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Mr J Cleary, Registrar
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Your Ref:
Our Ref: WKA:JG:2103775

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Dear John

RE: ^{CKM}

We write to confirm that we have been consulted by a long standing client of the writer, ^{CKM} (born ^{REDACTED} 1969) of ^{REDACTED} ^{REDACTED}. His mother came with him as they have both for many years been involved with ^{REDACTED} The Entrance where the writer formerly worshipped.

When ^{CKM} was about twelve to thirteen years of age (1981/82) he was sexually assaulted by one ^{CKN} who at that stage was the CEBS leader and youth leader in the parish and at the same time held a licence as a Eucharistic Assistant.

There were people in the parish who objected to ^{CKN}'s position in the parish and he then subsequently left the parish completely and the writer's memory is that he went to South Australia.

When ^{CKM} was aged twenty-six he was charged with damaging Commonwealth property and that matter went to the District Court at Gosford and the writer acted for him in respect of those criminal proceedings.

When ^{CKM} was asked by the Detectives investigating the offence why he had committed the offence his reply was "^{CKN} fucked me up the arse and I've been cranky about it ever since".

The writer on receiving instructions handed Mr ^{CKM} and his parents the then current sexual assault brochure produced by the Diocese of Newcastle. The writer wrote to both ^{CKM} and his parents and informed them that the matter should be reported to the Police and that he could sue the Diocese and the

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writer by reason of his capacity as a trustee could not act for him and that he would have to seek independent advice.

After the criminal proceedings were completed the writer wrote to the then Registrar of the Diocese reporting the facts requesting that the Diocese write to the head office of the CEBS movement in Australia and to each of the Australian Diocese's offices informing them of the misdemeanour of this man so that he was not in fact doing further youth work for the Church. The writer believes those letters were written by the then Diocesan Registrar.

The Rector at the time was Father Keith Clarke who is now deceased.

The matter having been reported to the Police and investigated by the Police in 1995/96 or perhaps into 1997 could not be taken any further by the Police as there was not sufficient evidence and nobody at that stage knew where ^{CKN} was physically located. Both ^{CKM} and his mother and father were satisfied with the Police enquiries and in fact today they have had confirmed to them by me what action the writer took acting for him so these offences did not re-occur.

We have specific instructions that ^{REDACTED} virtually coerced Mr ^{CKM} into a further complaint and my client understands the Rector of The Entrance wrote a letter to the Professional Standards Supervisors in this Diocese.

For many years my client has had medical assistance from Dr Sandra Smith of Faunce Street, Gosford, Consultant Psychiatrist. My client does not wish to be interviewed by Mr Elliot nor does his mother or father. ^{CKM} has and the family in general have come to grips with this unfortunate event in ^{CKM} s life and the family wish to put it behind them.

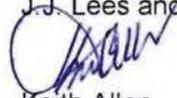
We understand ^{REDACTED} ^{CKR} also raised the issue with the Diocese, however we do not know in what capacity and no doubt your records will show what was complained of and what action was taken by the Diocese.

A copy of this letter will be provided to ^{CKM} and will be delivered by the writer because it should not be sent in the mail.

The writer is also concerned that there is in fact re-investigation at great expense of matters that have been investigated and have in fact been completed many years ago. It is the writer's understanding that perhaps there needs to be some discreet preliminary enquiries when in fact the Diocese receives many complaints of a varied nature some of which need not be investigated and are unsubstantiated.

The writer would want to thank you for your courtesy on the telephone and confirm that you may write to ^{CKM} [REDACTED] or his mother, Mrs ^{CKP} [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] should you wish.

Yours sincerely
J.J. Lees and Associates



Keith Allen