A response from Sharri Markson,

I would have thought you'd be asking your long-term friend and former colleague, Nick McKenzie, what he meant when he said he'd breached his ethics, rather than trying to identify the source of a recording that a federal court judge found significant enough to schedule an urgent hearing for.

The AFP investigation may have been public knowledge but the "phone taps" and undercover officers living in Roberts-Smith's apartment block "under assumed identities", that McKenzie spoke of, clearly wasn't common knowledge.