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T/A with [AWB], Ph. [REDACTED]

Explained to [AWB] who I was and how I had got his contact details. He was fine with that. He said that when he had first wanted to do something about the fact that Rolleston was practising he contacted the AMA and HCCC(?) and said he had got no where. It was after this he went to the police. I said that I wanted to make it clear that I was not asking him to make a complaint to us or even suggesting that he should. I just wanted to let him know that just as others had complained to the police others had complained to the HCCC and he had a right to do so. I explained to him that what we were concerned with was disciplinary procedures questioning whether Dr Rolleston should be practicing as a doctor.

[AWB] said that he wanted to complain as his sole motivation was to have Dr Rolleston struck off so he could not do this again. He was not concerned about the criminal sanctions.

[AWB] said that when these assaults occurred he was sexually naive and had no real idea what was happening, just that it was weird. He said it was only later that he realised the gravity of what had occurred and the real impact it had had on his life. He said that especially when he became a parent it changed his views on a lot of things. He had heard that Rolleston had been de-registered because of Medicare fraud. He didn't report what had happened as he didn't feel an obligation as he thought he could not behave in a similar fashion due to the fact he was not practicing as a doctor. It was only later when he heard that Rolleston was practicing in Broken Hill that he felt that he should tell someone about what he had done.

We discussed the progress of this matter. I explained that we were obtaining advice from senior counsel about whether the Commission should file a complaint in the Medical Tribunal. I explained that there were significant legal hurdles to overcome before any hearing could be commenced. I discussed the issue of delay. We discussed the prospect of giving evidence, what it would entail and whether his name would become public if there was media interest in the matter. He said that he did not want his mother to know about this. He said he came from a large, loving and supportive family. His mother was in her 70's had six children, had worked hard all her life and did not need to be burdened with this now. He said that she would blame herself for delivering him up to Rolleston by not going into the surgery with him when he saw Dr Rolleston. I said I understood his position and we would respect it. I said that there were other ways we could get the necessary evidence i.e. that the family had a lot of dealings with the practice and that it was unbelievable that Dr Rolleston would not remember them. [AWB] had told his sister ([REDA] a GP in Lennox Head) about this and had spoken to Dr Stone who is still in the practice and still remembers [AWB] and his family. He obtained his medical records from the practice through Dr Stone some years ago. [AWB] says he believes he gave them to the police. [AWB] says he can remember very clearly what happened because he was not a sexualised being at the time.

Paul said that he has seen Dr Rolleston a couple of times in Mosman and it has produced a physiological response in him. He has also heard that Rolleston has openly come out as gay and has a male partner and perhaps that is why there has been no more assaults on young boys i.e. he now has a proper outlet for his

sexuality.

I explained to [AWB] that if he wanted to make a complaint it would have to be in writing but that he could use the police statement for the majority of it. I said that I thought Counsel would really like to have a conference with him on Monday and asked him if it was possible that he prepared a complaint today. I said I would speak to our counsel Phil Strickland and get back to him about how to get the written complaint to us and a time for a conference.

[AWB]'s mobile is [REDACTED] and home number is [REDACTED]

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