

Smith vows to continue fight against 'exploitation'

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BRISBANE: Mr John Smith, the Queensland chef at the centre of a row over the treatment of Australians in the Solomon Islands, vowed yesterday to continue to the Pacific country to continue his battle against the "exploitation" of islanders by Australian businessmen.

Mr Smith said the 12 Australians who had been expelled from the Solomon Islands in recent months "all had a case to answer".

He declined to say whether he had advised the Prime Minister, Mr Ezzeki Alabus, and other ministers to expel them.

Sources close to Mr Smith said another 21 businessmen — not all of them Australian — have been targeted for expulsion. At the top of the list are a number who spoke to the *Herald* during a visit to the country in May.

These sources said the Gold Coast developer Mr Mike Gore would also be banned from entering the Solomon Islands.

Mr Gore's company, Pacific Island Resorts, owns the Anuka Island Resort, where Mr Smith worked as a chef before a riot by islanders last Christmas led to the evacuation of 20 Australian workers. Arsonists caused \$2 million damage to the resort in May.



Mr Smith shares a drink with an Islander... "my concern is for their well-being."

Mr Smith risks arrest when he returns to Honiara from Brisbane next week, as he is required to answer allegations that he breached a High Court injunction preventing him from interfering with the resort's operations.

Mr Smith told the *Herald* he would fight the injunction and return to Anuka Island, where he had the full support of the traditional owners.

He said he did not incite the

Christmas riot. "The fact is that the resort had not lived up to its promises and I ease conditions," he said. "The people took the action off their own backs. They did not want the resort there any longer."

Pacific Island Resorts has threatened to close down Anuka if the chef returns.

Mr Smith denies claims that he tried to "muscle in" on ventures vacated by the 12 expelled businessmen. "The people wanted to run these things themselves, and all

I was trying to do was to help them do that."

He said his critics had been ill advised... "my concern is only for the well-being of the people of the Solomons".

The *Herald* reported last month that Federal Government investigations revealed Mr Smith had been charged with fraud in Brisbane.

Mr Smith points out that, in fact, he was fully exonerated by the courts after a civil action was brought against him.

Headmistress sacked again despite ruling

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BRISBANE: The Anglican Church has defied the Queensland Industrial Court by sacking, for the second time, a Toowoomba headmistress accused of having an affair with another teacher.

The Church yesterday dismissed Mrs Penny Mosquera as headmistress of the Glennie Memorial School only nine days after she resumed work.

The secretary of the Queensland Association of Teachers in Independent Schools, Mr Peter O'Brien, accused the Church of a "campaign of systematic vilification and harassment" against Mrs Mosquera.

"The implications of this are enormous," he said. "There will be 40,000 private school teachers around Australia today who will be asking themselves what the future holds."

Mrs Mosquera returned to her job early last week after the Industrial Court rejected an appeal by the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane against an order by the Queensland Industrial Commission.

Mrs Mosquera was sacked last

December after the school council claimed she failed to follow the direction to dismiss activities director, who allegedly was having an affair with a teacher. After a lengthy commission upheld the sacking, Mrs Mosquera and ordered reinstated.

The commission "allegations of turning among staff and students" as a result of the affair sustained.

On June 14, the Court rejected an appeal by the Church against the decision. Last Thursday, the presented Mrs Mosquera's seven-point question to the alleged affair.

Mrs Mosquera again alleged, and sought to discuss the question with the diocese, as the diocese refused.

The diocese refused to discuss the question with the Registrar.

Mr O'Brien said probably the worst industrial inequity in natural justice in employment history