

From: keith turton [REDACTED]  
 Sent: Thursday, 25 November 2010 8:44 AM  
 To: Marita Wright  
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 Subject: CNK i/Marist

Dear Marita

I went up to [REDACTED] yesterday 22nd November 2010 with Michael Salmon to meet with CNK and Cathy Kerr the lawyer from the Northern Rivers Legal Aid Centre. I believe that it was a good meeting. Mr CNK is a man who has been on a disability pension most of his life. I am attaching the document of complaint which he has forwarded recently. Brother Patrick Butler is a man about whom I have had 3 other complaints as well as Mr CNK. For want of a better phrase each of these have been complaints of a touchy feely nature. CNK was quite specific in mentioning genital fondling over a period of time. The first man to make a complaint to me did not want any monetary compensation but only an assurance that Brother Butler was no longer teaching. I gave this to him. The second man to come forward had realised when doing a degree in counselling at university that Butler had been abusing him sexually. He did go the police but the police never took the matter to court. While I have a vague notion that we did make a settlement for the second man (CNJ) I am not able to find any documents to confirm that. CNK was the third man to approach me regarding Butler. He had been to the police and I also was in contact with the police. I also indicated to him at the time that I would look into the matter and organise some counselling for Butler who strongly denied the charges. Butler did attend the Crossroads Sabbatical Program at Castle Hill and I asked the then Director to organise counselling. Again Butler was totally in denial of the accusation. About 2004 a student at a college where Butler was staying in a retirement facility complained of being touched by Butler. The matter went to the police and then to court and the magistrate threw the matter out of court indicating that it should never have come to court as the complainant, who was 11 years old, indicated in court that in fact Butler had not touched him genitally.

CNK once again made contact recently after contacting the school that he attended where Butler had abused him.

As a result of our discussions I apologised to CNK for any hurt that he had experienced. I acknowledged that there were complaints that Butler was a touchy feely person. We discussed with CNK and his legal representative the nature of Towards Healing and what any settlement would mean. Michael Salmon and Cathy Kerr continued the conversation trying to reach some understanding of what a healing gesture might be. CNK was expressing a desire to continue his education. He considered that he only left school in year 10 because of Butler.

The meeting finished after about 2 ? hours and there was a good feeling about it. Cathy Kerr will continue to dialogue with the client and will be in touch with Michael Salmon.

We did not get to the stage of specifying any quantum or for that matter whether it would be a financial payout or some equivalent healing contribution. No investigation or psychological report has been done at this stage. I will be in touch Marita as to the best way forward at this time and the involvement of CCI.

All the best.

Alexis