

FIRST STATEMENT FROM <sup>CKR</sup>  
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

While my family and myself were residing at St. Johns College Ministry Centre, Morpeth. We became acquainted with one of the theological student Mr. Ian Barrack and his wife <sup>REDACTED</sup> During 1997 my thirteen-year-old son <sup>CKU</sup> and his school friend <sup>REDACTED</sup> became friends with Ian. Both boys spent much time at Ian's college home, as Ian was a computer expert, and was on the Internet. Ian said that he would teach the boys and especially <sup>CKU</sup> to work the net and learn about computers. This was an area that <sup>CKU</sup> was extremely interested in and then did not have his own computer. The two boys during this year spent increasingly more and more time with Ian.

One evening the boys came up and used another computer at the college and the student who had loaned them the time on his computer came in and the boys showed him what they had got from the net. I believe this to be of a sexual nature.

When <sup>REDACTED</sup> and his family left college at the end of 1997, <sup>CKU</sup> continued to have contact with Ian.

Ian took a real interest in <sup>CKU</sup> and this seemed to help <sup>CKU</sup> who at this time was living in an all-female household. As time went on during this year Ian seemed to require more and more of <sup>CKU</sup> company. For using the Internet <sup>CKU</sup> was asked if he would wash, and cut Ian's lawns, which in fact did <sup>CKU</sup> good and taught him some responsibility. Then Ian said <sup>CKU</sup> could join him on

computer jobs to various people's homes, and this would teach  
CKU more about computers. CKU started to spend hardly much  
time at home and I began to get a little concerned. Ian began to  
ring him if he came home from school and did not go to his home  
first. A few times CKU got fed up with this. It was around about  
this time that a few students were getting concerned about the  
amount of time CKU seemed to be down at Ian's. Ian asked CKU  
to come down some Friday nights and stay all night, this I was told  
was so they could put some more things on CKU computer, a  
sort of networking. Sometimes these nights were spent watching  
videos and eating take away before they started on the computers.  
I suppose I took it for granted that REDACTE was also there as I had no  
need to doubt that she was present and that Ian was not stupid  
enough to invite CKU down while he was by himself. Towards the  
middle of that year on Saturday mornings, often before I was  
awake Ian would ring CKU and take him for breakfast at  
McDonalds and then go out from there on computer jobs. CKU  
then started to bring home expensive presents of model ships and  
planes to build, which Ian had bought, for him. Often if I had been  
out to the parish I was attached to and was late home after 5pm,  
CKU would be down at Ian's, and he stopped telling me where he  
was and not telephoning me. Around October September time I  
learnt that REDACTE went home to her mums each Friday night. This  
worried me and I tried to speak to CKU about this. He seemed  
afraid to speak about it, so I did not pursue it. But instead kept a  
more watchful eye on things. Making sure that CKU came home  
first from school and if he was going to Ian's I wanted to know.  
When I was looking at boarding schools for CKU and trying to  
work out the best thing for CKU and his schooling, I felt like the

worlds worse mother, because Ian was trying to persuade me to let him and [REDACTED] look after [CKU] instead. (See attached letter). When I decided to go to see The Armidale School, Ian said he had a friend who worked there Brother James, and he was going to see him that same week-end because there was a course he was going to do there. So he could drive [CKU] and I to Armidale. So I decided it was a generous offer and off we went. [CKU] appeared somewhat negative and withdrawn in Ian's company at Tas, and the talk soon got around to not sending [CKU] to this place, because Ian did not like it. Ian behaved like a little child and seemed scared and phobic about the place. He went out of his way to treat [CKU] and to play soccer with him, which is [CKU] favourite sport. On the drive home I was put on the spot about his offer and his letter, but I just said 'I don't rush any decision I make in regards to something so important for my son'. He seemed to get in a depressed state and the next few weeks I received so many phone calls from him and so did [CKU]. He started to spoil [CKU] and required more and more of [CKU] time, to the extent that he started arriving at his school and picking him up without my permission. I became worried as often [CKU] was not arriving home to six, having been picked up from school and then taken to a soccer field so the two of them could kick the ball around with no other adults there. I spoke to [CKU] and said Ian was not allowed to pick him up and he was to get the bus home. [CKU] got angry and I suppose rather liked the attention especially when he had no father figure. I had to be careful and monitor this; I spoke with [CKU] at length and tried to explain that Ian was spending far too much time with him, and that adults don't do this with young people. But Ian became more and more possessive to the extent

he started to ignore me and I believe try and get <sup>CKU</sup> on side by promising him lots of things if he came and lived with <sup>REDACTED</sup> and him, instead of going to Tas. I then made my decision about boarding school. And although not ideal I felt that <sup>CKU</sup> ought to give it a go. I felt it was the best that I could do in the impending new position I was taking on board as a single parent who is a priest. I spoke with <sup>CKU</sup> and explained all this and we together (not with Ian) went to Sydney to see some other schools. <sup>CKU</sup> decided that he liked Tas best and that's where he wanted to go if he had to go to boarding school.

