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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
CC: [redacted]
Subject: Jonathan Luke Lord YMCA worker - 29 charges of Child Abuse
Date: Wed, 9 May 2012 16:55:45 +0000

Dear Ms. Wallace,

re The Investigation of YMCA Caringbah Childcare Services:

Following AW and my discussions with Natalie Crane and yourself on the 11th January 2012 and subsequently on 3rd February 2012, it was our understanding that you were investigating our concerns about YMCA. Ms. Crane indicated that your department had visited ACECQA and she said that the provider appears to be aware of the National Quality Framework, and that your organisation would continue to monitor and follow up with YMCA. Ms Crane further indicated that your organisation was waiting on a couple of other agencies, including the ombudsman.

It was also my understanding that regarding one concern in particular, you indicated your organisation would investigate my complaint about children travelling in a YMCA car with only one worker. The details of this are canvassed again in my letter to Mr. Hare, YMCA CEO. As I am yet to hear what action YMCA has taken in response to my complaint, the BASC Parent Forum has written to him again. I have attached a copy of this letter for your convenience and recollection. I am aware that you indicated to me that you had already received my written correspondence re my complaint which prompted your original phone call on 11th January 2012.

We have not heard from your department since AW and my conversations with Natalie Crane and yourself during January and February of this year.

In addition to this, it has come to the attention of BASC Parent Forum that there are still concerns regarding YMCA's childcare service. Two of the most notable concerns at this stage are:

- (1) YMCA's request of parents to sign blanket permission notes that parents consent to their children sometimes being alone with one worker in a YMCA vehicle. (a copy of this permission note can be made available if required)
- (2) YMCA's written representation to parents on 23rd November 2011 that YMCA management have engaged Network (the peak childcare body in NSW) to perform an external audit, the results of which would be made available to parents. Given that these results/progress has not been made available to parents, I phoned Network's CEO Robyn Miller and she indicated that at no stage had Network agreed to perform an external audit. (a copy of this handout given to parents at the parent information session is also available if required)

Please see attached our most recent letter to Mr. Phillip Hare, CEO of YMCA which documents these concerns in detail.

We are happy to discuss our concerns further. I am also available on [redacted]
We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

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also on behalf of AW and the BASC Parent Forum