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A REPORT FROM THE BISHOP OF TASMANIA

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REDACTED Hawkins at the time was an adult and Rector of the Parish of East Devonport. Aspinall at the time was twenty years of age and employed as a Field Officer with CEBS in this diocese.

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The victim (A) has reported to the police that Hawkins raped him on several occasions. The police are investigating and this victim's statement is part of the evidence which has caused the police to extradite Hawkins from South Australia. Hawkins was deposed of Holy Orders in 2002 following two complaints of sexual abuse, including one of rape, by two other young men.

One of those (referred to as B in this report) who brought charges against Hawkins to the Tribunal gave evidence at that hearing that Aspinall very strongly encouraged him (he described it as 'volunteering') to sleep in Hawkins' bed the night he was raped. The victim (B) also gave evidence that this followed the teenager telling Aspinall on a previous occasion that Hawkins had made sexual approaches to him. REDACTED

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REDACTED The victim (B) is angry, and reported to be suicidal. He has had some contact with Aspinall in the past year and is likely to give evidence if Hawkins is brought before the court.

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Phillip Aspinall appeared by video as a witness at the Tribunal hearing against Hawkins. He could not recall any detail of either incident involving the victim (B). The transcript of his evidence is not available.

Neither of the two victims has given me permission to use his name. If such permission is given I shall communicate with you further.

John Harrower
Bishop of Tasmania.
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