

## 10 October 2011 text message exchange between Ashby and Slipper

### Volume 2 Part 4, p 26:

Ashby: *So tell me, do u want to run again or do u want to step up to speaker of the house and not bother with pre selection? I wanna know how much fight u have in u and whether I put my tactical brain into action to see u give Mal a carving up.*

[12 minutes later]

Ashby: *Too personal?*

Slipper: *What's too personal? Throwing stones?*

Ashby: *Throwing stones? **No the question about running for pre selection?***

Slipper: *Range of options open. But destroying Brough should happen anyway. Where did you get the idea I could become Speaker?*

Ashby: *A tactical thought that would allow u to remain in parliament without having to have a seat. Means that u don't have to battle shit fight with Mal. SCD would still have a front page story for a week, but it would be a finger in the air to them, brough and anyone else who might want to c u go. Just a thought...*

## 22 January 2012 text message exchange between Ashby and Slipper

### Volume 2 Part 4, p 38:

Ashby: *Or would you be able to convince Abbott not to run an LNP candidate against you if you brought down the Government? You would effectively bring down the carbon tax too. Hmmm you're in a very powerful position Slipper, the nation is definitely watching.*

## 2 February 2012 meeting between Ashby and McArdle

### Volume 2 Part 4, p 39 - 40

2 February 2012 text message exchange:

Ashby: *This is 100% confidential!*

McArdle: *Agreed. Mark.*

Ashby: *See u in 15.*

[9 hours later]

Ashby: *Any thoughts overnight?*

### 3 February 2012 text message exchange between Ashby and "Martin FBI"

#### Volume 2 Part 4, p40:

Ashby: ... Thanks for being so supportive in a moment when a fella needs real mates to make life changing decisions. National decisions actually.

### 3 February 2012 text message from Ashby to Paul Nagle

#### Volume 2 Part 4, p40:

Ashby: I'm serious when I ask this. Would u put a bullet in my head to save the nation?

### 3 February 2012 text message exchange between Simpson and Ashby

#### Volume 2 Part 4, p40:

Simpson: Decision made?

Ashby: Yep.

Simpson: Sorry, that should have read; decision made, birthday boy?!!

Ashby: Hahahaha. I'm here with Greg Newton.

Simpson: Ah, Mr Newton! Discuss your deal?

### 4 February 2012 group lunch including Ashby and Brough

#### Volume 2 Part 4, p40 - 41:

4 February 2012 text message exchange between Ashby and Nagle:

Nagle: Hey did Mal ask u for lunch or did u ask him?

Ashby: It's a group lunch. He'll be there.

Nagle: Oh ok, thought if he asked you, chances are he already knew.

### 5 March 2012 meeting between Ashby and Simpson

#### Volume 2 Part 4, p48 - 49:

Text message exchange between Ashby and Simpson on 3 March:

Simpson: When are we catching up James?

Ashby: Tomorrow sound good?

Simpson: I'm booked 9-9, so before or after?

Ashby: Hmmm. Tonight?

Simpson: Kings Beach for a walk at 530pm?

Ashby: *I'm just in gympie on the rattler at the moment. Today might be out actually. I'm just not sure what time we get back I'm sorry.*

Simpson: *Awesome, have fun! **Just want to pass on the info re the issue we discussed.** Let me know when you're free!*

Ashby: ***Yeah very keen on that discussion.** What's Monday arvo look like for u?*

**8 March 2012 text message from Ashby to McArdle**

**Volume 2 Part 4, p50:**

Ashby: *Got 5 to chat?*

**29 March 2012 text message exchange between Ashby and Doane**

**Volume 2 Part 4, p53 - 55:**

Ashby: *I don't want u stressing. I have so much support and u do as well. **We've been chosen to take this journey for some bizarre reason.** I've always said things happen for a reason and we are the two strongest people. I really do appreciate your concerns but I really need u to trust that I'll be fine. My family, friends and u are right behind this decision. I know there'll be low times, but I'm trying to think of the positives.*

Doane: *...**If you hear any more from Jackie or Murray, let me know.** Curious of course.*

Ashby: ***Yeah I forgot to call Murray last night...***

Doane: ***Are we still meeting tonight?***

Ashby: ***No I can't meet to [sic] tonight sadly. Are u free tomorrow?***

Doane: ***Hmmmm I thought we were meeting w Jackie?***

Ashby: ***I didn't lock it in sorry. I will go try call now.***

Doane: *Thx. **I need to secure my deal or will need to work a plan B.***

Ashby: ***OK deal done***

*going to call me back. Was in a meeting.*

Doane: *Thx.*

Ashby: ***Jackie is keen to meet at 10.00am tomorrow with the two of us.** U ok for that?*

Doane: *Yep, OK. Thx.*

**29 March 2012 text message exchange between Ashby and Brough**

**Volume 2 Part 4, p55:**

Brough: *Can that be emailed James it is hard to read [Mal.brough2@bigpond.com](mailto:Mal.brough2@bigpond.com).*

Ashby: Done. Coming thru in minutes.

Brough: Thanks.

Ashby: Will need to get daily print outs tomorrow with greater detail.

### **30 March 2012 meeting between Brough and Doane**

#### **Volume 2 Part 2, p 100:**

Email from Doane to Brough 2 April 2012:

*Hello Mal*

**It was a pleasure to finally meet you on Friday [30 March 2012], albeit under unfortunate circumstances.**

**As discussed, I have attached an updated resume for the Queensland LNP Government's consideration. I have also provided this to Andrew Powell.**

**You may note I have considerable experience and passion for sport, which could make a valuable asset to Steve Dickson's Ministerial team, one that I would thoroughly enjoy and embrace.**

*If there is anything further you require, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number indicated below or via this email. I appreciate your consideration of my interest in serving the LNP in government.*

*Kind Regards*

*Karen*

### **30 March 2012 text message exchange between Ashby and Doane**

#### **Volume 2 Part 4, p 56:**

Ashby: ...The sooner this is over the better.

