



## THE AUSTRALIAN VETERINARY ASSOCIATION LIMITED

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Dear Dr Lonsdale

The NSW Division of the Australian Veterinary Association has received a complaint that that your conduct has breached the AVA Code of Conduct and is bringing the Association into disrepute.

The AVA Constitution requires that such complaints about members be investigated, and if considered valid the Division can make a recommendation to the AVA Board that membership of the Association be cancelled. A copy of the relevant part of the AVA Constitution is attached for your information.

The NSW Division has established a complaints committee to provide advice, and my letter to you is from that committee.

The complaint that initiated this investigation was stimulated by an email entitled "Excuses and falsehoods " originally sent to the registrar of the Veterinary Surgeons Board of NSW with copies also forwarded to members of parliament. The complainant considered that the accusations within this email denigrate the integrity of the veterinary profession.

The NSW Division noted that this complaint came to them in the context of concerns raised by AVA members over a number of years in relation to your public statements about the Association and about the veterinary profession more generally.

This letter offers you the opportunity to respond to this current accusation as part of any deliberation of the complaint.

This matter will be considered in early February and should you wish to respond your response should be submitted, in writing to:

The President  
NSW Division of the Australian Veterinary Association  
134-136 Hampden Road  
Artarmon NSW 2064

no later than 5<sup>th</sup> February 2004.

Yours sincerely

Dr Bruce Cartmill  
**President, NSW Division of AVA**  
8 January 2004