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Dear Minister Buckby

Further to our recent conversation regarding complaints that I have received from parents about the education of their children in a Catholic Special School in the early 1990's, I am writing to advise that the person named in the allegations is Brian Perkins.

I understand from the Child Exploitation Unit of the Police that charges have been made against Brian Perkins. These charges include indecent assault and possession of child pornography. I understand that Brian Perkins currently resides in Queensland and that in 1998 an extradition application (File No. PCO 2444/98/175A) was made to the Director of Public Prosecutions in South Australia but was not proceeded with at the time.

I am not sure of the reasons for this application being refused, but I understand that in regard to the charge of indecent assault the family of the student concerned was not prepared to proceed with allowing their child to be a witness as he was making a good recovery. He was a student at St Ann's Special School and his capacity to give evidence may also have been a consideration in this matter.

However, on the charge of possession of child pornography, I understand that the police were in possession of photographs which could well have led to a successful prosecution on this charge. I also understand that the charges are still current.

I would be grateful for any assistance that you could give in exploring the possibility of proceeding with an extradition application to Queensland for Brian Perkins in order that he can face the charge of possession of child pornography. While this charge may be an offence under the Summary Offences Act, I believe that it is a very serious charge and given that it involved children there is sufficient reason to proceed with an extradition order.

I would be happy to represent such a case personally to the Director of Public Prosecutions for review and also to the Attorney General, should that be appropriate. You would be aware that the charge of possession of child pornography involving children from St Ann's School holds a significant focus for us as leaders in Catholic education and for the parents and families concerned.

I can provide additional information in regard to a wide range of circumstances around the work of Brian Perkins and alleged offences at St Ann's Special School. He was also involved with Robert Hawkes, a convicted paedophile and one for whom there is currently a restraining order here in South Australia.

It is the wish of Catholic Education in South Australia that everything possible be done to bring Brian Perkins to justice.

Thank you for your attention to this matter

With best wishes

Yours sincerely



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DIRECTOR

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