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Headmaster

Hutchins School

Sandy Bay

Re: Mr David Lawrence

Dear Sir

I refer to my correspondence between August 1994 and May 1999. To the latter, I have received not even an acknowledgement. My requests for a simple apology fell on deaf ears from the outset of my complaint.

Today, I watched on the Nine Network's Sunday Program, the tragic consequences of Archbishop Hollingworth's decision to concentrate on the legal and financial interests of the Brisbane Diocese ahead of the interests of the victims. The handling of my case has been, in my opinion, misdirected in the same way. At no time was my 1994 declaration that I was a victim, taken as evidence that I was sexually abused by Mr. David Lawrence. Rather I was told that the lack of other victims suggested I was not a victim [sic]. Neither have you returned the letter I wrote to Mr. Lawrence at that time, as I have requested.

Bishop Stone advised my Psychologist that " [the Board believed] there was no basis to lead to the conclusion that the incident of sexual assault happened. Second, that [the Board] was confused why I continued contact with Lawrence. Third, that [the Board] gave my correspondence to the School's lawyers and Psychiatrist and they advised [the Board] to have no further contact with me."

I wonder how long you can go on acting as if you do not have an ethical and moral duty to me, let alone the other boys who were abused by Mr. George and Mr. Lawrence.

I have been in touch with the Hobart Mercury, who have copies of all our correspondence. I shall be placing all that material on my web site in a section dedicated to survivors of sexual assault at the Hutchins School, Hobart, Tasmania.

Yours Sincerely

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