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STATEMENT OF A WITNESS

In the matter of: Historical Sexual Assault St Ives
 Place: Rose Bay Police Station
 Date: 20 May 2010

Name: Boak Alexander JOBBINS

STATES:

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I would be prepared, if necessary, to give in court as a witness. The statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I will be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything that I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.
2. I am 63 years of age.
3. I am a Priest of the Anglican Church of Australia. Since being ordained in December 1971, I have held several offices in the Church in the Dioceses of Sydney and Adelaide, including Rector of Pymble NSW from February 1982 to December 1992.
4. When I arrived at Pymble, there was a small but active branch of CEBS (Church of England Boys' Society), led by Simon JACOBS. Mr JACOBS had been appointed to that position by my predecessor as Rector of Pymble, The Right Reverend RC KERLE who is now deceased. The group appeared to be well organised. The boys continued to attend and their parents seemed satisfied with the conduct of the branch. Accordingly, I saw no reason not to leave Mr JACOBS in the position of Leader of CEBS.
5. One Sunday evening in the mid to late 1980s (I do not recall the date or the year), the then REDACTED, REDACTED, accompanied me to the Rectory after the evening Service. REDACTED told me that his elder son, REDAC, had reported to him that Simon JACOBS had interfered with him sexually at a CEBS activity which I think was a camp. We discussed the consequences of the alleged interference with REDAC, including the ongoing care of REDAC and the question of reporting the alleged incident to the Police. REDACTED said to me that he did not wish to report the matter to the Police. My recollection is that the

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family arranged for REDACTED to see a counsellor at Turramurra. I recall being surprised, shocked and sadness as I observed REDACTED to be distressed.

6. In light of REDACTED report to me, I telephoned Simon JACOBS in the following week and asked him to come and see me at my house. I sought legal advice before I saw Mr JACOBS alone in the study of my house. I informed Mr JACOBS of the allegation against him and I used words similar to, "I am sorry to have to tell you that I have had a report of you having molested a boy in the CEBS group." Simon JACOBS denied any improper conduct. I then discussed the implications of the allegation with him.
7. Although I had nothing more than a second-party report, I informed Mr JACOBS that out of concern for the welfare of the boys in CEBS and in light of REDACTED standing in the Church and my respect for REDACTED integrity, I was immediately relieving him of his position as Leader of the CEBS branch at Pymble. Mr JACOBS accepted that decision, though he understandably thought it unfair.
8. At the time, Mr JACOBS was a member of the Parish Council of Saint Swithuns at Pymble. Although I did not ask him to, he resigned his membership. He also indicated that he would leave the Parish. I announced to the Parish that Mr JACOBS had resigned as a Parish Councillor and was leaving the Parish, and would no longer lead the CEBS branch. I did not inform the Parish of the factors behind those changes. To the one or two who asked, I believe I said something about pressure of work. At no time did I discuss this allegation with REDACTED REDACTED
9. I do not know where Mr JACOBS went on leaving Pymble and I do not recall anyone contacting me about his suitability to serve in a position involving the care of boys.
10. Three or four years later I recall BYC came to see me at my church office. I knew BYC and his family as members of the church. BYC made a general statement to me that he was aware that Simon JACOBS has sexually interfered with boys and that he was seeking to report him and stop him from doing it further.

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