



Royal Commission
into Institutional Responses
to Child Sexual Abuse

Supplementary Statement

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Background

1. This is a supplementary statement made by me in response to a specific request of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. It sets out evidence that I am prepared to give to the Royal Commission and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. I have previously prepared a statement for the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Abuse regarding the development of professional standards within the Anglican Diocese of Sydney. I have prepared this supplementary statement in response to a request from the Solicitor Assisting the Royal Commission, by letter dated 18 December 2015, for a statement addressing specific matters relating to my and the Diocese's knowledge of, and response to, allegations of child sexual abuse made against Simon Jacobs.
3. I have been the Archbishop of Sydney since August 2013. Prior to holding this office I was the Bishop of North Sydney from 2002 until 2013. Further details of my background are set out in my previous statement.
4. Exhibited to me at the time of signing this statement are documents to which I refer in my statement. These documents have been drawn from documents produced to the Royal Commission by the Diocese of Sydney. When I refer to a document in my supplementary statement, I do so by reference to the document identification number allocated to the document by the Royal Commission.
5. The information in my statement is based on my personal knowledge, and on my review of the documents exhibited to me at the time of signing my statement.

Apology

6. As I said in my previous statement concerning the development of professional standards, as Archbishop I have the privilege of meeting with survivors of abuse within the Anglican Church, to listen to their stories and to offer an apology on behalf of the Anglican Church. It is an honour to be trusted by survivors to listen and to say sorry. I would well understand it if survivors of abuse in our Church never trusted a minister again, given the abuse they suffered from church workers, those who should have been protecting them from harm, rather than inflicting harm upon them.
7. When I listen to the stories of survivors, I am deeply saddened at the betrayal of trust by those who were in positions of power and who should have been providing safe places for children's ministry. I am deeply saddened at the anguish and pain that abuse in all its terrible forms causes for these vulnerable people. I am also deeply saddened at the often life-long effects of abuse on survivors, with lasting effects on their families and other relationships. Survivors' sense of safety and ability to trust, along with their mental, emotional and physical health are often damaged beyond human repair, adversely affecting both their career prospects and their faith.
8. I had the privilege of meeting with [BYC] parents in 2009, when I was Bishop of North Sydney, although I did not have the opportunity to meet with [BYC] at the time, due to the ongoing effects of the trauma from his abuse that he was experiencing. On my visit to the [REDACTED] I apologised to [BYC] parents and asked them to convey my apology to [BYC] himself, as he was not well enough to meet with me. This apology was made on behalf of the Archbishop of Sydney and on behalf of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Sydney, expressing our deep sorrow that the abuse ever took place. I readily reaffirm my apology to [BYC] and his family for all that they have suffered. I acknowledge their tremendous resilience and courage in coming forward and sharing their experience with the Diocese and the Royal Commission. I also wish to acknowledge their commitment to trying to keep other children safe, despite the personal cost to themselves.
9. I also readily offer my apology, on behalf of the Diocese of Sydney, to any other victims of Simon Jacobs' abuse in the course of his ministry to boys in CEBS.
10. As at the date of signing this statement, the brief of evidence for the Royal Commission's Case Study 36 (concerning the response of the Church of England Boys' Society and the Anglican Dioceses of Tasmania, Adelaide, Sydney and Brisbane to allegations of child sexual abuse) has

not been served. When the brief is served, I will read and carefully reflect upon the stories of individual survivors.

11. I now turn to the specific questions that I am asked to address by the Royal Commission.

My knowledge of the allegations against Simon Jacobs

12. I have been asked about the extent of my knowledge of allegations of child sexual abuse made against Simon Jacobs, including when and in what circumstances I became aware of such allegations, and my response to such allegations.
13. The first time I became aware of allegations against CEBS leaders regarding child sexual abuse was in 2004 when I saw an advertisement in the Diocesan monthly magazine, *Southern Cross*, headed "Zero Tolerance for Sexual Misconduct". The advertisement concerned the sexual abuse of a boy by a CEBS leader, the impact of the abuse on the boy and failures by the Church to respond adequately to these allegations. It asked readers to tell someone if a member of clergy or any church official was acting in a way that concerned them, and provided contact details for such reports. A true copy of that advertisement is identified by '[ANG.0133.003.0009]'.
14. I first became aware of Simon Jacobs by name and the allegations against him following a meeting of the Standing Committee of Synod on 25 May 2009. I was the Bishop of North Sydney at that time. I had never heard of Simon Jacobs before that date and I have never met him.
15. Mr Philip Gerber, the then-Director of the Professional Standards Unit, presented a report to the Standing Committee about a Pastoral Care and Assistance Scheme offer that had been made to an unnamed survivor of child sexual abuse by a male CEBS leader over a three year period when the victim was 11 to 14 years old. Mr Gerber asked Standing Committee, in response to a request from the boy's mother, to appoint a group of three persons to consult with the family and to bring a recommendation back to the Standing Committee as to whether an amount in excess of the \$75,000 payment that had been offered should be made.
16. Standing Committee resolved that "a person or persons appointed by the Archbishop convey to the victim and his mother that no payment above \$75,000 can be made under the Scheme." A true copy of the relevant excerpt of the minutes of this Standing Committee meeting is identified by '[ANG.0180.001.0072]'.
17. Archbishop Peter Jensen appointed the then-Chaplain of the Professional Standards Unit and me to meet with BYC parents. I was asked to attend the meeting because the

