

From: [Lucas Owen](#)
To: 47E(c)
Cc: [Joe Ducie](#); [Jeremy Matthew](#); 47E(c)
Subject: RE: Removal of ANU Protest Encampment [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Sunday, 26 May 2024 5:41:57 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Campus Map.jpg](#)

Hi 47E(c)

Sorry for the attached picture just being a quick photo of my campus map but it shows the boundary of the campus with a yellow line and we will be in the middle in the Kambri precinct.

47E(c) has indicated I should see a Sergeant plus five members on the north road bridge about 7:45am.

I'll be available tonight and from 6:00am tomorrow on my mobile.

Thanks for your help.

Yours in service,

Lucas Owen

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Subject: FW: Removal of ANU Protest Encampment [SEC=OFFICIAL]

OFFICIAL

Hi Lucas

I'm not sure if you're currently at work, however when you get this message could you please send us a map or point us in the direction of the evidence that the area of the encampment is university land, occupied by or otherwise under the control of the university.

Kind regards.

47E(c) [REDACTED]

ACTING INSPECTOR 47E(c) [REDACTED]
OFFICER IN CHARGE, CITY POLICE STATION
ACT POLICING
Tel: 47E(c) [REDACTED]



AFP



The Australian Federal Police acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Country throughout Australia, and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to First Nations people, culture and Elders past, present and emerging.

From: Lucas Owen <lucas.owen@anu.edu.au>
Date: 25 May 2024 at 6:02:21 PM AEST
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Subject: Removal of ANU Protest Encampment

D/A SUPT 47E(c) [REDACTED]
PERFORMING THE ROLE OF COORDINATOR - NORTH DISTRICT

Dear 47E(c) [REDACTED]

As discussed on the phone yesterday, the ANU has been put in the unfortunate position of needing to remove the ANU Protest Encampment due to a health and safety risk, namely it's location is the location of an emergency evacuation assembly area for numerous buildings in the Kambri Precinct including a residential hall of over 400 students.

The assembly area had previously been noted and alternate assembly areas were designated, but during a fire alarm evacuation last week of the residential hall and the cultural centre the alternate assemble areas failed resulting in what has deemed to be an un-acceptable risk to student and staff health and safety.

It is was therefore decide that the Protest Encampment needs to be removed.

The students of the encampment have elected not to compromise with the university on their demands, despite the Vice Chancellor (VC) indicating on Friday 24/05 that she would be taking the matters to council next month, and therefore will not be packing up their encampment like other universities in other states have done when receiving similar VC action.

Without a voluntary pack-down we are left with no choice for the safety of the university, it's staff, students and visitors but to remove the encampment by university directive.

As we discussed Friday our intent was to act today, but as we understand we may need the support of ACT Policing, therefore as agreed we are holding our action till Monday 27/05 at 8:00am, to enable you time to be able to plan and support our action as you deem appropriate.

Normally we only have between three and ten students (with the average being five) remain overnight in the tents and they confine themselves to two to three tents, the rest of the tents are just for show. Therefore we are planning for that number in the morning. We are of the opinion that the students in the camp in the morning will comply with the lawful direction to move, due to the possible student disciplinary action under the student code of conduct that may occur if they do not comply with the lawful direction of an ANU Officer. If they fail to move and vacate as directed then we may need AFP assistance to move them on, but we are hoping that the involvement of the AFP will not be required but are planning for that possibility.

47E(d)

Attached you will find the email correspondence leading to this decision and the Order to Vacate issued by the Director of Facilities and Service.

ANU Management will be meeting and planning tomorrow and I will be available for discussions with you and your officers at your convenience.

Thank you for your advice and support as always and we hope that with ACT Policing's support we can smoothly and without incident on Monday morning.

Yours in service,

Lucas Owen

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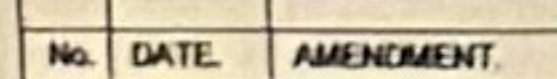
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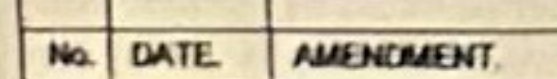
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To: 47E(c)
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Subject: RE: Request for AFP support for The Australian National University [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Monday, 27 May 2024 5:45:13 PM

Thanks 47E(c) For your understanding and the updates.

And I too greatly appreciate Lucas and his team.

Cheers
Genevieve

-----Original Message-----

From: 47E(c) @ afp.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2024 4:16 PM
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Good afternoon Genevieve,

Thank you also for taking the time this afternoon to discuss the wider considerations of the encampment and the impacts on the University, staff and students.

I echo the sentiment that the overall safety of all is very much at the forefront of our planning. Planning for tomorrow is well underway, with our command and control structures implemented this afternoon.

ACT Policing will provide the required resourcing to ensure the protection of ANU Security and staff is addressed and the safe resolution of the camp site is achieved tomorrow.

I will be the Operations Commander for our response tomorrow, working from the 47E(c) to coordinate our efforts. I can be contacted via email at 47E(c) or 47E(c) if required.

Can I also pass on my appreciation for the engagement and information provided by Lucas and his team over the duration of the encampment. It has greatly assisted with ACT Policing attendances over the past month.

Regards,

47E(c)

From: Vice-Chancellor <vc@anu.edu.au>
Date: 27 May 2024 at 2:30:40 PM AEST
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Subject: RE: Request for AFP support for The Australian National University

Hi 47E(c)

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me and your two colleagues at ANU this afternoon about the encampment. First, thank you for your support to ensure that our students are first and foremost treated with respect as we look to ensure our campus community is safe.

