

**Amprimo, Miriam**

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**From:** Weeks, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 November 2014 5:25 PM  
**To:** ARX  
**Subject:** Re: Following up

Hi ARX

I would very much like to catch up in Perth  
 I'm sure the coffee is just as good there

When would that work for you?

John

Sent from my iPhone

On 5 Nov 2014, at 01:00, "ARX" wrote:

*Confidential*

John

I wondered how long it would take before you made contact. The letter notes "In the interim of me contacting you...". Two months has now elapsed since you sent the letter.

I was very disappointed with the letter. It has taken 5 years to get to the point where the letter was given but it appears to have been carefully drafted by a lawyer and refers to your acknowledgment of "my claims" of wrongdoing and your apology for "any wrongdoing". My "claims" have, in part (for the ones that were pleaded and charged) been the subject of Court proceedings and Barrie Stewart found guilty. So they are not "my claims"; they are established matters of fact. Further, the "wrongdoing" has been established; so it is inappropriate to refer to "any wrongdoing".

I would have hoped that with all the focus before the Royal Commission in relation to how institutions have responded to sex abuse issues, including how to respond to substantiated and established claims, the School would be able to "do the manly thing" and unreservedly apologise for the acknowledged wrong doings of Barrie Stewart. As a Christian School; why is this so hard for the school? Multiple boys like me have had their lives shattered and, at its most basic, we want a clear and unreserved apology from the school. For me, the fact that it has taken 5 years to get to even this point is just ridiculous, infuriating and impossible to accept. I can't help but feel that the School has escaped proper scrutiny over these matters. The Police told me that if ARJ and Barratt were still alive they would have also been charged and that they are confident that a paedophile grooming ring was operating in the school. This was my own experience - one of the incidents was being molested in the surf on the Gold Coast when on holidays and happening to run into Stewart, ARJ and Barratt in the surf. To my huge huge regret the NSW Police convinced me to drop that charge on the basis of jurisdictional problems with the offence having taken place in Qld. I kick myself for accepting that advice and not progressing that and other offences. Yes; Stewart was convicted of the offences that he was charged with relating to me - but the horse trading on the charges to get him to admit his guilt was a huge burden that I live with today and have to come to terms with.

I am also very disappointed to hear from lawyers involved in cases against the school that the school continues to instruct Gadens lawyers to take all legal points and argue all legal defences. Surely, again, the School is monitoring the Royal Commission and beginning to understand that this is not an acceptable approach and is not consistent with taking responsibility for actions; and allowing us to move forward to deal with these issues. It beggars believe that this sort of approach could be taken.

For me; my only coping mechanism has been to focus 1000% on something that I could control - my work - ostensibly people on the outside looking in would say that I am a success at that - but at what cost? Ever other aspect of my life is a disaster; relationships ruined and everything joyless. The Schools inability to accept responsibility, deal with me compassionately and ask "what do you need us to do to help you move forward" is so contrary to the ethos of the school that is just reeks of hypocrisy.

You indicate that you are happy to meet for coffee. If you have been following my dozens of communications with Martin over the past 5 years you might be aware that I am based in Perth. Are you offering to come to Perth to discuss these issues?

ARX

On 4 Nov 2014, at 1:10 pm, Weeks, John <REDACTED> wrote:

Dear ARX

I am just following up on my last email to you on the 4<sup>th</sup> September. I know that things have been pretty tough going but I just wanted you to know I am personally available to help.

If you would like to meet for coffee just let me know and we can put something together.

I am committed personally to helping all Old Boys, no matter what their matters are.

Hope to hear from you soon.

All the best.

John

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