

**CONFIDENTIAL FILE MEMO****PHONE CALL BY + JOHN HARROWER TO**

BYH

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**FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2003**

I spoke to [BYH] (Tel. REDACTED) and advised him that although we don't have an official list of those Hawkins admitted he abused, Bev has told me that his was one of the ones that Hawkins has admitted to. [BYH] said that 3 of the charges Hawkins pleaded guilty to were in relation to him. [BYH] said that he was glad I had rung him.

I apologised to [BYH] stressing that the abuse should never have happened and thanked him on behalf of the church for being brave enough to bring this criminal behaviour to light and told him that this was a gift to other victims as well because it confirmed their stories. I recognised how damaging this criminal behaviour was and that he and his family have paid a very high price for this.

I told [BYH] that I considered that with all the things that he is up against, "can I complement you on how you are tackling things".

I invited [BYH] to apply for a grant if he wished under the Pastoral Support and Assistance Scheme. He said that as he had been ripped off by Christians before, his lawyer was handling this. I got the impression that his lawyer may take legal action beyond the PSAS.

[BYH] advised me that he had slept better since the trial, was feeling better and that it was a release now that it's over. He also said that he wanted to be a survivor not a victim. He told me that all he wanted was a stable place to live, a Uni degree, his family and his kids.

He said I was a good bishop, he knew it wasn't my fault, and that I was doing a good job and not to let the media get me down. He wishes Steve (Fisher) would be able to move on with his life. His getting in with the media was not helping him.

I wished him, REDACTED all the best and invited him to contact me at any time.

[BYH] invited me to drop in a coffee anytime I'm passing through Devonport

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