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## Professional Standards Unit

### CONFIDENTIAL FILE NOTE

REFERENCE: MEETING WITH BYC [REDACTED]

DATE: THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2002

Present: Archbishop Peter F Jensen, BYC

Philip Gerber.

Archbishop commenced the meeting by saying *sorry* for the terrible things that had happened to [REDACTED] when he was abused by Simon O Jacobs. He indicated that although he wasn't personally responsible, the fact that they happened within the Anglican setting meant that he wanted to apologise on behalf of the Church and say that he felt nothing but revulsion and anger that these things could happen.

[REDACTED] then gave some indication of the effect of the abuse on him. This included:

- While singing hymns, or reading hymns, or reading the Bible he would often have flashbacks.
- He has done the Living Waters Course through the ~~Ang~~ Church which he has found extremely helpful.
- He now attends the Uniting Church St Ives which he finds helpful.
- There were other persons that were abused. He could personally name ten if he included the boys that were abused at Pymble as well as St Ives.
- Mr Jacobs apparently then went on into the Big Brother Program through DoCS. He was removed by DoCs who became aware of his activities.
- There has been a severe effect on the relationship with [REDACTED] and his mother and father, although this has improved in more recent times.
- Although [REDACTED] managed to eventually finish a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at Macquarie, all his studies have been severely affected by depression, and he took a long time to complete the course.
- He is currently undertaking a TAFE course in Accountancy and undertakes bookkeeping work for a couple of days a week at a friend's business. The friend is able to cope with [REDACTED] ringing in and not coming to work when he is in depression, and therefore, he is able to keep this small amount of work going which he quite enjoys.
- [REDACTED] has constant medical attention. He has a very good General Practitioner who is in practice with her husband. She sees him weekly and they are always available to give him injections or other assistance if he has a bad turn in terms of depression.

- He also sees a Psychiatrist three times a week which has mixed help but is mostly positive.
- He sleeps a lot because of the treatment.
- He sees the Acute Care Team at Hornsby Psychiatric Ward on a three weekly basis.
- He previously had work with Shoal Care as a youth worker. This was a good job which he enjoyed and they found him satisfactory. However, because of the remoteness of Nowra from medical help it didn't really work out. Shoal Care would be happy to have him back.
- He now has a good relationship with his sister who is a couple of years younger than him. She has completed her training as a teacher and is a very successful teacher. She now teaches at a private school on the North Shore (REDACTED, St Ives).
- The Church's response, in BYC's view, needs to be a public one. They need to take public action to ensure that both the Perpetrators are removed and that it is known publicly that this has happened, both from the point of view healing for the victims and also for protection of others.

The Archbishop closed the meeting in prayer.

The issue of compensation or other monetary help did not arise at this stage in this interview. The exception of this was that the Archbishop raised the question of counselling but BYC agreed that the support he has with his GP, his Psychiatrist and the Hornsby Hospital Psychiatric care people is sufficient to support him at this stage. He also has very good support from the REDAC Rugby Club who, during the season, support him well and during the off-season, have coffee every Saturday to support other which BYC finds particularly helpful.

Philip Gerber