

Memo to Executive and Subcommittee

15 October 1998

Our policy is not to reply to correspondence. My policy is not to reply to requests asking why we do not do our job if that request wants a response in a reasonable time.
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Re. Gordon Wyre's request for a meeting

So! They have a policy "not to respond to WASAH correspondence", after they requested a second submission and after the minister gave us an assurance they would. Well, they can reduce their workload by modifying the conditions on licences to require yearly returns, etc. They always have the resources when it suits them to send out wildlife officers to confiscate animals being rehabilitated, to investigate petty 'breaches', to issue unnecessary licences to snakebusters, etc.

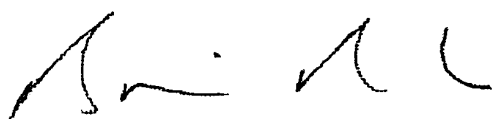
Let's give it a miss unless there is something outstanding in Wyre's forthcoming letter. We can apologise for not being available but believe it will only be more of the same - nothing but words. They have had seven years to improve things but their lack of resolve has denied us a sensible system in Western Australia.

If Gordon wants to apologise for any misunderstanding arising out of the most recent WASAH/CALM meeting, or if he wants to intimidate us with veiled threats, then this can be done in writing.

Why should we run to their beck and call when Gordon has admitted their contempt for WASAH, which had been adequately demonstrated by their actions to date.

If they have something positive to offer they can put it in writing also. They know what we want. If they are serious and want to do something positive for herpetology in WA they can demonstrate it by issuing licences under existing policy to all the applicants wanting to keep captive-bred carpet pythons. Future applications for reptiles and frogs can be reviewed by WASAH as per our *Guidelines and Criteria* document, which they have a copy of, before being sent on to CALM and requiring no more than a clerical issuing of licence. This will further contribute to a reduction of their workload.

He "does not reply to letters with a time limit" - definitely illusions of grandeur.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. N. L.', written in a cursive style.