



11 November 2014

Mr Giugni
Solicitor Assisting
Royal Commission into Institutional Responses
to Child Sexual Abuse
GPO Box 5283
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Mr Giugni

Re: Notice to Produce to AMA (NSW)

I refer to the Notice to Produce dated 24 October 2015, reference C-NP – 544. We have reviewed our records and have found no documents relevant to numbered paragraphs (1) and (2) of the Schedule to the Notice to Produce.

With regard to the Notice to Produce documents relating to policies or procedures concerning handling of allegations of child sexual abuse (numbered paragraph 3), please note that AMA (NSW) is a membership and advocacy organisation, not a complaints body. It follows that we do not have policies or procedures for dealing with complaints or allegations against medical practitioners.

Having said that, it is a common misconception amongst the public that we are a body that deals with complaints against medical practitioners and we regularly receive correspondence that includes such complaints. In these circumstances we respond to the complainant by providing details of the relevant authorities, e.g. the Health Care Complaints Commission.

As a membership based organisation AMA (NSW) does have By-Laws (annexed) which set out the processes to be followed in terms of an ethical or other complaint against a medical practitioner who was or is a member. However any allegation or complaint regarding alleged child sexual abuse by a medical practitioner brought to the attention of AMA(NSW) would be referred to the appropriate child welfare authorities and/or to the police, in accordance with statutory obligations.

However, as stated above, we have no record of, nor are we aware of, any such complaint being brought to our attention.

Australian Medical Association (NSW) Ltd

I trust this information is of assistance and would be happy to provide any further advice or information as required.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fiona Davies', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fiona Davies
Chief Executive Officer

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