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Subject: Assessment of Life Outcome as a Result of Sexual Abuse
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To Whom it May Concern

My name is [REDACTED]. I have made a written submission to the Royal Commission and have had a private hearing with Commissioner Andrew Murray in Perth. At my hearing, I took along a younger brother, [REDACTED], who had also been abused by the same Catholic priest, [REDACTED]. An older brother, [REDACTED], has also made a submission and had a private hearing.

I have had dealings with the Catholic Church in 1988/89 and again under the Towards Healing process in 2013 and 2014. I have withdrawn from the latter process because of what I perceived to be continued abuse by the Church's staff in its Professional Standards Office. They refused, continually, to acknowledge my reporting of my abuse to the Archbishop in 1988/89. I have absolutely no faith in the Church to meet me, either psychologically, emotionally or intellectually.

As a result, I have begun a civil litigation against the Church for a just settlement. In order to facilitate this, my lawyer had me contact all the counsellors, psychologists and psychiatrists I have seen over the years. The reports make for interesting reading. I also was subject to a forensic psychiatric assessment, a harrowing experience which brought home the fact that the trauma of abuse lies dormant and is just as powerful erupting 50 years later as it did at the time. The result of the assessment was a diagnosis of Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome.

To also underpin my claim, I have constructed a graph of my school results at the time of the abuse. (It is formatted at A3 and can be printed at that size) My mother kept all my school records. I am attaching the graph for your interest and assessment. It illustrates, tangibly and visibly, the effects of abuse on one's school performance. There is a wider written text that discusses the finer points and events in the graph, which I am happy to forward if you wish.

Whereas I began my education at a Jesuit College in the elite top bracket of intelligent high achievers, I ended in despair and failure, with almost zero self-esteem. As a result, my choice of career was compromised. Whereas I have made the most of the situation and carved a career for myself, at the time my choices of career were very limited. I did not get a Commonwealth Scholarship to go to university, as did my cohort of high-achievers, and so was only able to go to the technical school. My school cohort all went on to be doctors, specialists, lawyers (including several silks and directors of large law firms).

In the Discussion Paper, the traditional and obvious factors are represented in assessing a monetary value to the abuse suffered. I would like you to add the factors of an identifiable impact on school performance and hence life outcomes as a factor in your consideration of redress. I look forward to hearing your comments and the outcome of this.

Yours Sincerely,

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