

**From:** Shane Dowling [<mailto:shanedowling@hotmail.com>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 March 2015 2:54 PM

**To:** Media

**Subject:** Media request - KCA - Knox Grammar - Police referral

Dear Sir/Madam

It was reported last Friday (27/2/15) that Knox Grammar Headmaster John Weeks visited the NSW Ombudsman twice in 2004 with a 350 page report regarding paedophile teacher Adrian Nisbett. It was also reported that *"The commission has been told that the Ombudsman's office had accepted it was remiss in not pursuing a referral to police."* The full story is at:

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/news/nsw/church-head-helped-destroy-student-sex-abuse-papers-royal-commission-hears/story-fni0cx12-1227241373545> Mr

Nisbett was eventually charged and found guilty in 2009 of *"indecent dealings with boys at Knox"*.

Questions for NSW Ombudsman Bruce Barbour:

1. Why did the Ombudsman never refer the matter to the police?
2. On the two occasions that John Weeks visited the Ombudsman, who did he meet with?
3. Was the matter raised at the weekly meetings of the Ombudsman's senior officers group (SOG).
4. If the SOG did deal with the matter and/or know of the matter what did they advise the Ombudsman to do?
5. The story says *"that the Ombudsman's office had accepted it was remiss in not pursuing a referral to police."* "Remiss" can mean a number of things, can you define it further? For example does that mean the Ombudsman admits that he was "negligent" in not referring the matter to the police?

I plan on going to print today but can add your answers later if need be although that is never a good look as it looks like someone is avoiding answering questions. Given the scandal and cover-up and that it clearly implicates the Ombudsman's office it would be greatly appreciated if I could have a response today. I know that is was my readers and the public would expect.

Regards

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**From:** Lisa Du **On Behalf Of** Media

**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 March 2015 3:50 PM

**To:** Shane Dowling

**Subject:** RE: Media request - KCA - Knox Grammar - Police referral

Dear Mr Dowling,

Thank you for your inquiry.

The NSW Ombudsman is assisting the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in its case study Number 23 ( relating to Knox Grammar ). All relevant information has been provided to the Commission.

Kindest regards

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