

31 December 2010

Nathan Murphy MP  
Australian Labor Party  
464 High Street  
Northcote 3070

**RE: Political fundraiser and inappropriate use of 2/2 Rankins Lane**

Dear Mr. Murphy,

Last month I returned home from five weeks overseas to discover that the known tenant/house sitter, Emily Ballantyne-Brodie, who I believe is your girlfriend, had left my apartment in a completely unacceptable state. It would appear that you also made good use of my home, presumably staying there overnight on several occasions and hosting a political fundraiser.

Since returning home I've made numerous attempts to accept Emily's offer to discuss the situation but with no real satisfaction. I have heard a great many denials and excuses and been treated with little respect for me and my time.

Emily was an acquaintance I had met just a few times. I was initially happy to let her rent my apartment for \$250 a week. This is a fraction of its true value and was a favour to Emily.

I returned home on the day planned prior to my departure and the same one I had emailed Emily twice in the week before returning. Yet I arrived to find no note and no keys. Initially as I looked around and discovered various irregularities I felt disappointed. By the following day when I hadn't heard from Emily and discovered the crumpled flyer promoting your event I was becoming angry. Having discovered my winter coat was missing and to have been messed around by Emily in a variety of ways since I am now fuming.

In summary the issues are:

1. The apartment, particularly the kitchen was left in a filthy state.
2. Many possessions, yours and Emilys were left behind
3. A valuable item of clothing of mine is missing
4. A political fundraiser was held without my authorization.

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Refer to the attached two-page document outlining the details of the many and varied ways the apartment was used and left in a state that would concern anyone. Had Emily cleaned up as she suggested then I'd be none the wiser.

It appears that Emily holds little regard for or awareness of her own possessions or anyone else's. She acquired a black dress of mine that she discovered and returned three weeks later only after I asked her to look for it. Unfortunately my coat has not been located and, it being much loved and highly valued, is what I'm seeking compensation for.

I'm also waiting for one of you to arrange for the collection of the four piles of possessions that I have been left with for more than six weeks now.

With regard to the political fundraiser I had expected to have had contact from you by now. I can only assume that Emily made you aware how displeased I was about this discovery. Politics is a provocative topic for many people, myself included. To know a fundraiser was held in my home which doubles very obviously as my office was horrifying. I have no personal desire to be connected with a political party but I'm completely against involving my business in politics in any way.

I have some questions about the event for which I'd like some answers:

- where did the flyer go out
- how many people received it
- who came
- how was the venue explained
- were there any photos

This situation should have been resolved long ago but I am yet to receive an explanation, apology or my coat.

I eagerly await your reply and resolution.

Yours sincerely,



Michelle Matthews

## **The aftermath of Emily Ballantyne-Brodie**

### **Apartment left unclean**

Kitchen items unclean – 80% of glasses, knives, cutlery, crockery, pots and pans had to be put through the dishwasher as they were either smeared, oily or still dirty.

Emily claimed the dishwasher didn't work however I sent a text the morning I left letting EBB know that the place was available but that I ran out of time to empty the dishwasher. And it has worked perfectly since I returned so I don't understand why she claims everything had to be handwashed and why these items remained dirty.

Wax – wax was found melted on the side board and rear floor of the apartment.

Shisha Pipe was left full of ash, greasy at the top and with filthy water inside.

Band-aid found in shower drain.

Laundry sink contained wet mop and was filthy.

Dried rose petals and a hair clip found under the bed-side table.

Bed – looked like the sheets hadn't been changed and it was barely made.

The rice cooker bowl was found filthy and shoved in a cupboard under the laundry sink.

Wet item of clothing left in the washing machine.

### **Apartment items used/mis-used/not replaced**

Candelabras – candles fully used yet the stubs were left of the spikes and not replaced.

There was a knob missing from the oven – one of only four.

Used up my scented candle and then continued to use it as a place to burn incense from. I ultimately found the remains in the drawer with her other possessions.

Used up all shisha pipe tobacco but left the empty box.

Wrong type of washing powder used in the washing machine. Front loaders require specific front-loading powder.

Pots and their lids found separated and spread across all cupboards in the kitchen whether they had ever held such items or not.

Glasses were found in three places other than the glasses cupboards including on two benches, simply not even attempted to be put away.

Emily used my computer and left personal files on it without asking permission.

My hair straightener, normally kept in the bathroom, was discovered at the other end of the house in a drawer containing some of Emily's left behind possessions.

### **Missing items**

Half of a kitchen storage container. Only the lid remains

Black Body brand dress (returned by Emily three weeks later)

Black Karen Millen trench coat – replacement cost \$750

### **Items left behind**

Dirty underwear – mens and womens

Kitchen items

Clothing

Food items

Mens & womens toiletries

Business note books

Other personal effects.

**NOTE:** There was no note, email or phone call to explain why things were left behind or when they were to be collected or when the keys were to be returned.

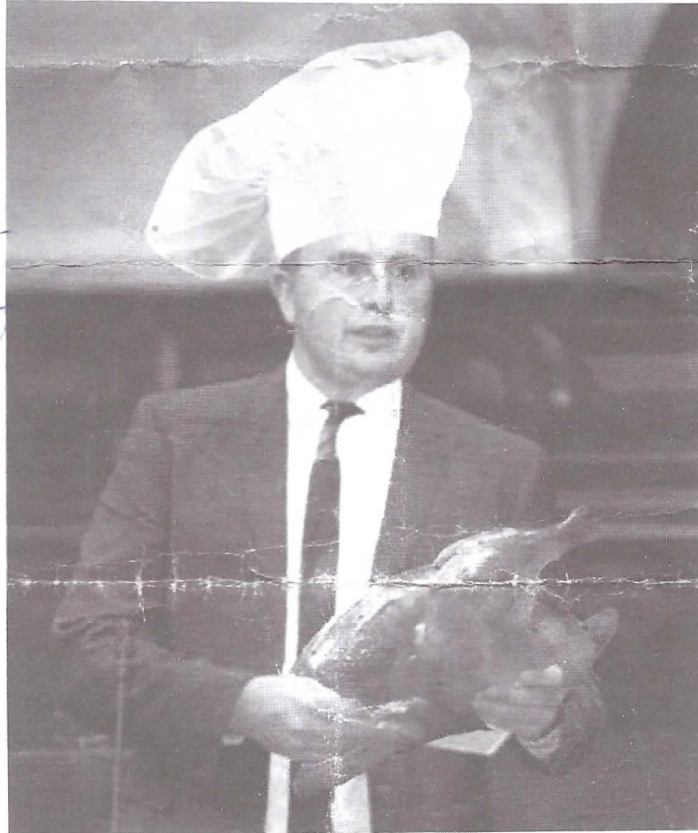
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Authorised by N. Murphy 464 High St Northcote 3070

## Friday November 5th

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@ Level 2, 2 Rankin Lane in the City,  
(just off Little Bourke Street).

RSVP: 9482 2799

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