

# Summary of FAP Case 44

In AB (case 44, name anonymised), a decision to dismiss a disciplinary complaint was set aside and the matter was remitted for redetermination by a fresh complaints panel.

The complaint had included 3 particularised allegations of assault, including an alleged instance of sexual assault. The focus, possibly exclusive, was on whether the respondent to the complaint had abused his Party role to 'groom' or hit on women, but the complaints panel had failed to properly deal with the assault allegations in its reasoning.

The reasoning was inadequate to explain how the evidence was evaluated and why the complaint was not upheld. The emphasis placed on the absence of corroboration gave cause for concern in the context of alleged behaviour that, because of its nature, had no third-party witnesses.

David Graham, FAP Chair