

Annexure to Ian George's Statement for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse dated 15 January 2016

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| 1991 | Ian George came to Adelaide as Archbishop |
| 1991-1992 | Archbishop's first awareness of child sexual abuse within the Anglican Church of South Australia. |
| September 1992 | Archbishop's first full Synod report on responses to child sexual abuse. Decision to develop protocols was made. Establishment of Critical Incidents Task Force (CITF), which first met on 30 September 1992. Archdeacon Brian Smith was appointed Chairperson. Thereafter CITF met to discuss diocesan response to allegations of child sexual abuse. Original membership was: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archdeacon Brian Smith; • Ms Chris Doerr; • Mr F Field; • Dr T Blake; • Mr G Menses; • Rev'd P Carter; • Bishop B Rosier. |
| September 1993 | CITF reported to Synod regarding work being done to develop guidelines regarding diocesan response. |
| 1994 | CITF recommended that clergy and parish based youth leaders should consider themselves bound to notify a statutory authority if they became aware of suspected child abuse, notwithstanding that they were not legally mandated notifiers. This recommendation was adopted. |
| May 1994 | Diocesan Council endorsed CITF guidelines. |
| June 1994 | Working document on policies/procedures in the Diocese was released for comment. Significant feedback received. |
| September 1994 | The Diocesan Response Group (DRG) was established at Synod to implement the CITF recommendations and guidelines, which were directed at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing further sexual abuse perpetrated by clergy; • Having a complaint process and to assist abused persons; • Establishing an education program; • Ensuring all parishes/Anglican agencies were safe especially for children. |
| During 1995 | DRG met to develop its policies and procedures. |
| February 1995 | Bishop Stuart Smith replaced Archdeacon Brian Smith as convenor of CITF. |
| 3 April 1995 (169, BOI report) | CEO of Anglicare interviewed Brandenburg and his manager re spa incident. CEO accepted Brandenburg's explanation and cautioned him. |
| July 1995 | Synod accepted an amendment to the Clergy Discipline Ordinance, which added offences to those set out in the Constitution of the Anglican Church including <i>sexual abuse and harassment</i> . |
| September 1995 | Diocesan Council accepted nomination of Dr Black as Sexually Abusive Behaviour Complaints Person. She commenced in this role in February 1996. |
| 17 April 1996 | First meeting of the DRG, convened by Bishop Stuart Smith. |
| May 1997 (177, 179, BOI report) | Blackwood and Stocks (employees of Anglicare) were asked to investigate safety issues at various campsites. The caretaker at Harrogate reported that Brandenburg at times brought one or more boys to the campsite, staying overnight. There was also mention of his apparent association with a convicted paedophile who was camp caterer. |
| 5 December 1997 | A formal taped interview was conducted between the CEO and Brandenburg in the presence of Blackwood. Brandenburg denied the allegations. |
| June 1998 | Bishop Phillip Aspinall became Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Adelaide and Chair of DRG. |

