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Warwick Dean
Headmaster
The Hutchins School
71 Nelson Road
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Monday, 3 May 2010

Dear Warwick,

I refer to my letter of August 23rd 2002, copy enclosed. I have not received a reply to same. I want to hear from you about the matters there and below.

I remain unconvinced that the school's investigation of my complaint, conducted by John Bednall, was the best the school community could do for me and other victims from that time.

I enclose email correspondence with Lonnie Trevena who reports John Bednall saying no credence should be given to my story as I had a five year relationship with Mr Lawrence after I left the school. I have enclosed my answer to Lonnie.

I have no reason to doubt the authenticity of her report and it goes to the attitude with which Bednall approached my case.

Bednall suggested to me that I was the only boy David Lawrence loved. 'There were no other victims', he said. Dismissing my experience of grooming and sexual molestation as love is deeply offensive as well as just plain wrong. As I reported in my original disclosure, there were other teachers that I witnessed or heard about engaging in inappropriate sexual behavior during Lawrence's tenure.

Given what we know of pedophile networks, it is not unlikely that he appointed like minded teachers.

I remain unsatisfied with Bednall's response, dismayed by his lack of an apology and by the school's silence about my concerns with Bednall's original investigation.

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The most meaningful apology I received was from Patrick, a former Hutchins pupil, also enclosed. I would have liked that to have come from the Headmaster's office. I would still welcome it.

Events still unfolding regarding pedophile teachers in Australia, Boys Scouts of America and the Catholic Church worldwide indicate to me the culture of protecting the interests of the institution above all else was likely present at every stage of my case.

Are you willing to be a little more transparent and enlightened than your predecessors?

~~Sincerely yours,~~

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