



**Royal Commission**  
into Institutional Responses  
to Child Sexual Abuse

### Supplementary Statement

**Name**

**Address** Known to the Royal Commission

**Date** 14 December 2015

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I am prepared to give to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. Where direct speech is referred to in this statement, it is provided in words or words to the effect of those which were used, to the best of my recollection.
3. I confirm that I have provided a statement to the Royal Commission dated 21 October 2015 [STAT.0733.001.0001\_R]; ("my Statement.")
4. In paragraph 27 of my Statement I refer to contacting Father Brian FINNIGAN and telling him I wanted to talk to someone about forgiveness. He put me in touch with Father Dan TORPY. It is very likely that I told him about the sexual abuse by RIDSDALE at this time. I think this conversation was by telephone.
5. Paragraphs 28 – 32 of my Statement recount my meeting with Father TORPY.
6. I think it was after I saw Dan TORPY that I drove to Ballarat to meet with FINNIGAN to discuss RIDSDALE sexually abusing me.
7. I recall that FINNIGAN specifically arranged for the meeting to occur on an afternoon he had "off" from parish duties. We must have had a conversation prior to the meeting in which these arrangements were made, but I can't recall anything more about it other than FINNIGAN arranging the time of the meeting suitable to him.
8. In any event, I do clearly recall that I drove from my home in Warrnambool to Ballarat and that I meet with FINNIGAN. At that time he was living in a parish house in Sebastopol. We met in the kitchen. At that meeting I discussed the sexual abuse by

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**Witness:** 

Statement in the matter of Case Study 28

Statement of BWA continued

RIDSDALE in depth with him. The meeting would have gone on for a number of hours. My wife remembers me going to Ballarat to see FINNIGAN.

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Signed:

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15-12-2015  
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