

9 February, 2000

I received a telephone call from Ms Lyn Douglas this afternoon during the course of which I asked her if she had been contacted by a police officer from Port Macquarie on the afternoon of 7 February, 2000.

She said she had not and asked if there was something she needed to be made aware of and I replied that there was.

On the afternoon of 7 February I received a phone call from a police officer from Port Macquarie who said he was phoning to ascertain the whereabouts of a priest . I did ask him why he was contacting the Newcastle Diocese when he was in Port Macquarie (just to ensure that he was contacting the appropriate Diocese) and he replied that it was in relation to an alleged assault that took place in the Newcastle Diocese in the Parish of Mayfield in 1995. At that point I asked him not to give me any more details of the alleged assault and suggested that he should contact Ms Lyn Douglas who was chairperson of the Diocesan Committee to Consider Allegations of Sexual Misconduct , Harassment and Abuse and gave him her home telephone number.. He asked if I could tell him if the priest was still working or retired or deceased and identified the priest as Fr George Parker. I informed the police officer that he was working in the Diocese of Ballarat. The policeman's name is [REDACTED]

At the end of the conversation I did suggest that he contact Lyn Douglas

W. Brown.

*Received 14.2.00
R.M. [Signature]*