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This is Exhibit "U" to the Statement of  
AWDated: 4 October 2013

To Detective Inspector Anthony Holten

Joint Investigation Response Squad

16 November 2011

Dear Detective Inspector Anthony Holten,

Re: Our Telephone conversation Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011

I was very happy to speak with you last night about the purpose of our Parent Forum on OSHC Public Forum. As conveyed I have attempted to contact an appropriate member of the Police seeking advice since last Thursday. I telephoned Miranda Police station late last Thursday evening or perhaps after midnight asking to speak with a Youth Liason Officer. The constable on duty asked me what it was concerning and she advised that I should speak with Senior Constable Tina Davies, Crime prevention officer at Cronulla Police Station. When I telephoned her on Friday afternoon I was told that she was at a conference all week and would return on Monday. I obtained her email address and forwarded a message on Sunday evening. The email bounced back because I did not include the i in her surname at the beginning of the address. I then contacted Cronulla police on Monday afternoon to speak with her but was told she had finished work for the day and would be on duty at 6a.m. Tuesday morning. I then verified her email address and resent the email to her. By the time I checked my emails on Tuesday morning she had replied by email informing me that Cont. Deb Wilson would contact me on Wednesday when she returned to duty as she had the expertise to help with my enquiries. I intend on ringing her later this morning.

AS stated in my telephone conversation with you the motivation for Parent Forum is to discuss Child protection practices in OSHC in general and to make recommendations as to how parents believe that practices should change in order to effectively implement Child Protection Policies.

I assure you that I/we will do everything to respect and not jeopardise the ongoing police investigation and to make it very clear to all participants that the suppression order is to be maintained.

Hence, all the effort we have made to contact child protection experts, organisations, government departments, the child care provider, local schools, the police department etc.

I am very willing to forward you the letter which I sent to the YMCA, and the feeder schools asking for their support and any other communication, or provide any other information to you so that your time can be better spent rather than investigating me/the parent Forum.

I am a teacher at [REDACTED] and my daughter attended the YMCA most morning and afternoons for OSHC. I was unaware of the situation for almost two weeks after the initial communication to parents on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011 as YMCA failed to notify me either by email, or mail. I discovered the situation through another parent and I requested my husband to ring the YMCA about the matter. I like many parents were traumatised by being informed about this matter and the way in which we were informed. For fifteen days parents who rang the child protection helpline but were not provided assistance because we did not have proof to suspect that our children had been harmed were ignorant of how to speak to their child about this, and did not even

know if we should be talking to our children before they were properly assessed by a professional. The ymca did provide us with questions after 15 days but by this time most parents had already spoken to their child in any way that they thought best. I immediately requested my daughters school to provide an information meeting as other parents other schools. The response we received was poor, schools were not prepared to discuss until investigation was complete.

As a teacher in the community [REDACTED], I know enough information to anticipate that the investigation may be ongoing for quite some time. I believe that this time is too long to wait to address some procedures in OSHC which we believe may place our children at risk of a first time, uncharged pedophile whilst in care, especially because OSHC is currently unregulated and the target date for regulation 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2012 has been pushed back. Unfortunately, the practices must effectively not provide any opportunity for a carer to be alone with any child/children which is not the case at the moment. There are also other issues which we have discovered about making carers accountable for clocking on/ off duty at the right time, properly /electronically registering the movements of children in care, toileting issues, staff education in child protection training and mandatory reporting, etc to name a few.

As I do work 4 days a week my ability to respond quickly to any communication is limited to after school hours especially at this busy time of assessments, marking and reporting. I am considering asking for a few more long service leave days before the meeting next week to have the time to deal with the communications with experts appropriately and sufficiently.

I attended the court mention at Sutherland Local Court last Thursday taking a long service day to be able to do this. Are you aware the POI name was written on the court listings either as an error or because the three new charges were not yet affected by the suppression order? Are you aware that the POI family members facebook pages contain pictures of the POI?

Thank you for the guidelines which you will send to me in order to effectively describe and enforce the suppression order.

Would you also be able to arrange a police representative to address or provide, for the parents about concerns about not knowing if they have done the wrong thing by speaking to their children before being assessed etc as explained above. In my research i note that if any child has come into contact with a suspected pedophile, that is reason enough for them to be properly assessed for abuse. The problem is that parents do not have the support or knowledge about how to do this...As explained, parents have been directed to school counsellors which are not experts by their own admission.

In addition, parents do not understand the terms aggravated indecent assault, and i /they are seeking an explanation as to what is meant by the 'charges have been upgraded'.

I will forward the letters to the ymca and the school principals sent this Sunday evening or early Monday morning for your information.

Thank you very much for your help. We are concerned for our. Our children cannot speak for themselves. Their parents need to be their advocates.

Please let me know if i can provide further information.

Yours faithfully

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