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### **Brumby Clean up Your Act – Give up Your Dirt Files**

The Brumby Government smells more and more every day. Today's article by Paul Austin of the AGE, "Police in a pickle as deals turn sour", highlights a dysfunctional Government at best and something more sinister at worst.

In today's Age article, the Dept of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) directed the Victoria Police to send information about pipeline protestors, of which I was one, to a construction consortium. What is wrong with this picture – An Environmental arm of the Government directing the Victoria Police to disseminate information to people who weld pieces of steel together?

All Victorians should be immediately concerned about this behavior and the people of the Seymour Electorate should be outraged considering the dissemination of information involved its own citizens from Alexandra, Glenburn and Yea. Something is out of kilter here and wrong – very wrong.

I call on the Victoria Police, Melbourne Water and DSE to release all information collected on pipeline protestors to each individual protestor. Surely if the Government sees fit to release private information to construction firms then it should not be any problem to release that information to people it collected the information on.

#### ***AGE Extract:***

"ON MARCH 10 last year, a police officer sent an email to a government bureaucrat involved in overseeing construction of Victoria's north-south pipeline. It named nine people who had been arrested and charged nearly nine months earlier after protesting against the project.

It was sent unencrypted and over an insecure email network.

It was dispatched by the police officer at the request of the Department of Sustainability and Environment official."

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