

****Email from Katrina Hart****

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To:

Dear Member,

I'm writing first to thank you for your support and encouragement in our work to clean out the union. We need to make sure that the union is led by officials who are not corrupt and not tainted by the sleaze of Williamson and his cronies.

I also want to say that I ***will*** be leading a team of honest, hard working rank and file candidates in the forthcoming elections in the HSU NSW branch.

Our decision to stand a team comes about because it is now clear that no other clean, fresh team of candidates will contest these elections. Instead, if we do nothing, there will be a fight by two factions of Williamson cronies and supporters scrapping to inherent "the business".

One of these factions is headed by Gerard Hayes, the other by Bob Hull. Each of them is a Williamson lackey who has eagerly done Williamson's bidding.

Now suddenly they're pretending to see the light - after the corruption of the Williamson gang has been well and truly exposed by the work of others, they're trying pretend that Williamson has nothing to do with them.

But remember this - it was Gerard Hayes who directly gave Williamson's son the \$80,000 a year job to go with the \$70 a week rent the son was paying on the \$1.5 million sound studio the union paid for and Bob Hull escorted the majority of people who were interviewed by Ian Temby QC.

Gerard Hayes and Bob Hull led the charge against the minority of union councillors fighting to have an inquiry into corruption. Hayes and Hull are puppets of Williamson. They both voted against the proposal for an independent external inquiry and were, in the end, only driven to support an inquiry (which became the Temby inquiry) when I and other rank-and-file members threatened a plebiscite under the rules to force one on them.

But while they were trying to thwart an independent inquiry, they were voting their mate, Michael Williamson, over \$500,000 in legal aid to help him fight the police investigation that was set up after Kathy Jackson took her well-founded allegations to police.

Michael Williamson defrauded the union's members of millions of dollars. It took Kathy Jackson just a few months in HSU East to see what was going on. She tells me that "blind freddy" could see what was going on. But what did Hayes and Hull do? - they voted to give Williamson hundreds of thousands more of our money for his legal fees.

Now each one says they're fit to run the union. If the situation wasn't so serious it would be a sick joke.

I and other rank and file members can not sit back and see Hayes and Hull fight for the spoils of victory. I never expected that one day I would be running with other rank-and-file members to take back control of our union but we have no other choice.

It must be clear by now that none of the senior officials in our Sydney office who did Williamson's bidding without question is fit to lead the union. That's also the view of a lot the union's other officials. But no one else has come forward to challenge Williamson's two cronies - Hayes and Hull.

So as ordinary members we have to act.

In the next few days and weeks we will be contacting you again to ask you to do what you can to help our team of candidates. That will mean talking to other members, distributing our material, and encouraging members to vote. We will send you more details of what you can do soon.

In the meantime, one thing you can do is keep an eye on Hull' and Hayes' campaign activities. We need a clean election. You can expect an avalanche of material from Hull' and Hayes'. They're fighting over a slush fund controlled by Williamson and his cronies, which Williamson bragged was \$2 million. Members deserve an explanation from Williamson about where that money came from. Needless to say, our team will not have and wouldn't want one cent of tainted Williamson money.

Our team will not have a lot of money to spend on the campaign. We don't have slush funds or powerful backers. We will be asking for donations and, of course, not one cent of the small amount we spend will be money defrauded from the members.

I hope we can count on your continued support. I'm absolutely confident that we can take back our union and send Williamson, Hayes and Hull packing.

Yours sincerely

Katrina Hart
Candidate in HSU NSW elections