

Answer to question 5:

DP: Well we would like to know that!

MM: We'd like to know that yes.

DP: If those people can tell us that, ... we've at least got something then with which to beat CSIRO, but if we go to them and say we have been told, they'll say well that's just not right.

MM: Can I just deal with one aspect of your earlier point. You talked about systemic patterns of behaviour falling away if the person is not a current employee. If the person who the allegation is against is not a current employee, it's true that that wouldn't go through to a Phase 2 individual investigation because the person is no longer there so I can't take any action with respect to their behaviour, but it would still be held onto in the systemic report, and there might be a recommendation to say, in an example, you know there are consistent and plausible allegations made about X, that person is no longer, or a particular area, site, for example, you know those people are no longer there, but we think that there should be further investigation of the circumstances in which this was allowed to occur and the adequacy or inadequacy of the response that had been taken, or the failure to act or implement previous recommendations. So, that's an example where, if it's something relevant, it's not just going to fall away.