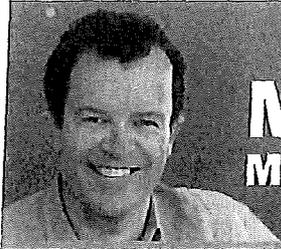


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Mark Speakman SC MP

Member for Cronulla



11 May 2012

AT

Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear AT

COMPLAINT ABOUT YMCA

Thank you for your letter which, although dated 26 April 2012, I received by email on 10 May 2012.

Your letter raises a number of important issues. I am therefore immediately referring the matter to the Minister for Family and Community Services, the Hon Pru Goward MP, for her consideration and action. I will let you know when I have her response.

If, in addition, you would like me to contact the YMCA directly, with a view to me meeting with the YMCA to go through your concerns, please let me know. However, my preliminary view is that as you raise systemic issues about the YMCA generally, the matter is best handled by the Minister's office, with appropriate expertise, rather than by me "doubling up" and possibly working unintentionally at cross-purposes at a local level.

Your letter refers to the "BASC Parent Forum". Could you please let me know who constitutes the forum and how it is constituted?

For the record, I should note my surprise at the tone of your second paragraph and the first sentence in your third paragraph. I was unable to attend the forum, but at our two meetings I otherwise made my willingness to help very clear. Mark Egelstaff is a public servant whose terms and conditions of employment do not require him to attend, and may even prevent him from attending, electorate matters at night. Your letter received 10 May 2012 is the first time our office has heard from you in nearly six months.

Please contact me if there is anything you would like to discuss or if you think I can help in some other way.

Yours sincerely

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