

ARCHBISHOP PHILLIP JOHN ASPINALL TO PROVE:-

My full name is Phillip John Aspinall and I reside at [REDACTED] in Brisbane. My date of birth is [REDACTED] 1959 I am the Archbishop of Brisbane.

From in or about 1977 until the mid 1980s I was involved in the youth ministry program run by the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Tasmania. I was also a member of Youth Synod until I was 21 years of age in 1980. From 1981 until in or about 1984 I was the youth and education officer of the Diocese of Tasmania.

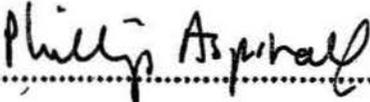
For a period of about 6 or 7 years a group of young people would go into a different parish in Tasmania of a weekend and we would run a program for children and young people on the Saturday and then do something in worship on the Sunday. There would be half a dozen or more who would do this quite often. One of these people was [BYF] who was from St Johns parish in Launceston.

Whilst on such a weekend we would be variously accommodated, sometimes billeted and sometimes sleeping on the floor of the rectory or in the church hall.

I recall one incident in or about 1980 at the East Devonport parish where a group of us including [BYF] stayed overnight at the rectory. The rector was Garth Hawkins.

The next morning I recall [BYF] commenting to me he had been improperly approached by Hawkins the night before. I dismissed it because I did not think it was a serious matter.

I recall another weekend approximately 20 years ago when a group of us went up from Hobart to Triabunna to go sailing with Garth Hawkins on his yacht. This would have been in summer time. I recall [BYF] being present at the time and I have a memory of him leaving early one morning.

Signed: 
Phillip John Aspinall

Dated this 2nd day of May 2002.