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Sent: Saturday, 10 August 2013 8:13 AM

To: General

Subject: The Police Association support of McDonalds at Tecoma

Hi,

I've been a bit puzzled as to why the Police Association and its membership are not following the lead of Trades Hall and supporting the community and local council wishes in Tecoma that there not be a McDonalds built there. And not only aren't they following the lead of the Trades Hall in condoning the decision, but they are physically there assaulting and heckling community members trying to protect their right to keep the environment they want to live in.

It's common knowledge that McDonalds provide free food to members of the Police force. This isn't a Ma and Pa bakery providing a pie and sauce to their local cop who they know by name, or the local pub feeding members of the CFA and Police forces protecting their town from bushfire, this is a multinational business providing free meals to the police association members at any time.

So I did some numbers. The Police Association has about 11,000 members. If each member goes into McDonalds for just a \$5 meal once every 3 months, that's a \$220,000 "gift" to your members each year. We can probably be confident that it's actually significantly more than that, but that's a pretty big donation to your membership. At what point does such a donation become a conflict of interest or a bribe? Is it when the donator needs a uniformed security squad to protect their corporate interests from the community wishes?

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