I believe we have a shared understanding of our objective here: to peacefully remove the encampment from the Kambri lawns to ensure the University can access a primary fire evacuation point. As discussed, I understand:

- * The AFP has requested an extension of the encampment occupation of the site until 12pm, Tuesday 28 May. This is to ensure the AFP have adequate time to put in place additional plans and contingencies, and resources to support the removal of the encampment with an eye to your prior experience with protesters.
- * The AFP has issued a directive for students to depart at 12pm, Tuesday 28 May, in line with the University's directive issued today, Monday 27 May, for the students to vacate this site due to safety concerns.
- * The AFP will be available and on the ANU campus on Tuesday 28 May to support the decampment of the students in Kambri.
- * ANU Security will provide additional resourcing overnight to ensure the risk of the continued occupation of a primary fire evacuation point is appropriately mitigated. As discussed, this is short term and unsustainable model.
- * Both ANU and the AFP share a strong commitment to de-escalating the situation in Kambri in a manner which is peaceful and respectful for all people involved.

Thank you for your continued support and working with our Security team to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the University and broader Canberra community.

Genevieve

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I am writing as the Vice-Chancellor and President of The Australian National University (ANU) to seek the support of the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to remove the student encampment located in Kambri, a central precinct on our Acton campus.

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We consulted with the AFP on Friday 24 May to support the vacating of the student encampment in Kambri. The advice was the earliest evacuation support from the AFP with the long weekend and other standing events

in the Capital was 8am Monday 27 May. We have implemented safety measures, including additional security staff in Kambri, to ensure our campus remains safe from the identification of this WHS risk on Friday, to the direction of the camp to vacate on Monday morning.

At 8am this morning, Monday 27 May, the Director of Facilities and Services issued a directive to members of the encampment to vacate the Kambri precinct and to remove their tents, marquees and personal belongings (see attached). This directive was provided to the Encampment email address and a hard copy provided to all students located within the encampment. We have also extended an invitation to the encampment participants to partner and collaborate to locate a new location for their peaceful protest. This new site is for a marquee and peaceful protest, not for the students to establish a new encampment with tents. We have identified two sites on our campus, which are neither primary or secondary evacuation points which would be appropriate and safe alternative options.

Our intention for the day remains to seek assistance from the AFP to clear this primary evacuation site for Kambri, which is clear of all tents, marquees and personal belongings. To be clear, as has been the case since the encampment commenced, we have not directed any of our students to stop protesting. They may continue to do so as long as it is respectful, peaceful and abides by our codes of conduct and does not impede safety of our staff, students or the broader community.

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Subject: Request for AFP support for The Australian National University
Date: Monday, 27 May 2024 11:22:19 AM
Attachments: [Notice - Order to Vacate Kambri Lawns - Fire Evacuation Zone Impediment.msg](#)

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Subject: Notice - Order to Vacate Kambri Lawns - Fire Evacuation Zone Impediment
Date: Monday, 27 May 2024 6:52:09 AM
Attachments: [Order to Vacate - Kambri Tent Encampment\[46\].docx](#)

Dear All

Please see below draft message to Gaza Solidarity group...the idea is to send this within moments of issuing the verbal notice to the encampment and handing out of notices. Please let me know any concerns, comments, adjustments..

Dear ANU Gaza Solidarity Encampment

The current encampment occupied by the Gaza Solidarity Encampment group located on the Kambri lawns is situated within the primary fire evacuation zone for the Kambri Precinct.

As the Director of Facilities and Services , who contains the delegated authority to maintain good order and the safety of all those on our campus, it is necessary for me to issue an order for the immediate removal of all tents and encampment structures (please see attached formal notice).

We understand this directive may cause inconvenience, however the safety of our University community is top priority. The University has identified two other locations for the carrying out of peaceful protest that respects the safety of all of our community. Those locations include the grassed area at the end of University Avenue near the North road junction, or alternatively on the lawns at the front of the Chancelry building.

The Gaza Solidarity group is welcome to work with our security team on exact locations, to establish a dedicated area to carry out peaceful protest, that at the same time respects the safety and wellbeing of our campus community.

Regards

Jeremy Matthew

Director

Facilities and Services Division



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ORDER TO VACATE - KAMBRI TENT ENCAMPMENT

This notice is to inform you of an immediate and non-negotiable directive concerning the tent encampment currently situated in the primary fire evacuation zone for Kambri.

On the 21st of May 2024 at 12:50 PM, a disruptive fire evacuation revealed a serious safety concern affecting the good order on campus and in that zone. The encampment's continued presence in this critical area poses an unacceptable risk to the safety and security of our staff and students.

The University's Council has power over the entire control and management of the University. The Director, Facilities and Services has been delegated campus-wide powers to operationalise this responsibility. As such, and in my role as Director of Facilities and Services, under the delegated authority to maintain good order on campus, it is necessary to issue this order for the immediate removal of all tents and encampment structures. This order includes the power to issue eviction notices and, if necessary, to call in the Australian Federal Police (AFP) to enforce compliance.

Effective immediately, you are required to pack up and remove all tents and encampment materials. Non-compliance with this directive will result in further action, including potential involvement of the AFP to ensure that the order is carried out.

I understand this directive may cause inconvenience; however, the safety of our university community is our top priority, by ensuring the ongoing maintenance of good order on campus.

Thank you for your immediate compliance with this urgent safety measure. If you need to speak to someone you can contact the ANU Wellbeing and Support Line on 1300 050 327 or text 0488 884 170, available 24/7.

Jeremy Matthew
Director Facilities & Services Division