



Statement from the Director of Public Prosecutions

19 October 2006

Darling Harbour Sexual Assault matter

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions has directed that there be no further proceedings on sexual assault charges arising from events in Darling Harbour in June this year.

The complainant indicated strongly to the police, ODPP officers and Witness Assistance Services Officers that she did not want the case to proceed and that she did not intend to give evidence in the proceedings.

Earlier media reports incorrectly stated that the charges would not proceed because of the unreliability of the complainant's evidence in light of her learning disabilities. This claim is insulting to the complainant and inaccurate, and that version was not provided by the DPP.

The case against two of the six accused was discontinued on September 18 2006. Such a direction means that at this stage, based on the information and material presently available, the matter will not be pursued in court.

This direction can be reversed in the future should further evidence become available through investigation or if other relevant information is obtained.