

From: John Van Tiggelen
Sent: Tuesday, 3 December 2013 12:46 PM
To: Gerard Henderson
Subject: Thanks

Dear Gerard, thanks so much for today's ad. Much appreciated. Also nice to know you're still appearing in print. I had no idea.
John

Sent from my iPhone

On 03/12/2013, at 1:38 PM, "Gerard Henderson" wrote:

Dear John

It's a pleasure.

And also a surprise to receive a response to my newspaper column today from someone who claims to have had "no idea" that I appear "in print". Fancy that.

Gerard

Sent: Tuesday, 3 December 2013 2:06 PM
To: Gerard Henderson
Subject: Re: Thanks

Dear Gerard, I know you used to have a column but I wasn't aware that someone other than yourself still published your thinky-tank occupational therapy.

Be sure to continue to look after yourself, Gerard.
Warm wishes,
John

On 3 December 2013 14:55, Gerard Henderson wrote:

Dear John

Since you did not know that I still have a column, I have no idea why you read it or bothered about what was in it.

Here's some gratuitous advice.

Why not give criticism - rather than abuse - a go?

Over and out

Gerard

On 3 December 2013 15:15, John van Tiggelen wrote:

The link was forwarded to me, Gerard. People do that.

Yours,

John

From: John van Tiggelen Sent: Tuesday, 3 December 2013 3:16 PM

To: Gerard Henderson

Subject: Re: Thanks

btw, what abuse?

From: Gerard Henderson Date: 4 December 2013 14:18

Subject: RE: Thanks

To: John van Tiggelen

John

You send a lot of emails for someone who is dismissive of my views. I don't know why you bother.

In relation to your most recent missives – which I read in Canberra yesterday – I make the following comments;

1. People send me links as well. However, you are asking me to believe that The Monthly's editor is totally unaware of the columns run by the Sydney Morning Herald on Tuesday and of what is carried on the Fairfax Media website that day. This suggests that you don't do much research across the main media and online outlets.
2. Perhaps you have been influenced by what passes for debate on social media. But you seem to be unaware that dismissing my column as 'thinky tanky occupational therapy' is abuse devoid of argument. For the record, the Sydney Institute is not a think tank. It is a forum for debate and discussion – recent speakers at the Institute include Tony Abbott,

Christine Milne and Bill Shorten. There is no such diversity at The Monthly – one of your predecessors got into trouble for attempting to commission an article by Peter Costello.

Likewise references to the Liberal Party as a ‘frat party of Young Liberals’ and to the ‘onanistic reverence for John Howard’ is mere abuse devoid of critique. Invariably abuse is a sign of intellectual laziness.

Best wishes

Gerard Henderson