

Mr Warren Snowdon
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Dear Mr Snowdon

I am writing to you in my personal capacity and not as an Australian Public Service employee. Consequently, this letter is not intended to reflect the views of the Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs or of the Australian Government or any other employer of mine.

Subsequent to my appearance on Lateline in June 2006, you contributed to a campaign that vilified, humiliated and defamed me. You made a number of erroneous and defamatory allegations about me. The more egregious of these were made under the protection of parliamentary privilege. I am not going to bother responding to them. Indeed, I flushed them down the toilet long ago.

In November 2006 I wrote to the then Chief Minister of the Northern Territory and her then Deputy outlining the erroneous and defamatory statements that they had made about me under parliamentary privilege and the documentary evidence that I had to prove this. They did not respond or correct the record. They resigned in 2007. Suffice to say that I could write a similar letter to you outlining the truth in relation to your allegations and the documentary evidence I have to support this.

The *Little Children are Sacred* report confirmed what I have always said. I also refer you to the 24 January 2008 findings of the ABC's Independent Complaints Review Panel chaired by former Federal Court Judge Michael Foster QC. The panel found that I was a "reliable and credit worthy witness". Its findings exonerated me.

Your promulgation of false and defamatory material about me diverted attention from the important issue at hand for a short period of time. But the truth finally came out.

Your misinformation and defamation of me contributed to the endangerment of my safety and that of my family. It damaged our health and caused us financial and other costs. I hold you responsible for this.

I invite you to table this letter in the Parliament to correct the record, apologise publicly and remove from the internet the defamatory misinformation that you have published about me.

Yours sincerely



Gregory Andrews

6 June 2008