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Regarding Br John (Kostka) Chute

1. My name is Dr Edward (Tony) Robinson. I am a clinical psychologist, accredited counsellor within the CSOCAS (NSW Children's Commission), a clinical supervisor within that scheme, a clinical member of ANZATSA (Australian and New Zealand Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abuse), a full member of the APS and a member of their Clinical College.
2. I was the Chief Executive Officer of Encompass Australasia.
3. Br Chute attended a 6-month residential full-time sex offender program at Encompass. This program was run on best-practice principles as articulated by ANZATSA and ATSA (Association for the Treatment of Sex Abusers).
4. At the completion of his treatment program, he was then supervised by Encompass in its Continuing Care program. Clinical staff from Encompass supervised his living and working conditions when he returned back to his religious community. Br Chute developed a "Continuing Care Contract" which he entered into between himself, Encompass and his religious community. A local support group was established and trained by Encompass clinical staff. The support group met monthly with Br Chute to support him in his ongoing recovery. Br Chute returned to Encompass annually for a refresher workshop and renewed his contract each 6 months.
5. Encompass was impressed with the close supervision provided by his religious order and co-ordinated by Br Alex Turtin, their Professional Standards Officer.
6. During his time in Continuing Care, I understand Br Chute pled guilty to his offences and served a period of incarceration. After that time, he has successfully completed a further period of periodic detention.
7. Br Chute is now entering a period of supervision under Probation and Parole.
8. It is my opinion that the intensive (over 30 clinical treatment hours each week) 6-month treatment in the Encompass Sex Offender treatment program provided all the elements of Sex Offender treatment currently required. I would not imagine he needs to participate in a further treatment program.
9. His experience in the Encompass Continuing Care program also prepares him to again live safely and accountably in the community. I anticipate that he will be cooperative with Probation and Parole. I note that Br Turtin continues in his role of Professional Standards Officer and so would work closely with Br Chute and the Probation and Parole office just as they had worked closely with the Encompass Continuing Care program.

Please feel free to contact me for any further information in this regard and thank you for supporting Br Chute as he enters this next important phase of his rehabilitation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Robinson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Tony Robinson Ph.D.