

This is Exhibit "DD" to the Statement of

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To Whom it May Concern

I am a Clinical psychologist in private practice at 78 Enoggera Terrace Paddington Qld. I have been registered with the Queensland Psychology Board since 1980.

Mrs Joan Isaacs first consulted my services in 1991 when I was the senior consultant at the Queensland Teachers' Health Society. I have seen her on an ongoing basis since that time.

Mrs Isaacs sought assistance in dealing with the sexual misconduct which she had experienced from the (then) parish priest who was the chaplain assigned to her school.

Up until the time Mrs Isaacs commenced therapy, she had not disclosed her experience to any persons other than her parents, and her husband.

There is a considerable body of research which highlights the imperative for such victims to disclose their past, and to be able to talk about their experiences to their loved ones and other supportive persons. It is universally recognized as an essential part of the healing process.

Disclosure has been a difficult task for Mrs Isaacs, but she has persevered and as a result has experienced significant support from her family (additional to her parents and husband) and from trusted friends in whom she has confided. As a result this has contributed to her ongoing recovery and in coming to terms with her past.

Mrs Isaacs has demonstrated remarkable honesty, courage, and integrity, but as the result of her negative childhood experience, she finds it difficult to trust people. This lack of trust is likely to be ongoing and it will operate in restricting her ability to discuss her sensitive details with other than those persons who have a meaningful role in her life.

From a Clinical point of view, as well a humane one, it would have a negative effect on Mrs Isaacs' ongoing recovery, if (under the threat of litigation) she was no longer free to confide or discuss such a significant part of her life with her supportive friends and family. This is especially the case when her recovery to date has been due mainly to the loving, compassionate support she has received from these people.

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