

**Bridey Maguire**

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**From:** [CDN] [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 11 December 2013 20:16  
**To:** Bridey Maguire  
**Subject:** Attention Steve Kinmond

Thank you for your phone correspondence on the 3rd of December 2013 regarding your contact with [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

You have provided the following information via voicemail message. You had spoken with [REDACTED] on 2 occasions. [REDACTED] advised that she had no additional information to add to the statement she had provided to the police.

Are you able to advise if you exerted your powers, equal to those of the royal commissions, which you had made reference too during our meeting on the 1st of November 2013, to interview [REDACTED]. If so, did you question [REDACTED] in regards to the additional information she had provided our solicitors, which had been previously provided to your office via Bridey Maguire by myself?

I have spoken with [CDP], who has informed me that there is an additional avenue you are able follow in order to seek further information from [REDACTED]. I give full permission for you to use any information provided previously to you, to exhaust all options available to your office to pursue this matter to fulfil your obligations.

Your prompt feedback via email is greatly appreciated.

Warm regards

[CDN]

Sent from my iPhone

On 22/11/2013, at 10:01 AM, Bridey Maguire <[CDN]> wrote:

Hi [CDN]

Thank you for the further information.

I will raise it with Steve.

Regards

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**From:** CDN [mailto:REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 21 November 2013 17:55  
**To:** Bridey Maguire  
**Cc:** CDP  
**Subject:** TRIM: Re: Letter from Steve Kinmond regarding our meeting last Friday

Good afternoon Bridey,

CDP has forwarded a response on both of our behalf, to the letter received by Steve Kinmond dated 6th November 2013. The response has been sent via both email and a signed hard sent via Australia post.

I would like to provide further information in regards to information provided by REDACTED REDACTED. Please find below my notes from meeting dated 18th July 2013.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2013 I was present at a meeting with REDACTED, an ex-staff member of CEG who resigned soon after the first charge of indecent assault was laid against CDM. At this meeting REDACTED disclosed numerous details and observations from her time at CEG which would significantly inform any further investigation of the issues raised in our points above. In particular REDACTED confirmed that:

- She worked at the Centre from 2007.

- In 2008, renovations took place at the Centre that involved moving the large centrally placed sandpit to a location around the corner of the building and out of sight next to a shed. The sandpit was always very popular with the children. It seemed strange to move it and downsize it.

- She observed CDM engaged with the children, playing with them and often physically interacting with them. He would also pat the children to sleep at nap time.

- She observed that CDM was there every single day from around 7am to 6pm.

- Over time she observed that CDM gradually increased his interaction from being the food preparation assistant to basically being in the room and outside with the kids for the entire day.

- Staff were not given any directive at any time as to how supervision of the children should be carried out

The Centre Director, <sup>CHD</sup> [REDACTED], was generally in the staff room carrying out administrative type work during the day. She rarely spent time in the centre with the children, in the outside area or observing that staff were carrying out their duties properly.

Often the staff were more engaged with the children in the morning, but this level of engagement declined throughout the day. By the afternoon it was often common for a few staff members to stand together in a group away from the children and have a chat, instead of roving around the back yard supervising. Nothing was ever said about this.

She often noticed <sup>CDM</sup> [REDACTED] having conversations with the children which she considered inappropriate

*We will need further info*

At the time She was employed at the Centre, there were two other male staff employed (childcare workers), however, she never saw them interact with the kids in the way <sup>CDM</sup> [REDACTED] did.

She did not recall ever reviewing any policies or being given any written policies in relation to child protection or best practice in relation to child care generally. At the centre where she is working now, they do this yearly and sign the policies as confirmation that they have been read. <sup>REDACTED</sup> [REDACTED] was never given any policies or directions about supervision of the children at <sup>CEG</sup> [REDACTED] or anything about child protection

We firmly believe that the Ombudsman's Office has a duty to exercise its powers to contact <sup>REDACTED</sup> [REDACTED] to pursue this matter fully and that the above information is relevant to any further investigations.

I will send a signed copy of the above to your office.

Warm regards

<sup>CDN</sup> [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On 21/11/2013, at 12:20 PM, Bridey Maguire <<sup>REDACTED</sup> [REDACTED]> wrote:

Hi <sup>CDN</sup> [REDACTED],

I've attempted to get in touch with <sup>REDACTED</sup> [REDACTED] this week, but I've had no luck – her mobile phone number doesn't divert to a voicemail service, so I've been

unable to leave a voicemail message. I've been able to leave my phone number which is apparently sent in a text message to her phone, but she hasn't returned my calls.

Does [REDACTED] have another number we can try and contact her on?

If not, please let her know that she can contact me on [REDACTED] or Steve on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Thanks [CDN]

Regards

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**From:** [CDN] [mailto:[REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 6 November 2013 15:52  
**To:** Bridey Maguire  
**Subject:** Re: Letter from Steve Kinmond regarding our meeting last Friday

Hi Bridey

Thanks for that.

The employee that has since left [CEG] LDDC's name is [REDACTED]. She can be contacted on [REDACTED].

Regards

[CDN]

Sent from my iPhone

On 06/11/2013, at 12:32 PM, Bridey Maguire <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear [CDN],

Please find attached a copy of our letter of 6 November 2013 confirming the actions we discussed on Friday.

Regards

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