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To all fraternal organisations, international parties, friends and supporters,

This is to inform you that Comrade Andrew Irving is currently acting General Secretary of the Communist Party of Australia working together with President Vinnie Molina and the Party's leadership team.

This has followed the abrupt resignation of Bob Briton from his position as General Secretary on the 21st March 2019. Briton has also cut ties completely with the Communist Party of Australia, CPA.

This resignation is not the first time that Bob Briton has taken this path in Party life. His revolutionary activity has been marked by ups and downs and he has lost perspective of the struggle and of the role of the working class in leading revolutionary change. This resulted in feelings of disillusionment and left him unable to cope with the enormous demands of leading a revolutionary Party struggling to change the capitalist system to socialism.

Unfortunately, despite his contributions, Bob Briton isolated himself from the rest of the Party's leadership. In his resignation letter Bob Briton highlighted what he perceived as weaknesses in the Party he led which he felt incapable to address. These matters largely revolve around questions of youth where Bob had consistently rejected CC decisions and was not willing to work with the youth inside Party structures. The former General Secretary adopted a defeatist position and opted for the easier path of stepping down from his position leaving the Party in an unprincipled way.

The Central Committee Secretariat has accepted Bob Briton's resignation and relieved him of all Party responsibilities nationally and internationally.

In a final spectacular act of betrayal Bob Briton called on comrades to follow him in an attempt to split the Party, particularly aimed at taking with him young activists working among the youth. His actions have included deleting the Party's social media accounts. These will be restored in due course.

We are happy to report that all Party organisations have rallied with the leadership reaffirming their commitment to the Marxist -Leninist Party and the struggles of the working class.

In socialism,

CPA Secretariat