REDACTED parish fell within my geographic region as Bishop. I was, in effect, representing the Archbishop at this meeting and I took the opportunity to offer an apology on behalf of the Archbishop.

18. The Chaplain and I met with **BYD** and **REDACTED** at their home on 1 July 2009. I apologised to the **REDACTED** for the abuse suffered by **BYC** and explained to them how the Pastoral Care and Assistance Scheme worked in a general sense. I explained that the Standing Committee of Synod was seeking to be compassionate to the **REDACTED** request, but had decided that the offer of payment under the Scheme could not be increased beyond the set figure of \$75,000. We talked together for about two hours.
19. **BYC** had wanted to speak to, or write a letter to the Synod or the Standing Committee regarding his complaint and his request for a higher amount. I explained to the **REDACTED** that there would be little to be gained from **BYC** request because Standing Committee did not manage individual cases. Rather, it handled high level policy issues (although a personal letter can come to the attention of Standing Committee and play a part in influencing policy amendments within the Diocese). I explained that since the request had already come to the Standing Committee, via a report from the Director of Professional Standards, the Standing Committee had already decided not to agree to extend the limit of the payment under the Scheme in **BYC** individual case. I also explained that the appropriate body to consider this broader issue was the Professional Standards Unit, whose recommendation, if they chose to make one to the Standing Committee for extending the cap more generally, would have greater weight.
20. I am also aware that Simon Jacobs abused other boys who were members of the St Ives and Pymble branches of CEBS in the 1970s and 1980s, some of whom I first became aware upon assuming the office of Archbishop. A number of those survivors have been in contact with the Diocese and we have been able to negotiate payments for them under the Pastoral Care and Assistance Scheme. I also had the privilege of meeting with one of those survivors and his mother in 2014 and apologising to them face to face on behalf of the Church.

The Diocese's knowledge of allegations against Simon Jacobs

21. I have been asked what my understanding was of when and in what circumstances the Diocese, or any of its clergy or office-holders, became aware of allegations of child sexual abuse against Simon Jacobs, and the Diocesan response to such allegations.

22. My understanding is that revelations of Simon Jacobs' sexual abuse of boys in his care at CEBS first came to the Diocese's attention through Mr Richard Kells in 1984 or 1985. I am aware of this because, for the purposes of preparing this statement, I have been shown documents prepared by [BYD] that were provided to the Diocese in 2002. [BYD] provided Phillip Gerber with these notes, which she prepared for her meeting with Archbishop Peter Jensen on 1 October 2002. Attached to [BYD] notes is an unsigned letter from Mr Kells dated 24 September 2002, outlining his memory of the events surrounding allegations against Simon Jacobs. True copies of [BYD] notes and the attached letter of Mr Kells, dated 24 September 2002, are identified by '[ANG.0133.002.0684]' and '[ANG.0133.001.0088]', respectively.
23. The first time I became aware that certain members of the Diocese knew of allegations about Simon Jacobs in the 1980s was in preparation for my visit to the [REDACTED] in 2009. I have now been more fully acquainted with the details of the notification of these allegations having read [BYD] notes and the attached letter of Mr Kells.
24. To my knowledge, the first time that the Professional Standards Unit became aware of the allegations against Simon Jacobs was when [BYD] contacted them directly in 2002. Although I was the Bishop of North Sydney at the time, I was not informed of the complaint even though the parish of St Ives fell within my region, because Archbishop Jensen was directly involved in the matter.

