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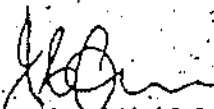
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BRIEFING NOTE

MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

SUBJECT: EXPLOSIVE INCIDENT - BLACK RIVER, 11 MARCH 1993

- Further enquiries have failed to identify the person or persons responsible or to link any group to the incident.
- Although a banner located at the scene implicated the Earth First movement, no evidence has been forthcoming to support this view.
- Innuendo in the Smithton community espoused the view that the incident was the work of the pro-logging community, the aim of which was to discredit the conservation movement's programme during the summer months. Available direct evidence did not support this argument.
- The results of scientific examination of the scene and of the components located at Black River did not advance the enquiry.
- Numerous persons have been interviewed and all avenues of enquiry have been exhausted.
- The Director of Australian Government Solicitors who acted for Australian National Railways has been informed (verbally) of the result of Police enquiries.
- Although the enquiry has failed to identify the person(s) responsible, should additional information emerge, the matter will be further investigated.
- Investigators are pleased that the confidentiality of the enquiry was maintained as information was supplied on two (2) previous occasions. There are now no grounds to request such confidentiality.


I.C. JOHNSON
Commissioner of Police

25 August 1993

DAMAGE TO LOGGING EQUIPMENT

Information has been received that with the fluctuating politics of the woodchipping debate, instances of damage to logging equipment in forest areas might become more prevalent.

This relates in particular to damage being done by pro-logging interests in an attempt to discredit the anti-woodchipping and conservation movements.

Any member attending an incident of this type should notify the relevant CIB and ensure that all investigative options are explored- DO NOT assume that any act of damage to logging equipment or logging infrastructure is done by conservationists or members of anti- logging groups.

Information from Superintendent MALDANE, No. 2 Division,
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