

APPENDIX I

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Monday, 31 May 1999

Headmaster

Hutchins School

Sandy Bay

Dear Headmaster

It has been a long time since I last wrote to you. I am sure the School and your community have developed a more mature response to assault as a result of the continuing aftermath of the Port Arthur tragedy. Maybe now is a better time to approach you and ask you to accept the validity of my report of sexual assault and offer your acknowledgment of the hurt and an apology for its consequences in my life.

It sounds a simple request but the journey so far has been fruitless.

I have enclosed the last correspondence we had with your lawyers, dated 5 June 1996. We have received no reply. This direction was taken following your predecessor's response to the approach of Bishop Stone to the School as my chosen mediator.

He conveyed to Bishop Stone four salient points from your Board's position. First that there was no basis to lead to the conclusion that the incident of sexual assault happened. Second that he was confused why I continued contact with Lawrence. Third, that he gave my correspondence to the School's lawyers and Psychiatrist and they advised him to have no further contact with me. Fourth, he expressed concern about issues of confidentiality.

Bishop Stone passed this information on to Reverend Dr. Bruce Stevens who in turn told me. I continued corresponding with Bishop Stone. He sent me the Anglican Diocese of Tasmania's Principles and Procedures for Dealing with Sexual Harassment. My experience with your Headmaster comes under its definition but probably not its jurisdiction.

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Clearly my report and the integrity with which I gave it is not enough to establish a conclusion that I was assaulted nor that I was groomed into an inappropriate relationship with Lawrence which continued for some years after leaving the School. In effect I have been told by the School Board to get lost.

I am left with a deep sense of injustice in this matter. I continue to wish for your acknowledgment and apology. I want some indication of the development of your own Principles and Procedures for dealing with other survivors of harassment/assault in any period of the School's history.

Yours Sincerely

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