

Tuesday, 27 September 2005

Dr J Carroll

Dear Dr Carroll

Following my representations on your behalf and subsequent follow up emails with you, I have received a response from the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, The Hon De-Anne Kelly, concerning your correspondence in relation to Lieutenant Kennall and Lieutenant Commander Ferguson. A copy of the Minister's correspondence is enclosed for your information.

John, you will note from the Minister's letter that she has provided a detailed response in relation to the requirements to meet 'operational service' under the Veterans Entitlement Act for recognition, and that despite further investigation into your concerns and interpretations of these provisions, Lieutenant Kennall and Lieutenant Commander Ferguson do not meet the criteria of the Act.

I am aware that the information provided by the Minister is not what you were hoping for, please be assured of my willingness to meet anytime with you on this matter.

John, I would like to personally thank you for delivering me a copy of your thesis. When Parliament rises, I will certainly take the opportunity to read your book.

Again, John, thank you for taking time to write to me on this issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Pearce', with a large, stylized initial 'C' and 'P'.

CHRIS PEARCE

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