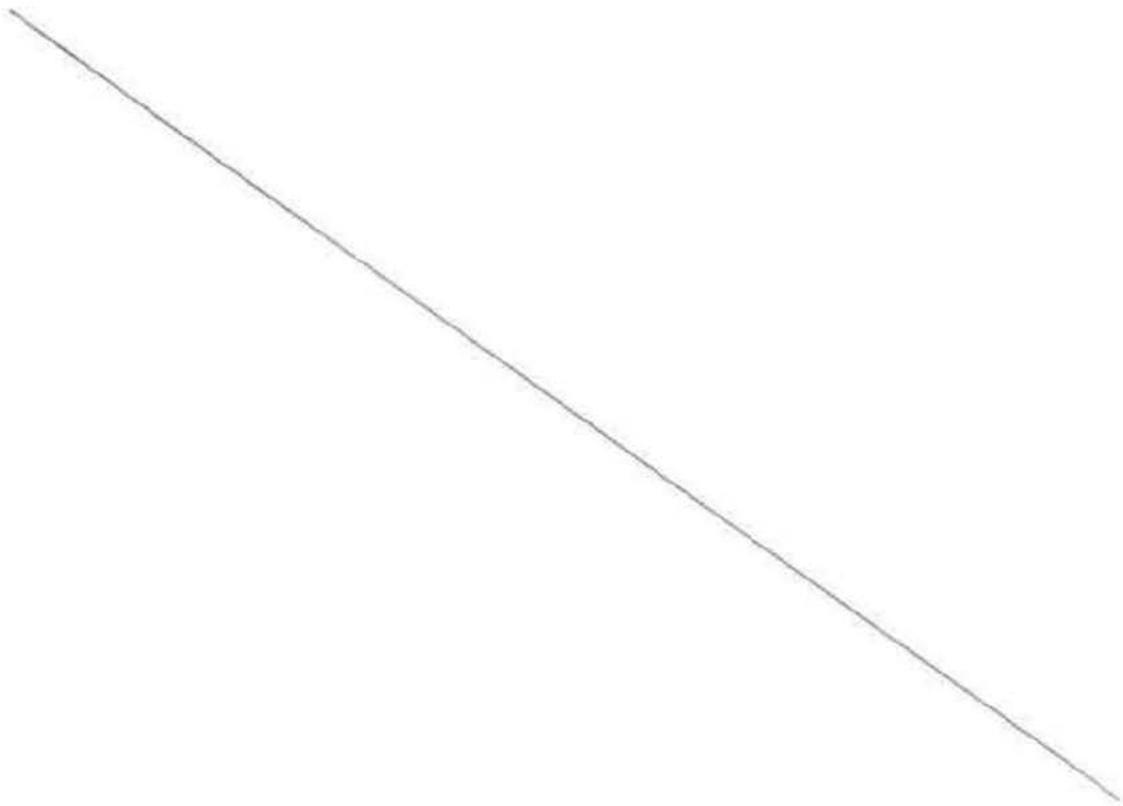
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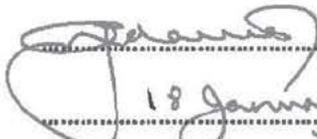
25. I have also been asked to comment on my response to Mr [BYC] and his mother [BYD] [BYD], in relation to their allegations that Simon Jacobs sexually abused [BYC] as a child.
26. As I mentioned above, I first became aware of [BYC] and [BYD] complaint in relation to Simon Jacobs in 2009. After the Standing Committee meeting referred to above, I was appointed to explain to [BYD] and [REDACTED] the reasons behind the monetary cap under the Pastoral Care and Assistance Scheme and the decision of Standing Committee.
27. After my meeting with the [REDACTED] for that purpose, I had no further involvement with the [REDACTED] complaint.

My general practice when responding to complaints or allegations of child sexual abuse

28. I have finally been asked to comment on my general practice, as Archbishop of Sydney, of responding to complaints or allegations of child sexual abuse occurring in CEBS branches, or by CEBS leaders, both within the Diocese and outside the Diocese.
29. As Archbishop, my practice in responding to complaints or allegations of child sexual abuse in CEBS branches or by CEBS leaders is the same as my practice in responding to all complaints of child sexual abuse in the Diocese of Sydney. My response is a part of the broader framework of Sydney Diocesan procedures for responding to complaints of child sexual abuse. That broader framework, and my role within it, are set out in detail in my statement regarding the development of professional standards within the Diocese of Sydney.

Conclusion

30. It is important to me to conclude, as I did in my earlier statement, by acknowledging the tremendous resilience and courage of those survivors who have come forward to share their stories with us, and of those who support them. We are committed to acting with integrity and compassion towards those whose trust has been betrayed and who have been abused under our care, as we continue to work hard to ensure safety for children and all vulnerable people in the Anglican Church, both now and in the future.
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Signed: 
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