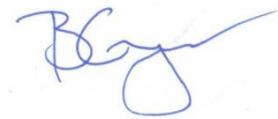
Furthermore, Defence participation in the Mardi Gras, at the very least, gives the impression that Defence is supportive of those groups that they march with, including the Sydney Leather Pride Association.

Therefore, I request that you investigate this issue. I seek an explanation as to why Defence is allowed to participate in events with the Sydney Leather Pride Association and I ask you to confirm specifically that Defence does not support this group.

I request that these issues be specifically addressed in an individual response to this letter, separate from any response given to other matters that I also raise with you in other correspondence.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BGaynor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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