

# Public Statement

## **TWO ARRESTED IN ALLEGED PROCUREMENT CORRUPTION**

Monday, 15 July 2019

### **Statement by the Hon. Bruce Lander QC Independent Commissioner Against Corruption**

As part of an extensive and long running investigation my investigators executed nine search warrants this morning and two people were arrested.

A 40 year old man from Seaton, who is a public officer employed as a senior executive in the Department for Correctional Services, has been charged with two counts of abuse of public office and one count of bribery or corruption of a public officer.

A 47 year old man from the Mt Gambier area has also been charged with two counts of abuse of public office and one count of bribery or corruption of a public officer.

It will be alleged that between 1 June 2018 and 15 July 2019 the men colluded to corrupt the tender and procurement processes associated with the \$150 million redevelopment of the Yatala Labour Prison in order to financially benefit themselves.

Both men have been bailed to appear in the Adelaide Magistrates Court on 21 August 2019.

The investigation is ongoing and further arrests and charges may result.

I believe there are people in the business sector who were involved in the recent tender process for the Yatala Labour Prison Redevelopment management contract, and other persons who were involved in a recent expression of interest process for the modular design of prison cells, who are aware of the public officer's alleged activities. I expect that those members of the business sector will co-operate with the ongoing investigation.

No further statement will be made at this time.

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