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Mr John Searle  
President  
Jewish Community Council of Victoria  
306 Hawthorn Road VIC 3162

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Dear Mr Searle

Last week I wrote to you expressing my great concern that the JCCV speak out to the Jewish community about the very real and terrible problem of psychological child abuse caused by intolerance of homosexuality.

Sadly yet another week has expired and not a single word on the matter has been spoken by your organisation. One is left to wonder if the JCCV really cares about the welfare of the people it claims to represent. It stamps its foot down to sexual abuse in the community but turns a blind eye to a sinister form of abuse that quietly and effectively ruins the lives of so many.

You may not take this issue seriously but I and many others do, and I am calling for swift action. You really have only two options at this stage and they are both very easy. The first and preferred is to stand up to this specific intolerance and speak up loudly and clearly about it. The other is for you as president to stand down if you aren't prepared to put an end to the cruelty and suffering that orthodox Jewish dogma perpetrates on the lives of so many innocent young Victorian boys and girls.

The Jewish community deserves better.

Sincerely,

Michael Barnett.  
Coordinator,  
Aleph Melbourne.

PS. Copies of this letter have been sent to:

Simon Overland, Chief Commissioner, Victoria Police  
The Hon. John Brumby MP, Premier of Victoria  
Paul Ramadge, Editor, The Age  
Prof. Bob Montgomery, President, Australian Psychological Society  
George Lekakis, Chairperson, Victorian Multicultural Commission