

Commission into Sexual Abuse

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Dear Sir,

Re: Father Searson

Re: Julie Anne Stewart

I have been appointed as Counsel assisting the Independent Commissioner, and refer to the hearing of the complaints by Julie Stewart and BTV

REDACTED respectively which are to be heard on 4 June 1997 at Optus Centre, Level 25, Suite 36, 367 Collins Street, Melbourne.

It is proposed to commence the hearings at 9.30 am. I understand that Miss Stewart will be represented by your Mr Moore, and I advise that the proposed procedure is that I will lead the witnesses to be called as and for the complainants. You will be entitled to ask whatever questions you wish in further examination in chief, and the witnesses will then be cross examined by the solicitor representing Father Searson.

I will be entitled to re-examine.

I have been instructed by the Commissioner to provide to you for your perusal a copy of a proposed agreement between the parties relative to confidentiality of the proceedings. If you have any objections to or suggestions in respect of this agreement could you advise.

I further advise that there will be a room available for the complainants and their representatives.

If you have any queries arising from the above please advise.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jeffrey Gleeson', written over the closing 'Yours faithfully,'.

Jeffrey Gleeson
Counsel Assisting the Commissioner