
From: <[REDACTED]>
Date: Friday, 20 September 2024 5:18 p.m.
To: "Chief Executive" <Chief.Executive@teachingcouncil.nz>
Subject: Re: ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ABUSE IN CARE

Good afternoon Jess

On 25 February 2023 we sent our Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care Witness Statement to Lesley Hoskin (CE).

You responded, advising our Witness Statement was shared also with Pauline Barnes (DCE – Professional Services). In your response you suggested our Witness Statement could be taken as a complaint against teachers named in it, which we agreed to and we were encouraged to formalise complaints. We made formal complaints against 5 teachers in April 2023.

We don't understand what yourself, Teaching Council Chief Executive Lesley Hoskin and Pauline Barnes saw in our Witness Statement that the Teaching Council's Triage Committee couldn't see, when it decided to take no further action on any matter raised in our complaints (which included our Witness Statement).

What an absolute waste of time!

Please be assured the 5 generic letters we received today (16 months after making complaints) dismissing wrongdoing, **abuse** and the cruel and inhumane treatment of our son and other disabled students by 5 teachers that worked at Ruru Specialist School will be made publicly available by us, as will the teacher complaints.

Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand – just another cog in the cover-up.

Callum and Victoria Turnbull

From: [Chief Executive](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 11:28 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ABUSE IN CARE

Tēnā koe Victoria and Callum,

Thank you for your email. This was shared with Lesley (CE) and Pauline Barnes (DCE- Professional Services).

I am reaching out to confirm the course of action you would like the Council to take with your attached witness statement. We have identified some registered teachers in your statement which means the Council could take this as a complaint and begin the process of looking into the allegations. It is important to note that the Council only has jurisdiction over registered teachers which excludes teacher aides.

The staff members you have mentioned are no longer working at the Council.

If you could please let me know whether you would like to proceed with a complaint, or whether this was simply for our information as part of our work with the Royal Commission, that would be much appreciated. If you have any questions we are more than happy to have the most appropriate staff member contact you to discuss these.

Noho ora mai

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We welcome receiving correspondence in te reo Māori. We will respond in te reo Māori, which will not cause a delay.

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From: (redacted)
Sent: Saturday, 25 February 2023 1:33 pm
To: Chief Executive <chief.executive@teachingcouncil.nz>
Subject: ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO ABUSE IN CARE

For: Lesley Hoskin

Dear Lesley

This is our statement to the Royal Commission. We are forwarding our statement to you for your information and distribution to Phil Straw and Julia McCook-Weir. Redaction has been made due to death. Attachments not included, but can be requested.

Thank you.

Callum and Victoria Turnbull