Doane: *I hear ya...I encourage you to contact Murray (Marie [indecipherable characters]). **You need to keep everyone onside and have options. Not sure if State will be your future, or that you'll want it to be, so the more options the better.** I really want the Sports portfolios that is my passion and I know it on many levels so I would be perfect (even if I do say so myself) when you get to it, please send thru Jackie's email info. I'll cc you into anything. Chat soon.*

### **30 March 2012 text message exchange between Doane and Ashby**

#### **Volume 2 Part 4, p 56 – 57:**

Doane: *Howdy, you awake? Just got a text that state staffing isn't the decision of the minister...Do you think Jackie has influence? I would think yes?!?*

Ashby: *Hmmm interesting. I had no idea of that rule...I bet the likes of Jacki and Bruce McIver have some influence. **Jacki is definitely a key player in the party these days. To arrange a lawyer for \$1 of that calibre is a big thing in my mind.***

Doane: **Agreed. It is also due to the barrister's ties to the LNP and the way this will tip the govt to Mal's and the LNP's advantage...**

**1 April 2012 text message exchange between Simpson and Ashby**

**Volume 2 Part 4, p 57:**

Simpson: *Hope you're enjoying your weekend James! Would you please give me a call when you're free?*

Ashby: *Give u a yell a bit later this arvo. Just up at double island point.*

**2 April 2012 text message exchange between Ashby and McArdle**

**Volume 2 Part 4, p 58 - 59:**

Ashby: *Hey mate. Have you got a chance to grab a coffee this week?*

McArdle: *James not until the weekend. Mark.*

Ashby: *OK mate. Sounds good. U lock in a day and I'll be there.*

**10 April 2012 email from Doane to Brough**

**Volume 2 Part 2, p 101 - 102**

*Hello Mal*

**Please find attached my resume for consideration by Mr Palmer for a position at the Coolum Golf and Spa Resort.**

*As I mentioned this morning, I am pressed for time as I have an appointment in Brisbane so I've been unable to attach a relevant cover letter, which I'm happy to provide later this evening if required.*

*Thank you again for your support and wisdom. It is a pleasure knowing you.*

*Kind Regards*

*Karen*

**10 April 2012 email from Doane to Brough**

**Volume 2 Part 2, p 103:**

*Hi Mal*

*Today went reasonably well and I believe James understood he needs to follow the legal advice to have all his facts sighted and his deposition taken (tommm) before it goes to press. This ensures there are no legalities breached, which is very important for a solid case!*

**I think Steve Lewis would agree another day of waiting to ensure everything is as it should be is worth it.**

Cheers

Karen

Undated SMS message exchange between Doane and Brough

Volume 2 Part 2, p 103:

Doane: *Thank you again for your time and guidance the past few weeks. I look forward to your assistance **w Clive** and the possibility of working for him. If there is anything further I can provide, please let me know. Cheers Karen.*

10 – 12 April 2012 exchanges about anticipated timing of publication of complaint

Volume 2 Part 4, p 64:

10 April 2012:

Ashby [text to "Glen Nambour"]: *...I'm flying the coop though. Prob won't see u for a while. **I'm officially in lock down and being flown out tonight. This is happening extremely quick!** Thanks for coming over last night.*

Volume 2 Part 4, p 65:

Lewis [text to Ashby]: **We need to act fast** mate.

Millie Ashby [text to Ashby]: *Hey, how'd you go with the lawyers today? How u feeling about **tomoro?***

Ashby [text to Paul Nagle]: *Lots going on. Just a quick note to say **its all about to erupt. Stories likely to start coming out in Thursday's paper [12 April 2012]. Sexual harassment case likely to come out next week [week commencing Sunday 14 April 2012].** Legal team meeting me in Sydney at 8pm pro bono.*

Volume 2 Part 4, p 66:

Doane [text to Ashby]: *Take care of yourself my friend and remember **an extra 24 hours** of waiting to go to press is in everyone's best interests.*

Volume 2 Part 2, p 103:

Doane [email to Brough]: **I think Steve Lewis would agree another day of waiting to ensure everything is as it should be is worth it.**

11 April 2012:

Volume 2 Part 4, p 68:

Ashby [text to "Glen Nambour"]: **sexual harassment story likely to break by the weekend [13/14 April 2012] or Monday [15 April 2012].**

12 April 2012:

**Volume 2 Part 4, p 70:**

Doane [text to Ashby]: *Mal also said Clive was overseas so nothing can be put forward – hmhhh.*

**12 April 2012 text message exchange between Ashby and McClellan re "Kojak"**

**Volume 2 Part 4, p 73:**

McClellan: **Did u send that info to Kojak?...**

Ashby: **Going in now to see him.**

McClellan: *Good. Talk later.*

Ashby: *I didn't have his email sadly.*

**18 April 2012 Brough email to Ashby**

**Volume 2 Part 2, p 98 – 99:**

*Hi James*

*There are potential problems I need to discuss with you as soon as possible. I believe they can be resolved with one conversation between the two of us. I am aware you are on the Coast so happy to meet privately if that is best.*

*Cheers,*

*Mal*

**20 April 2012 Ashby claim filed with Federal Court**

Ashby files claim against Slipper with the Federal Court on the afternoon of Friday 20 April 2012.

**21 April 2012 Lewis story runs in News Ltd tabloids**

Lewis story about the Ashby case runs in News Ltd tabloids on Saturday 21 April.

**21 April 2012 Abbott press conference**

Abbott holds press conference and issues media release about case on Saturday 21 April.