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Sent: Thursday, 10 December 2009 6:24 PM
To: Kevin Neil
Cc: Rachael Roberts; Ben Tallboys; Peter McGrath
Subject: FW: Enquiry From Swimming Australia

Kevin

As instructed I contacted [REDACTED] in relation to her email to Swimming Australia below. This is a summary of the conversation.

I contacted [REDACTED] at about 11.40am this morning.

I stressed that Swimming Australia takes complaints seriously and would deal with it appropriately. I also stressed that Swimming Australia would keep her complaint private etc as she wished. She does not have a lawyer but I recommended that she get one. She said she used to be a legal secretary. She does not have money for a lawyer.

[REDACTED] said:

- she is 66 years old now and was 15-16 at the time of the conduct
- she does not blame Swimming Australia and acknowledged they didn't even exist at the time
- she does not even think Swimming Australia could be held responsible
- she had problems a few times with the two coaches but nothing since
- she said her father may have also assaulted her
- she has not married and has not had sexual intercourse and has a borderline personality disorder probably as a result of the conduct
- she has log books etc and records of matters – she remembers significant detail – most allegations were regarding [REDACTED] but that both touched her in places they should not have – it was not clear but I also think both attempted to have sexual intercourse with her but failed
- she said it occurred when she moved to Townsville to swim
- she said it stopped when she moved in with the [REDA] Family who looked after her
- police dealt with the matter at the time and gave one of the coaches a "slap around the head" – I don't think it was officially dealt with
- she wants people to be aware and thinks more might be out there
- she confirmed the matters raised below and re-phrased the same
- she said coaches would say "sex makes you go faster – that's how Dawn Fraser did it" and that she was young and believed it
- she said she would be given massages and the coach would say her time was faster but that she thought they were making it up because when she timed herself it wasn't true

[REDACTED] had a lot to say and this was a summary only. She is sending me a written statement and is happy for me to send to the Police. She has our address. I will send her an email confirming.

[REDACTED] contacted me again at about 5.20pm and she said she was drafting a statement. She asked what to call the events – I said incidents. She said it was two pages long. I asked her to write that she still consents to me sending it to the police and to put her contact details. I said I had sent her an email with my contact details. She will be sending tomorrow.

I recommend that this complaint be kept confidential at this stage. If and when a statement is received we can then send it on to the Police – assuming [REDACTED] still consents to this. After that we can assess what if anything Swimming Australia should do.

Kind regards

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Enquiry From Swimming Australia

The following enquiry has been lodged through your website.

Name: [REDACTED]
 Telephone: [REDACTED]
 Facsimile: [REDACTED]
 Email: [REDACTED]

Comments:

Regarding ABC News Item 8/12 last night, asking former swimmers to contact you if they had ever been sexually assaulted by swimming coaches. Briefly, I am now 65, but when I was a club swimmer in Townsville in 1962, later became a well-known Queensland marathon swimmer: completing 13 marathons in 13 years. I was sexually assaulted including attempted rape by club coach [REDACTED] then a few months later: [REDACTED] who was very sympathetic on hearing about this first assault, wanted to hear my story in his vehicle when taking me home from training, attempted to kiss and touch me, but when I refused he took me home. I am on a public computer and am running out of time. Regards [REDACTED]

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