So I had to go and tell Ian and this was not going to be an easy task. I knew that I had to be careful and diplomatic, yet be firm. I stated my case and my decision; he tried manipulation, and tried to make me feel guilty. He said that he didn't want to loose <sup>CKU</sup> and if he goes to Tas he won't see him much. He behaved in my opinion like a fourteen-year-old. From then on I was the worlds worse and I was ignored but he still had contact with <sup>CKU</sup> and once more he seemed to be spending un-limited amounts of time especially when mum was not around. He even promised <sup>CKU</sup> new computers, television sets, and other things if he would come and live with him. <sup>CKU</sup> said he didn't want to go to Tas but live with Ian. I said it was not possible. So life for a few weeks was a little difficult, I said he was not to spend so much time with Ian. But often when I was not home he did. <sup>CKU</sup> has never been a secretive child he has always been open and honest to me and he became inward and stoped leaving notes for me to say where he was. On another occasion during one week he was very quiet, and he spend more time with his sister <sup>REDACTED</sup> and her husband <sup>REDACTED</sup>. On the Saturday of this week <sup>REDACTED</sup> came over

while I was using <sup>CKU</sup> computer, and <sup>REDACTED</sup> said 'have you shown mum that awful thing Ian gave you and told you not to show your mum!' <sup>CKU</sup> went very sheepish and said no', <sup>REDACTED</sup> said 'you get it now and show her, its disgusting!' You know what <sup>REDACTED</sup> thought of it'. <sup>CKU</sup> went to where he had hidden it and gave it to <sup>REDACTED</sup> who promptly put it on top of the computer. All I know is <sup>CKU</sup> hung his head, and said that's it, I just looked at it and felt repulsed that an adult could give a sex toy to a minor. I just said <sup>CKU</sup> thank you for showing me, adults do not give young people these sorts of things. What do you want me to do with it? Get rid of it. <sup>CKU</sup> said. How I said? He went away for a few hours and I gave him the space. When he came back he said he had been over to see <sup>REDACTED</sup> and discussed what to do with it. And felt that it ought to be given back to Ian. But he couldn't give it back. I said don't worry I will give it back to Ian. I reassured him all was ok, and asked if he wanted to talk about anything. But he said no. <sup>REDACTED</sup> was very good with him and he eventually opened up to him about it all, which I was very happy about. This left me with a problem. Here was a theological student just about to go before selection, what was I to do? After much thought and action in regards <sup>CKU</sup> contact with Ian, it was decided that <sup>CKU</sup> was not to have any contact with Ian. This was going to prove difficult once more. Ian began to hound <sup>CKU</sup> and accuse him of being a user, now. If <sup>CKU</sup> was waiting for his school bus Ian would walk to the bus stop and abuse him about him being a user. Other times Ian was missing from Community Eucharist and dinner knowing <sup>CKU</sup> was at home alone he made contact without my permission. <sup>CKU</sup> then began to spend more time at his sister's house after school. Ian had from time to time tried to pursue <sup>REDACTED</sup> and <sup>REDACTED</sup> that <sup>CKU</sup> should live with <sup>REDACTED</sup> and

him when the boarding school thoughts were going around. I decided to contact the archdeacon the Rev'd Bruce Hoare, in regards to the sex toy, and felt a need to discuss this whole matter with someone and after discussion with Father Bruce. I decided to call Ian in and give him the toy back and explain my displeasure; Ian became angry and very sarcastic and stormed out of my house. He still hounded <sup>CKU</sup> in various ways, even after <sup>CKU</sup> and I went over to England at the end of 1998. While <sup>CKU</sup> was living with his father Ian sent e-mails to him. <sup>CKU</sup> asked his father to send one back to tell Ian he didn't want any contact. <sup>CKU</sup> and I have talked the issues through about what happened. I think in his innocence, he had a father figure of which he has not had since he was five years old and any child who is being so generously spoiled by an adult would respond. <sup>CKU</sup> has great respect for **REDACTED** and after one of these conversations he had had with <sup>CKU</sup> **REDACTED** spoke with me about the extent of some of the Internet contact <sup>CKU</sup> was being exposed to, the porn and the explicit sexual acts between boys and adults. As well as Ian discussing his sex life with <sup>CKU</sup> in regards **REDACTED** and himself.

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