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The Body of Elders
Kalamunda Congregation of
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Dear Brothers:

After reviewing your letter of August 27, we are pleased to provide the following comments on ^{BCH} [redacted] 's further request for reinstatement.

Your letter states that Mr ^{BCH} [redacted] was asked, "Did he also mean he confessed to the charges that he had abused his other daughters besides ^{BCG} [redacted] ? His answer was that he did not abuse them and that this is not what he intended to convey." You ask "if there are some other sins that he is accused of that have not yet been settled, is it possible to know what they are? . . . Why would he continue to deny abuse of other daughters if they were true? It would be so easy for him to admit and confess and finish the matter?"

As highlighted in our previous correspondence of May 5, 2011, at least three of Mr ^{BCH} [redacted] 's daughters have provided clear and credible testimony of sexual abuse by their father. This includes the daughter who serves as a missionary. Her testimony is balanced and reliable, as opposed to Mr ^{BCH} [redacted] 's long-established pattern of lying to elders and judicial committees. In addition to the conclusions drawn by various judicial committees, his deceitfulness is well known to responsible brothers here at the branch. As the matters have been clearly established judicially, and despite his repeated requests, there is no need for the local committee to review the original case with him. Rather, as the situation remains unchanged, we can only repeat the comments from our previous letters:

Until he fully acknowledges to Jehovah and the judicial committee his sins of child abuse and of lying in connection with these offences, it would be difficult for a committee or the victims to consider that he was repentant. In view of this, and in harmony with the new *ks10* elders' textbook, on page 118, "two members of the committee should acknowledge receipt of the request and briefly inform him."

Despite his persuasiveness and the difficulty of the situation, we again advise extreme caution in recommending the reinstatement of a child abuser who has a proven history of dishonesty. If responding to future requests, two elders could briefly remind him that the only basis for reinstatement would be "genuine repentance" over the sexual abuse of his daughters and the associated lying.—*ks10* 11:4; 7:10; Prov. 6:16-19.

We trust these observations will be helpful. Please accept our warm Christian love and greetings.

Your brothers,

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