

## OPEN LETTER

Dear Fr Ciril Božič OFM OAM, Mr Alfred Brežnik AM, Mr Peter Mandelj OAM JP and Mr Derry Maddison,

Just in case, you have not listened to the Friday's Slovenian SBS radio program, or have not read on the *Stičišče* web page, let me quote the statement from Dr Milan Balažic:

<http://www.glasslovenije.com.au/konzulatMelbourne2014b.html>

### **Press release Veleposlaništva RS v Canberri, na ostre odzive skupnosti ob odprtju konzulata v Melbournu**

. . . Zdaj pa k sami stvari: v petek, 7. marca sem prišel v Melbourne na otvoritev novega konzulata, prvega v zgodovini slovenske skupnosti v Viktoriji. Za to smo si prizadevali kar nekaj časa, preskočili vse ovire in uspeli.

**V družbi z novim ČK g. Derryjem Maddisonom, članom Sveta Vlade RS za Slovence po svetu g. Petrom Mandeljem, bivšim ČGK v Sydneyu g. Alfredom Brežnikom in predstojnikom Versko-kulturnega središča Kew, patrom Cirilom Božičem smo pripravili svečanost, ki bo vzor sledečim otvoritvam novih slovenskih konzulatov Avstraliji - v Sydneyu, Adelaidu, Brisbanu in Perthu . . .**

*Translation of the Press release:*

Now let us turn to the real thing: on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> I came to Melbourne for the official opening of the new Slovenian Consulate, the first one in the history of Slovenian Community in Victoria. We worked hard for quite a long time, had a lot of hurdles and have succeeded.

**In the company with the new Honorary Consul Mr Derry Maddison; the member of the Slovenian Parliament – for Slovenians Abroad, Mr Peter Mandelj; the former Honorary Consul General Mr Alfred Brežnik and the Leader of the Religious and Cultural Centre Kew, Fr Cyril Božič,** we prepared the celebration, which will be an example/model for the following openings of the new Slovenian Consulates in Australia – in Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth.

"To je Dr Balažic ponovil tudi za melbournski večjezični radio SBS, kjer je sicer priznal, da se je z Omanom že srečal, **vendar ne na njegovo pobudo.**"

Translation:

The statement he repeated on multilingual Melbourne SBS Radio station. admitting he has met Oman before, but **not on his own initiative.**

**Whose initiative then?**

**The Ambassador clearly stated:**

The statement from the *Press Release* is:

**Fr Ciril, OFM OAM, Mr Brežnik AM, Mr Mandelj OAM JP and Mr Derry Maddison helped to organise the celebration,**

therefore these statements and the subsequent release of the invitation guest list **implicates** that the above persons knew of the invitation to convicted paedophile Nicholas Oman.

We understand, that when you work together in organising a function, you decide together on a guest list, complete and support each other, and take each other's suggestions into account, no?

**Please,  
Fr Ciril OFM OAM,  
Mr Brežnik AM,  
Mr Mandel OAM JP – representative of Slovenians in Victoria in Slovenian Parliament,  
and Mr Maddison,**

**we invite you**  
to issue a **public statement on SBS radio**, or a **Press Release on Stičišče**, and let people know the level of your involvement or otherwise in regards to the invitation of the convicted paedophile Nicholas Oman.

You are important leaders in the community, and this community at least deserves to know the truth, for better, and trustworthy relationship among Slovenians.

Concerned Slovenians