

**Danny Casey**

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**From:** Katrina Lee  
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**To:** Bishop Julian Porteous; John Usher; Danny Casey; Maria Piplos; Michael Casey; Jennifer Cook  
**Subject:** FW: 730 program tonight - interview request  
**Importance:** High

Hi all,

This is the statement sent to the 7.30Report.  
 Thanks  
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Following inquiries this week, Mgr Usher has confirmed his advice to Cardinal Pell that it is his recollection that Fr F made no admissions of actual criminal conduct. After speaking to Fr Lucas and Mgr Peters, Mgr Usher conveyed this advice to Cardinal Pell prior to his interview with ABC 4 Corners, as the recollection of the three priests who were at the meeting.

If Fr F had made admissions of actual criminal conduct, Mgr Usher has confirmed he would have reported this to the police consistent with his well established practice then and now.

As Fr F was a priest of the Diocese of Armidale, primary responsibility for this matter has always rested with the Bishop of Armidale. Last night, Bishop Kennedy, the Bishop of Armidale, announced a full and independent investigation and Cardinal Pell will ensure the Archdiocese of Sydney, including Mgr Usher and Fr Lucas as priests of the Sydney Archdiocese, will fully cooperate with this investigation. In addition, the Archdiocese of Sydney through the Church's Professional Standards Office has contacted the NSW Police and offered its full cooperation with any investigation that may arise. In the meantime, we will await the outcome of the Armidale investigation.

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Hi Katrina

As discussed yesterday 730 will tonight follow up the 4 Corners story from Monday night. In it, we revisit the family and the community affected.

So far you've declined our requests for interviews with John Usher and Brian Lucas. Or any representative from the Catholic Church  
 We managed to catch up with Wayne Peters in Armidale yesterday.

We have both statements, one from the Sydney Archdiocese and another from Michael Kennedy in Armidale. I'd like to again extend the invitation for the Catholic Church to respond to the very serious claims of abuse and lack of due process in our program tonight.

Best,  
 Lisa



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