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9th April, 1999.

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President & Committee,
Gold Coast Family Support Group Inc.,
51 Davenport Street,
SOUTHPORT. Q. 4215

Dear LLOYD & Committee,

We wish to acknowledge receipt of the report received from Ms. M. Edwards, dated 27th January, 1999. This report gives no indication of my complaint that I believed my child had been "interfered with, sexually molested or possibly raped" by your support worker whilst in his care on the 10th April, 1995. The term "I had concerns about" the support worker was the term used in the report by Mrs. D. Williams, not by me. I did make comment to Melissa regarding Bobbie's subdued behaviour on my arrival at his home although 'weird' was not the term I used and it was not as we left his home that Bobbie told me "he was a bad man." What Bobbie told me as we left his home was more explicit. I believe that it is important for the record that I advise that the above details are incorrect in this respect.

The two unsigned reports by Manager, D. Williams also do not acknowledge my initial complaint of suspicion of sexual molestation. At the Mediation Meeting with the Justice Department on the 21st January, 1999 Manager, Mrs. D. Williams stated my complaint to M. Edwards referred to "interfered with." President, L. Hastings was present at this Meeting with two Mediators from the Justice Department.

We acknowledge that Melissa may not be able to recollect all details of the complaint if she did not make notes or a report. However Melissa stated to me in October, 1998 that she thought the words I had reported were 'sexually interfered with.' I would also like to advise again that when former Vice President, O. Bowly telephoned me immediately following the meeting at our home on the 25th March, 1998 to deny that I had reported sexual molestation, I contacted Melissa and she stated this was not correct and she would speak to O. Bowly and put her straight. Melissa then phoned back to advise me she had spoken to O. Bowly in this regard.

As both M. Edwards and D. Williams have both acknowledged to us that they recollected the terms "sexually interfered with" and "interfered with," we would request that Melissa's report acknowledge that my complaint referred to sexual molestation or was of a sexual nature. We do not require Gold Coast Family Support Group Inc. to make any accusation or judgement upon the support worker involved. Although D. Williams and O. Bowly may have been satisfied with the support worker's explanation, I was not and stated so to D. Williams.

Would you please forward this report as soon as possible or arrange a meeting for us to meet with yourselves (L. Hastings, D. Williams and M. Edwards) and the

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Area Manager of Department of Families, Youth & Community Care and the Area Manager of H.A.C.C. Department of District Health Services with the sole purpose of this meeting for Gold Coast Family Support Group Inc. to provide us with a true and correct record of my complaint of suspected sexual molestation.

Yours faithfully,



Maree & Bob Welch.

c.c. Mr. P. Mark, Area Manager, H.A.C.C., Dept. of Health.
c.c. Area Manager, Dept. of Families, Youth & Community Care.