

Statement of Stuart John Day of REDACTED
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1. I have known Phillip John Aspinall, currently Archbishop of Brisbane, since the late 1970s. We were friends together in Hobart and met through the Church of England Boys Society (CEBS).
2. I was also friendly at that time with Garth Hawkins. Garth was a Parish Priest at Hamilton when I first met him through CEBS in 1977 and I formed a friendship with him and often visited him at his rectories or went on bushwalks to a hut that he built that is now in the South West Wilderness National Park. I have since become aware of findings against Garth Hawkins in relation to sexual misbehaviour, but I had, at that time, no inkling of any such misbehaviour.
3. I believe that I have met BYF a number of times although I have some difficulty putting a face to the name. He was one of many people that I met through the Youth Ministry of the Anglican Church in Tasmania.
4. I recall visiting Garth Hawkins at his rectory in Triabunna a number of times in the early 80's – generally this was associated with trips out on Garth's yacht and were often with other young people from the Church. I recall BYF being present on at least one of these occasions but have some difficulty in separating one occasion from the other.
5. It was common place for us to camp down on the rectory floor overnight if we were in Triabunna for sailing. We would generally use a spare room or have sleeping bags on the lounge room floor.

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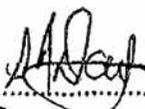
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6. Although it is difficult for me to pinpoint the particular occasion upon which BYF says he was "pressured" to go into Garth Hawkins' bedroom for the night, I can say:

- (1) I cannot recall Phillip Aspinall in any circumstances pressuring or ordering anyone into Garth Hawkins' bedroom;
- (2) I cannot remember anyone spending that night in Garth Hawkins' bedroom;
- (3) It would, from my point of view, be most out of character for Phillip Aspinall to act in that way and I feel sure that, if I had witnessed it, I would have remembered it as an exceptional event;
- (4) I do not believe that Phillip was in any position, given that this was a group of friends, to "order" anybody in respect of their sleeping arrangements.



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Stuart John Day

Dated: 6 December 2002