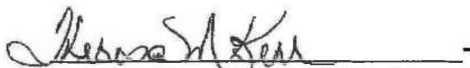


On the afternoon of Wednesday afternoon, 9th February 2000, I received a phone call from a man asking for The Dean stating he was a detective from Port Macquarie Police. I stated that the Dean was away from the office and asked if I could help in any way. He said that he wanted to specifically speak to the Dean about a "sexual abuse case". He said that he knew that the person who was making the allegations had written to the Dean. I said that I was not aware of any details and asked for the man's name and phone number so the Dean could return the call the next day.

The "detective" then asked if there was a priest in the Diocese named George Parker. Initially I wasn't thinking of "George" Parker, I was thinking of "REDACTED" and I said that I believed he had been dead for several years. The "detective" then said "Oh, in that case that solves everything." I finally realised the "detective" was referring to "George" and said that he was no longer in this diocese. However, if there was a matter of sexual abuse/harassment, he would need to contact the appropriate department at the Diocese of Newcastle. I quoted the title on the brochure we have been given - "Sexual Misconduct, Harassment and Abuse" and said that there is a proper procedure to follow and that the staff at the Registry would be able to refer him in the right direction. I then gave the "detective" the phone number for the Registry.

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