

Media Statement

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QED response to Corruption & Crime Commission investigation

QED Environmental Services confirms the Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) has not recommended any charges be prosecuted against QED Environmental Services or any person currently working for the company.

QED confirms the CCC has recommended “consideration be given to the prosecution” of QED’s founder and former Managing Director, Mr Ian Tremain.

Mr Ian Tremain sold his shareholding in QED Environmental Services to Mr Michael Taranto in November 2015 and since that time has had no day-to-day involvement in the QED business.

QED’s corporate hospitality practices that were the subject of the CCC investigation ceased from the time Mr Taranto took ownership of the company in November 2015.

QED has willingly and openly cooperated with the CCC investigation and will continue to assist any ‘relevant authority’ as far as reasonably possible.

Mr Taranto said: “The type of corporate hospitality practices that occurred during the time Mr Tremain was the Managing Director of QED Environmental Services ceased the day that I took over the business. These practices were not acceptable.

“QED Environmental Services is highly respected in our industry and we pride ourselves on conducting all our business in an honest and ethical manner.

“QED’s position on bribery is ‘zero tolerance’. We are committed to obeying the law and do not condone bribery or corruption in any form.

“We are committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all of our business dealings and relationships, and do not permit the making of any inappropriate promises, gifts or excessive hospitality to public officials in order to achieve unfair advantage or benefit.

“Our staff receive training in anti-bribery and corruption, and we monitor transactions for any suspect activity.

“Following an internal investigation at QED, I am satisfied the corporate hospitality practices undertaken by Mr Ian Tremain have never occurred with respect to any other organisation. I am satisfied the practices were isolated to Mr Tremain and specific staff at the North Metropolitan Health Service, as described in the CCC report.”

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About QED Environmental Services:

QED Environmental Services is a specialist provider of environmental services including inspections, sampling and performance rating of properties for office, retail, healthcare, education and industrial.

QED holds multiple national certifications including NATA National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) Accreditations for Indoor Air Quality, NATA Accreditation for Hazardous Building Materials and National Australian Built Environment Rating Systems (NABERS) Indoor Environment Assessors.