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21 February 2002

Mr Allan Dooley  
Director  
Catholic Education Centre  
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TORRENSVILLE PLAZA SA 5031

Dear Allan,

Please find attached a formal statement we have prepared relating to the matter of St Ann's School and Brian Perkins.

We have delayed in making this statement owing to its painful nature, however we understand that if anything is to be achieved it is important that any information from parents is helpful. Also, as we are participants in the group which is regularly meeting to resolve this issue, we feel we would have more credibility to the authorities if our statement is in hand.

Yours faithfully,

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STATEMENT FROM LS AND LR  
 Re: St Ann's School and Brian Perkins

Our son, LG who is now 33 years of age, attended St Ann's School from REDACTE 1975 until REDACTE 1988. He was collected from home every morning by the school bus and dropped home at the end of the day. It was during the period between 1986 and 1988 that Brian Perkins would have been St Ann's bus driver.

There could also have been many occasions during school hours when LG may have been in the company of Brian Perkins. We do not know if LG was subject to, or witness to, any sexual abuse during this time.

It is only in the last 6 months that we heard by word of mouth from other parents from St Ann's, that in fact more than 10 years ago, Brian Perkins had been investigated and charged with sexual offences relating to children from the school. We had been informed because some parents who knew the history of the Brian Perkins affair, were concerned that LG had developed a number of problems which had arisen in the past couple of years.

Since 1992, LG had participated in holiday programmes with Holiday Explorers, an organisation who provides holidays for those with an intellectual disability. It was on several of these holidays from about 1995 to 1998 we were advised that LG began to exhibit bizarre sexual behaviour (mostly homosexual) which was totally out of character. We have had to withdraw him from any future programmes.

Since leaving school in 1988, LG worked at CVS, a supported employment programme. He was very settled and was a good worker. However, from about 1999 he developed a number of anxiety disorders which gradually increased in severity. He also developed diabetes.

In the year 2000 his place of employment re-located and he was required to catch a bus to work rather than the tram. He never managed to completely adjust to this change and we now wonder if his association with the bus goes back to his school days.

At the beginning of 2001 his anxiety disorder had become so severe that he withdrew from his employment and was unable to take up any other position. He deteriorated further to the point where for about 6 months of 2001 he was heavily sedated. We were eventually able to see a psychiatrist who prescribed prozac for his condition and he is still on this medication. He has been able to gradually return to day options but his employment future is unknown. Psychiatric assistance so far has been of little help. We do not know where to turn next.

LG is a member of a loving, stable family and he has lived with us for all his 33 years. The difficulties he has experienced in the past couple of years have placed great strain on the entire family. We are unable to establish for certain if LG was subject to abuse or a witness of abuse. However the anxiety and bizarre behaviour he has been, and still is, exhibiting could well be associated to traumatic events at school all those years ago.

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authorise Pauline Verity, Director of Professional Standards for the Catholic Church in South Australia, to forward a copy of our statement made under Towards Healing to the Child Exploitation Investigation Unit of the SA Police.

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