



MEDIA STATEMENT

More City of Perth contractors charged

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The Corruption and Crime Commission has charged another three people involved in City of Perth works projects with unlawfully disclosing restricted information about a CCC investigation. Two are also charged with giving false testimony.

It brings to seven the number of people charged by the Commission in recent weeks with unlawfully disclosing restricted information about the same investigation. One man pleaded guilty last week and was fined a total of \$10,000 while the others remain before the courts.

In the latest charges, a 70-year-old director of a Perth electrical contracting company faces 31 counts of disclosing restricted information relating to his appearance before the Commission for private examinations in May and June this year.

The CCC will allege he disclosed restricted information to more than a dozen other persons of interest to the investigation during 31 separate phone calls, despite having been advised it was an offence to do so.

The alleged offences included discussing what he would tell the Commission when he attended, later revealing what he had been asked and what he had said, as well as alerting some persons of interest that the CCC was using surveillance and phone intercepts.

He is also charged with two counts of giving false testimony.

The man's 69-year-old wife and co-director of the electrical contracting company has been charged with one count of disclosing restricted information and one count of giving false testimony to a private examination in June.

A 47-year-old maintenance contractor also engaged by the City of Perth has been charged with four counts of disclosing a restricted matter in relation to his appearance before the Commission for private examinations in March and June this year.

It is alleged he also discussed his attendance at the Commission with other persons of interest, including revealing the questions he was asked and the answers he provided.

They are due to appear in the Perth Magistrates Court on 14 January 2015.

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