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## Silence is the Easy Way Out

**N**ot just resisting, but leading the fight for **Change**:

Ferg is a seasoned whistleblower who refuses to be ignored.

Had **Change For Better** been in power, ATO whistleblower Richard Boyle would still be in a job and his family would be safe. He would have been promoted for his ethical decision making, he'd be richer through our whistleblower financial incentive scheme and he would be proudly receiving an award along with other Australian disclosers whose moral and professional compasses match ours.

Boyle was lucky he stumbled across a sympathetic judge in South Australia.

# Threatened teacher wins 5 settlements

By CONOR BYRNE

THE NT Education Department has settled five cases outside of court that were brought against it by a teacher whose principal allegedly threatened to "kill him, spear him, hang him from a tree, and burn down his house".

Stephen Ferguson, who was a teacher in Gapuwiyak, 110km southwest of Nhulunbuy, complained to the union about principal Shir-

ley Nirrpuranydji "borrowing" money from staff.

And the NT Supreme Court has heard assistant principal Lyndall Watson told Ms Nirrpuranydji she would help "get rid of" Mr Ferguson.

Mr Ferguson had to be helicoptered out of the community for his own safety.

A freedom-of-information request revealed the principal's boss, Hylton Hayes, had called Mr Ferguson a "trained tattooed monkey" and a

"vermin problem" in an email exchange.

"Mr Hayes asked 'How do I get a gun licence in the Territory???' in order to deal with me, his 'vermin problem'," Mr Ferguson said.

The department attempted to have the case dismissed but settled as an anti-discrimination hearing began on Tuesday last week.

"I have now won five out-of-court settlements from the NT Government in the last 18 months," Mr Ferguson said.

"(It's) a disgraceful outcome considering the cuts to education funding in the NT. It's been a long and horrible battle — including becoming a whistleblower and losing my job because of it."

Mr Ferguson has been gagged by the Education Department from revealing the settlement amount.

"I'd offered to settle it for a pittance compared to what was finally spent," he said.

"All that money could have been saved and spent

on something more important — especially since there are so many teachers losing their jobs.

"The total sum spent by both parties during the last four years of legal battles against me alone is incredible — well into six-figure sums.

"I'm a hard-working remote school teacher and I'd like to put all this behind me now and get back to what I do best — teaching remote Aboriginal community students."

**STEPHEN FERGUSON (NOW KNOWN AS FERG FERGUSON) IS THE ONLY PERSON ON THE NT POLITICAL BATTLEFIELD WHO WILL CHANGE THE GAME FOR WHISTLEBLOWERS.**

## **Change For Better Party**

are leading from the front.

**They're fighting the Status Quo head on and at the Source.**



## **ICACarcass**

The NT ICAC is now just roadkill. Destroyed. Hollowed out. A bag of bones, with some skin left on it. Deliberately, we say.

The current Commissioner, long time public servant Greg Shanahan, has been appointed and supported by the CLPALP Alliance to make sure it doesn't function the way the public believes it should.

It is simply another example of collusion and complicity from the 2 party duopoly running the mechanisms of NT Government in order to neuter them while giving the illusion of doing something about corruption in NT Politics.

**Change For Better Party** will fix this charade.

Want a real ICAC that will clean up the cronyism, nepotism and dodgy dealings?

Yeah, so do we.

Want to see the right way to treat whistleblowers and how to support and protect the valuable service they provide?

Yeah, so do we.

**CFB** are different, we'll **Change The Game** to make sure this doesn't happen again.



Goodbye and God Bless old, useless, not fit for purpose whistleblower legislation and tragicomedic ICACarcass.

Hello Sunshine and a completely new way of doing things.

Time for Change. **Change For Better.**

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