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**Sent:** Thursday, 15 May 2014 10:23 AM  
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**From:** Glenn Tasker [<mailto:Glenn.Tasker@swimming.org.au>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 February 2003 9:50 AM  
**To:** Peter McGrath  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Interview with ABC

Thank you, Peter.

Glenn

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Peter Mc Grath [<mailto:peterm@chamberlains.com.au>]  
**Sent:** Monday, 3 February 2003 6:24 PM  
**To:** [Glenn.Tasker@swimming.org.au](mailto:Glenn.Tasker@swimming.org.au)  
**Subject:** Proposed Interview with ABC

Dear Glenn

I refer to our meeting of the 31 January 2003 and our subsequent telephone conversation of today's date.

I confirm my advice to you with respect to the proposed interview by the ABC's "Australian Story" at which you, on behalf of ASI, will respond to the comments of Ms Hetty Johnson of Bravehearts.

As you stated when we met, one option is not to make any comment. I agree with your view that ASI should respond as to do otherwise will lead to an appearance that ASI does not really take the matter seriously and/or that ASI does not have a firm position on this type of allegation.

In responding you should state the facts:

- 1 ASI treat the safety of children and indeed all its members with the highest priority;
- 2 ASI's has a Member Protection Policy ("MPP") in place;
- 3 That no complaint was lodged with ASI under the MPP;
- 4 That the process under the MPP mirrors the process followed in the Volkens Case;
- 5 The authority which initially received the complaint was the Police (Qld);

- 6 Had the complaint been lodged under the MPP, ASI would have immediately referred the matter to the police;
- 7 It is then for the Police and Inturn the DPP to decide whether the matter should be taken any further.

In the *Volkers Case*, the DPP on the basis of the available evidence, chose not to proceed with the matter. ASI believes in the presumption of a person being innocent until proven guilty and that it is not for ASI to act as a quasi judiciary over and above that which applies under the law of the land. Matters of this nature are not simply breaches of an internal set of rules but represent possible serious breaches of the criminal law. The MPP is aimed to deal with these allegations with a response that equally protects the rights of all the parties and the ASI.

Glenn, if you wish to discuss this further please call me.

Regards

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