



HEALTH CARE  
COMPLAINTS  
COMMISSION

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**PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

Dear Mr AWH

**Re: Your complaint against Dr John Phillip Rolleston**

I am writing in relation to your complaint, which was received on 10 July 2006 about the conduct of Dr Rolleston during consultations in the 1970s.

The Commission, in consultation with the NSW Medical Board has determined that your complaint should be investigated as it *raises significant questions about the conduct of Dr Rolleston*.

The purpose of the investigation is to obtain further information in order to determine, what, if any, further action is required. The possible outcomes of an investigation into a health practitioner could include making comments to the practitioner, referring the practitioner to the NSW Medical Board for counselling or disciplinary action or taking disciplinary action before a Professional Standards Committee or Tribunal or terminating the investigation with no further action.

Before the Commission can commence its investigation, you will need to provide the following information in writing:

1. As you have alleged multiple episodes of sexual assault, please provide specific information about at least three sexual assaults that you recall clearly. The Commission will require approximate dates, or at least calendar years, as well what occurred during each consultation/sexual assault. This information may include your recollections about what you were wearing, the reason for the medical consultation, what happened before the alleged sexual assault and what sort of sexual behaviour occurred on each occasion.
2. If you are able to clearly recall more than three sexual assaults, please provide the specifics about those sexual assaults. The Commission does not require specific details about each and every sexual assault.
3. Any information you can recall about who accompanied you to the various consultations with Dr Rolleston and the name(s) and current contact details. If you are unable to provide current contact details, please provide the details of the last known address and the year in which it was a current address.

4. Please provide the name and contact details of the first person you told about the alleged sexual assaults.
5. If available, please provide any documentation, such as diaries, appointment cards, referral letters, reports, receipts etc about your consultations with Dr Rolleston that may have been retained in personal documents belonging to you, your parent/carer.
6. If you sustained any physical trauma, injuries, infections and/or diseases following the alleged sexual assaults that required medical treatment, please provide the details of the facility/medical practitioner that treated you for these conditions.
7. If you consulted a counsellor, social worker, psychologist or psychiatrist after the alleged sexual assaults for therapy about these issues, please provide the Commission with the names and contact details of these people.
8. Please provide any other information or evidence that will assist the investigation of your complaint, please forward it to the Commission.
9. If you are intending to make a complaint to the Police about the alleged sexual assaults, please do so as soon as possible and advise the Commission of your intentions regarding any complaints to the Police.

I enclose an authority form for you to complete which will facilitate the provision of a response from Dr Rolleston.

Given that the alleged conduct occurred some thirty years ago, the Commission is keen to expedite the investigation of your complaint; therefore you will need to provide the requested information and signed authority form within 21 days of the date of this letter.

A reply paid envelope is enclosed to assist you in returning the requested information promptly.

Please contact me on (02) 9219 7585 or by email to [aogorman@hccc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:aogorman@hccc.nsw.gov.au) if you have any questions about the investigation of your complaint. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Yours sincerely



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Investigation Officer