Attorney-General Dr Peter Toyne has called on the Shadow Attorney-General and former lawyer Peter Maley to go back to his law books because he doesn’t understand the basic principle of fair justice.

Dr Toyne was responding to calls from Mr Maley that he should stand down over an Australian Federal Police investigation into the Tanami Network.

"I am disgusted at Mr Maley’s tactics in Parliament today where he deliberately got the facts wrong and claimed I was the head of the Tanami Network in an attempt to discredit me.

"I was an unpaid volunteer consultant to the Board of Directors at the Tanami Network at the time of the grant allocation and as such have cooperated fully with the police investigation.

"Mr Maley’s calls are absurd – I will not stand down, as I am not under investigation so there is no reason for me to do so.

"It is a shame that the Shadow Attorney-General is flouting the basic legal principle of fair justice for some cheap political point-scoring.

"I call on Mr Maley to stick to the facts and as soon as I know the outcome of the police investigation I will be making those findings public," Dr Toyne said.

Dr Toyne was an unpaid volunteer consultant to the Board of Directors at the Tanami Network at the time of the grant allocation (1997).

The investigation centres on a variation in an ATSIC grant to the Tanami Network to provide video and conferencing facilities.

The Network won a funding grant of $375,000 to upgrade video conferencing facilities using a particular product.

The Board of Directors used the grant for a different video conferencing solution which delivered the same service, cost less and enabled debts of the Network to the organisation supplying the product (AAPT) to be retired.

This technical variation has been known by ATSIC for five years. There is no money unaccounted for.

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