

STATEMENT OF HENRY JOSEPH KENNEDY

19/12/96

I AM 81 YEARS OLD AND RESIDE AT NAZARETH HOUSE, TAMWORTH.

I WAS BISHOP OF ARMIDALE FROM 3/2/1972 UNTIL 11/7/1991.

IN RESPECT TO FR. JOHN FARRELL, I CANNOT ACCURATELY RECALL HOW I FIRST BECAME AWARE OF THE ALLEGATIONS WHICH CONCERNED HIS BEHAVIOUR IN THE PARISH OF MORREE, WHERE HE WAS PLACED FROM 1981 UNTIL MARCH 1984.

ONCE THE STRENGTH OF THE ALLEGATIONS BECAME KNOWN, I DIRECTED JOHN TO ATTEND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, GARY BOYLE, IN SYDNEY. AT THAT TIME, GARY BOYLE WAS DOING PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE SEMINARIES, AND AS HE WAS ENGAGED IN THIS TYPE OF WORK, I THOUGHT HE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

I CANNOT RECALL WHETHER I MADE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIM TO SEE BOYLE OR WHETHER I TOLD JOHN FARRELL TO CONTACT BOYLE HIMSELF. I DO REMEMBER THAT I HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY IN GETTING ANY SORT OF WRITTEN REPORT FROM BOYLE. JOHN FARRELL WOULD REPORT TO ME THAT HE WAS DOING WELL, AND I RECALL ASKING HIM TO HAVE BOYLE SUPPLY ME WITH A REPORT, BUT OTHER THAN THE REPORT DATED 30/7/88, I RECEIVED NO OTHER REPORT.

ONCE JOHN FARRELL WAS TRANSFERRED BACK TO TAMWORTH IN JULY 1984, HIS ACTIVITIES WERE MONITORED BY THE PARISH PRIEST, FR. GERARD HANNA, AND NATURALLY I KEPT AN EYE ON HIM WHENEVER I VISITED TAMWORTH.

THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE

SIGNED

DATE 19/12/96

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