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| 2 July 1998 | Article in Hobart <i>Mercury</i> reporting a writ was issued against Anglican Church, Daniels and Brandenburg. |
| 4 July 1998 – 27 August 1998 | Archbishop at Lambeth Conference in the UK. |
| 31 July 1998 | Brandenburg retired. |
| Easter Monday 1999 | A survivor informed the Rev'd Dr Owers that Brandenburg had been abusing boys between 1989 and 1991. Two survivors had reported the abuse to the police and Dr Owers informed Archbishop and made an appointment to see him the following day. |
| Easter Tuesday | Dr Owers met with the Archbishop to discuss Brandenburg abuse. |
| During 1999 | Archbishop asked Archdeacon Patterson to confer with past and present CEBS leaders to identify Brandenburg survivors. |
| 2 June 1999 | Brandenburg charged by police – found dead on the day scheduled to appear at court. |
| 8 July 1999 | Dr Owers wrote to Assistant Bishop suggesting need for pastoral responses to Brandenburg situation. Urged the Church to either make a press release inviting survivors to contact a liaison person and foreshadowing workshop for survivors. Dr Owers wrote more letters from this time onwards, taking the same line. |
| 14 July 1999 | Diocesan Council made aware of Brandenburg situation. |
| 24 August 1999 | Dr Owers conducted workshop for victims. |
| 7 September 1999 | Dr Owers told Archbishop he intended to conduct another workshop on 26 th October. Also advised that he had been informed by police there could well be in excess of 30 victims. |
| August/October 1999 | Archbishop formed <i>ad hoc</i> committee of himself, Assistant Bishop and CEO of Anglicare and a lawyer to consider action to be taken. |
| 26 October 1999 | At request of Archbishop, Dr Owers forwarded former memorandum setting out possible pastoral responses. |
| 7 December 1999 | Assistant Bishop e-mailed Dr Owers, saying that that the memorandum had been considered at a meeting held on 15/11/99 and that a further meeting had been held with the diocesan insurance broker. Dr Owers was informed that Archbishop would be willing to attend meeting in the Magill parish. |
| December 1999 | Guidelines were amended to expressly reflect that they applied to laity as well as clergy. |
| 7 March 2000 | Archbishop met with Dr Owers and a Brandenburg victim, REDACTED |
| 13 March 2000 | Archbishop's letter to Dr Owers referred <i>inter alia</i> the frustration of the Church not being able to gain access to Brandenburg's police interview and the large amount of effort being put into updating Church procedures. |
| May 2000 | Archbishop informed Synod of situation expressing sorrow and apology, explaining helping/response processes being set up. |
| September 2000 | Diocesan Council adopted the <i>Guidelines for Protection of Children within the Church</i> , which were produced by the Ministry Development Council. |
| October 2000 | Diocesan Council approved a document entitled <i>A Caring Church For All</i> , which was then distributed. |
| July 2001 | Diocesan Council adopted policies titled Child Protection; Police Checks; Notification of Child Abuse; Child Protection Code of Conduct. The policies require, for example, that all clergy and laity working with children require a police check and must sign a document requiring them to act as mandatory reporters. |
| December 2001 | Queensland damages case. Dr Owers met with bishops. Concern Church not being proactive. Helpline number established at Yarrow Place. |
| 22 Feb 2002 | Archbishop released major media statement calling on all those abused by people within the Anglican Church to call hotline for help. Wide coverage. Approximately 30 complaints were then received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% relating to other churches; |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% relating to interstate matters; • 25% were considered by the DRG, who made recommendations to the Archbishop which were followed. |
| 21 March 2002 | Dr Owers wrote to Archbishop reiterating initiatives he had put forward in 1999. Reply by Archdeacon Patterson about draft letter with the Archbishop to go out to parishes and CEBS members with full support of State Council of CEBS. BOI unable to establish that the letter was ever sent. |
| April 2002 | Further review of DRG guidelines took place. |
| July 2002 | Sexual Abuse Task Group (SATG) was established by the Diocesan Council. The Rev'd Andrew King was requested to attend meeting with the SATG. |
| August –October 2002 | SATG reported to the Diocesan Council and made the following recommendations in October 2002: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement of Brandenburg's actions; • Expression of regret; • Apology made to Adelaide community; • Commitment to safety of children reiterated; • Expressing unacceptability of sexual harassment and abusive behaviour. |
| November/December 2002 | Further discussion at Diocesan Council meetings. Advised that at least 2 Brandenburg survivors had taken civil action. |
| February 2003 | Reconciliation Committee established, and media release, delayed from December 2002, planned for early 2003. |
| May 2003 | Dr Owers and the Rev'd Andrew King hold a media conference and make accusations of lack of follow through for Brandenburg survivors. |
| 29 May 2003 | Archbishop made a public statement at the opening of Synod, apologising again to survivors and expressing concern for the hurt done to individuals abused by Brandenburg and others who were and are living with the consequences. |
| 30 May 2003 | Archbishop issued a media release. |
| May 2003 | Synod calls for establishment of a Board of Inquiry. |
| July 2003 | The Diocese appointed a Professional Standards Committee. |
| 31 May 2004 | The BOI Report was tabled in State Parliament and publicly released. |
| 11 June 2004 | Archbishop resigns. |