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Dear Mr Thorne

Thank you for your correspondence dated 3 February 2010.

The Australian Federal Police (AFP) is the Australian Government's primary law enforcement agency. It is Australia's international law enforcement and policing representative and the chief source of advice to the Government on policing issues. The AFP's functions are clearly set out in section 8 of the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979*. I do not comment on AFP operational matters nor direct the AFP in its investigations.

Should you wish to make a formal complaint about your concerns, you should direct your enquiry to AFP Professional Standards or the Commonwealth Ombudsman:

Professional Standards  
Australian Federal Police  
GPO Box 401  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Tel: (02) 6218 2377  
Email: [PRS-ComplaintsCoordinationTeam@afp.gov.au](mailto:PRS-ComplaintsCoordinationTeam@afp.gov.au)

Commonwealth Ombudsman  
GPO Box 442  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Tel: 1300 362 072  
Email: [ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au](mailto:ombudsman@ombudsman.gov.au)

I trust this information is of assistance to you and thank you for taking the time to write in relation to your concerns.

Yours sincerely

**Brendan O'Connor**