



MEDIA RELEASE

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Corrective services officers followed standard procedures in Thomson case

The Prison Officers Vocational Branch of the Public Service Association of NSW (PSA) take great exception to the disparaging remarks and comments made by the solicitor of Federal MP Mr Craig Thomson.

Anne Gardiner General Secretary of the PSA said: "The Officers involved in the search of Mr Thomson were at all times acting in accordance with the Standard Operating Procedures of Corrective Services NSW and the Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999.

"Mr Thomson was placed into Corrective Services custody after he was bail refused by the police prior to being placed before the court.

"It is a safety requirement that all new custodies are strip searched. Officers involved in the search acted in a professional and respectful manner at all times.

"This type of name calling and vilification of people who are just doing their job is not on."

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