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Mr John Hanrahan,  
Associate Editor,  
Australian Book Review,  
P.O. Box 89, G.P.O.,  
PARKVILLE, 3052.

Dear John Hanrahan,

Re: Australian Book Review

I am still listed in the journal as "contributing editor". I think the time has come to remove my name for these reasons:

1. Twice lately I have been offered verbal complaints about ABR -- one major and by a very senior and influential person. I have asked these people to write to you or to the ABR Board. They pointed out that my name is on the information page. I declined to discuss 2 and 3 below but
2. I am in no sense an editor of Australian Book Review;
3. Nor am I, very obviously a contributor;
4. As to 3 above I would have appreciated the courtesy of notification, with or without reasons. It is difficult enough to plan freelance work without finding oneself (and finding it by default) in limbo; especially as quite often I've done rushed jobs in emergencies or agreed to tackle multiple books in one article etc.

I had considered awaiting John McLaren's return and writing a letter to him because I have valued my contacts with John and my work for ABR. However, I understand he will be overseas for six months and that is too long a delay for my decision to be made known.

Would you please, on his return, give him the carbon copy of this letter which I enclose.

Yours sincerely,

Nancy Keesing

c.c. John McLaren  
Alex Sheppard