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Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
 GPO Box 5283
 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: ROYAL COMMISSION CASE STUDY 43
 SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF WITNESS CNG**

Further to the hearings in relation to Case Study 43 heard in Newcastle from 31 August 2016 to 8 September 2016 and 9 December 2016.

We are instructed on behalf of the CNG to make short submissions set out below.

1. It is clear that members of the Catholic Church was made aware of Father Ryan's conduct but nevertheless allowed him to continue in his duties to the detriment of our client.
2. We accordingly submit that the Catholic Church should be criticised in the strongest possible terms for allowing Father Ryan to continue to assault our client.
3. The assaults had a marked impact on CNG, psychologically, socially and within his family. Resulting in:
 - i) the breakdown of his marriage
 - ii) CNG being ostracised by his community and by his siblings
 - iii) psychiatric impairment
 - iv) the use of prohibited drugs
 - v) the difficulty adjusting throughout his life to the assaults carried out on him by Father Vincent Ryan that impacted upon his sexual preferences.

CNG has instructed us to thank the Royal Commission and the Commissioners for allowing his legal representatives to review the material relating to our client and for granting leave for his lawyers to appear.

Yours faithfully
BILBIE DAN

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