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WA Attorney-General Michael Mischin will not meet Lloyd Rayney over Corryn murder cold case plea

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ATTORNEY-General Michael Mischin says he has no intention of meeting Lloyd Rayney to discuss his request for a cold case review into his wife's murder.

Mr Mischin also conceded he still hasn't watched a recent documentary that detailed the successful defence of the Perth barrister, who in 2012 was found not guilty of murdering his estranged wife Corryn.

Mr Mischin dismissed it last week to *The Sunday Times* as "infotainment that is one sided".

Documentary maker Michael Muntz labelled the comment insulting to the memory of Mrs Rayney.

Earlier this week Mr Rayney wrote to Mr Mischin asking for the review.

He said he wanted independent investigators to look at the matter to "identify the offender or offenders responsible for the death" of his wife.

He offered to meet with Mr Mischin to discuss it further.

His request came after *The Sunday Times* revealed last weekend that a career criminal linked to the murder of Mrs Rayney [is set to face trial on charges of deprivation of liberty and indecent assault](#).

The charges relate to an attack on a woman on June 9, near where Mrs Rayney was last seen.

He was living with a convicted sex offender near the Rayney home when she was murdered. The sex offender's past includes the sexual assault of an 11-year-old girl and the rape of a 29-year-old woman.

The pair featured prominently in the TV documentary, where Mr Rayney's defence team argued detectives did not "thoroughly" investigate the possibility these two men could have been the killers.

The 49-year-old received an eight-month suspended sentence for assault in 2005. Details about the pair first emerged during Mr Rayney's murder trial where it was revealed the DNA of one of them was found on a cigarette butt outside the Rayney's Como home, where trial judge Justice Brian Martin found Mrs Rayney was attacked.

Forensics expert Robin Napper, who worked with Mr Rayney's defence team, said both men should have been investigated with as much rigour as Mr Rayney.

This week David Barclay, the UK professor who led the team that uncovered vital evidence that helped exonerate Andrew Mallard, who was wrongfully convicted of murder in 1995, said bringing in fresh eyes to look at the unsolved murder can only help.

"For any murder for which no one has been convicted there are advantages in undertaking a cold case review, with a completely fresh set of investigators," he said.

"WA's cold case squad has previously demonstrated that it is perfectly capable of undertaking this task, even in the most difficult of circumstances. The Mallard case, in which I did the initial physical evidence review, illustrates this perfectly."