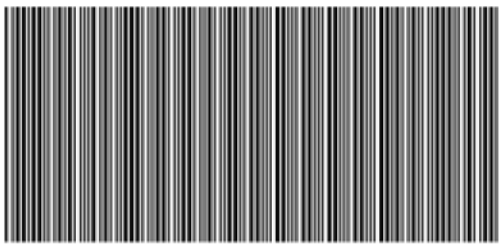
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Martin

My views - very much in the same vein.

1. Letter itself is confusing - needs editing!
2. Do we really know enough about the job yet
3. All this based on a single short briefing..!
4. Strategic / tactical balance is not addressed
5. Resources – agree in principle but do we don't know enough about the practicality of the job / working practices of the SIB yet.

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My response

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Subject: Re:

Russ,

I've had a quick look at this and don't disagree with the content, but don't want to use words such as 'recommend' just yet, as any such correspondence will inevitably become public at some stage and may be open to misinterpretation.

There's also some important initial elements missing - e.g. we would want to say "Go back to Leigh Day and get some more substance to the allegations before you start unnecessary lines of investigation" . Having read the SIO's policy logs, he's backed himself in to a bit of a corner in terms of an aspiration to investigate to the n th degree.

We can certainly say something about resourcing, location, media, professional support, our role etc, but we should not, in my view, try to say too much too soon without having more understanding and background material.

Will get back to you later today when I've canvassed the chaps' views.

Martin

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