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While stunned at the time of receipt, not surprised for AYB was never going to be 'soft' on outcomes (driven also by her family of origin and what she saw as the effects on her parents, especially her mother) AYB was a 'Big' person in the network of ongoing action against Reg Dusham & Neerkol.

I would like to bring closure also I can see the rights of AYB and her family and the ongoing harm to the Church as in Diocese, clergy people.

I have serious regrets about my handling of the matter partly because of a defensive attitude I do not want to know about this "get it over and out of the way", the fear of damage from bad publicity.

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The difficulty of R D denying it and Martin D fiercely defending RD and being in total denial.

I did accept what AYB was alleging in 1994. I did involve Noel Hynes and Noel arranged a meeting with RD and Myolene Carrick while I was never told directly (perhaps I should have asked) I understood that RD have admitted guilt and there was a reconciliation.

It seemed that AYB was satisfied, had decided not to tell her parents & family but when the AYP investigation became known AYB almost "overnight" went to the police with her allegations, told her parents and involved her family – joined those given evidence "victim report"

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The great difference about this case (comparing to many others) is the denial of R.D., the influence, strength of Martin & Amanda & RD.

Wisdom of court action is evident

- 1) He was convicted of offence against AYB and jailed (out on parole)
- 2) He was eventually convicted on offence against AYP. (after hung jury & retrial)
- 3) He was freed on appeal – conduct of court.

Sixty minutes showed it again

My phone conversation with Ch 9 most unfortunate outcome – never should have done, to allow them to misinterpreted.

Letter to Diocese denying I had said RD was guilty, easily interpreted as "he is innocent"

The issue is between AYB & R.D., the Diocese not Neerkol.

I have no doubt of his guilt

I have acknowledged this to AYB & accepted her story, Sundry interviews, especially the four hour reconciliation at centacare (Myolene)

I have heard RD even denying that he was guilty of anything – all made up – perhaps XXXX some complicity but hardly XXXX.

I feel very uneasy about injustice to a child to parents & family

A court case would broadcast to the hills no trial can take place.

Allegations believed by May denial.

Extremely difficult to implement requirements negotiate each one.