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## **WEF LEGAL SUPPORT – Update 18 September**

The Current state of play with the legal support is that We have over 200 complaints of police mistreatment and we are currently in the process of working out where to from here. As this is a huge job and the bulk of work is being done by volunteers we ask that people be a bit patient...we will get back to you soon!

### **The most immediate task is for everyone to preserve evidence and get that to us. This involves:**

**Injuries** - Getting your injuries documented by reputable doctors/counsellors etc, taking photos of injuries and keeping records of how your injuries are affecting you. Injuries include physical and psychological injuries.

**Statement of what happened** - if you did not give a statement at the protest or if you want to do a more detailed statement then write your own statement up for the purpose of giving to the legal support team. Make sure you include details of the date and time, where you were, what happened to you (in as much detail as possible) and whether you can id any police, what injuries you received and other witnesses etc. Make sure you include your contact details on the statement.

**Videos, photos and other evidence.** We need you to get this to us as soon as possible.

**Witnesses**. Chase up people you may have witnessed what happened to you or if you witnessed something...write a witness statement (follow the prompts for a statement as per above)

**ALL STATEMENTS, VIDEO, PHOTOS AND OTHER EVIDENCE CAN BE DELIVERED TO ATTENTION PAULINE SPENCER @ FITZROY LEGAL SERVICE PO BOX 297 FITZROY VIC 3065 or DROP IN TO FITZROY LEGAL SERVICE 124 JOHNSTON ST FITZROY.**

#### **WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT:**

The legal team are meeting this week to work out where to from here. We will be considering strategies for collating complaints to give on mass to the Ombudsman and also working out what avenues exist for defending any criminal charges and pursuing any other remedies such as civil action.

**IF WE HAVE GOT YOUR DETAILS WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU SOON BUT IN THE MEANTIME IF YOU HAVE A BURNING QUESTION ...**

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