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What a day. Here we go again - sorry.

After speaking with you I spoke to Helen KEEVERS for half an hour. She is concerned if someone doesn't act quickly... If that is the case it may already be too late. If her statement has been seen by sympathisers of the church things will have already disappeared. Been there – done that.

I also had a long talk to Shaun. Helen suggested the three of us go to the Ombudsman or PIC. I've done that before and they take it nowhere. It just alerts the other side to what is happening and who is doing what. She then proposed we speak to the local member – I did that too with John PRICE before he retired. Nothing happened.

Anyway Helen knows Jodie McKAY (As do I from her media days) I have made a tentative appointment to see her in the New Year, but Shaun doesn't feel up to it at present, although supporting. What's your thought on this? Helen feels that we need to lodge something external of the NSW. She described how positive Kerin was after the first part of her statement and she probably told you that Kerin was now excited about the potential of this brief. She is astonished that Kerin turned around so suddenly from this exuberance to going off with stress within days. (I am sure Shaun can describe this for us.)

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I then rang twice for Tony TOWNSEND and he didn't answer – again. I then sent him a rather pointed E mail and guess what ... he called. I let him have a fair bit and told him I was disgusted with the meeting at Waratah where all that occurred is me being slighted by Max and given directions to keep my nose out. I spelt a lot out and he claimed he knew little of the meeting as he arrived late. That is true but he absolutely

sided with Max whilst there. Anyway I told him that I believe I have been wrongly portrayed to Carleen YORK by Max as someone unbalanced and obsessed with this matter in an effort to discredit me. I told Tony that I am not obsessed but am objective and very passionate and passion is an essential in something like this – not a negative. I said I wanted CY to know that Max has a long term gripe against me and he was allowing that to impede a proper investigation.

Tony started out defending Max saying Newcastle was given the investigation as <sup>AL + AK</sup> statements were made at Hamilton in his command. My response was – that is crap. I then went through the 16 points I outlined to you on 9/12/10 and finished up by saying, "As a police officer I know more about who's who and how it all works than anyone else at present and I have been told I cannot be involved." He went on the defensive stating he was caught in the middle and Max was a fairly strong personality.

I raised the fact that no one is now investigating the church matter as they were all off sick and therefore why shouldn't they consider me. He claimed he didn't know that Justin QUINN was off sick and only found out today that Kerin STEEL & Brad TAYLER are off. What a load of shit - he'd know that before most. I said I was far from happy and wanted to speak to him and Carleen YORK personally. He's used the excuse that he needed to find out what was now happening with the investigation & said he'd call me on Friday to discuss this further. Won't hold my breath.

Just before he concluded he told me that there probably wouldn't be enough under section 316 and he doubted the AG would elect to proceed. He tried to tell me because none of the victims insisted on calling in the police when they spoke to the church the matters would end there. I strongly disagreed with him and indicated that <sup>AK</sup> was of the belief her statement would be passed onto police. <sup>AS</sup> clearly indicates that she was prepared to assist police if the church went down that path, and later says she would have insisted they take it to the Police when she found out McALINDEN had confessed. (This is why, in my view, they are so keen to take <sup>AL</sup> statement. They will steer her down the path that she never insisted to let the police in) I know that like <sup>AK</sup> she had expectations it would be taken further.

If Tony is concerned about this then <sup>AS</sup> statement says that LUCAS told her that McALINDEN admitted to him that he assaulted the sisters and others. She was personally told this by him as was HART <sup>REDACTED</sup> and probably CLARK. That being the case you don't need the victim's insisting to go to the police. The offender has himself disclosed he committed a crime, a serious crime and they then conceal it. Tony and Max are definitely looking to kill the whole thing on this legal point. They are wrong – very wrong. I will be saying that to CY if I get the chance.

Wayne HUMPHREY is definitely doing TAYLER's job and will be in that role for some time. I have a fellow a Port Stephens called Jeff LITTLE who just won a Det Sgt position at Newcastle starting in a week. Bear told him that he has a good matter for him to get his teeth into when he starts. Could this be the Church brief? I at least have a line to Jeff – but like Kerin he's been out of CI duties for a lot of years.

Anyway following all this I was made aware that HAGGETT got my file back that I sent to region. Both Tony TOWNSEND and CY have commented strongly on it that Newcastle are to continue the investigation – what timing. Despite everything in the file that's all they had to say and nothing about the content disclosed. It is to be commented on by HAGGETT & then forwarded to Max MITCHELL. The file is then to stop there. Nothing was sent to The State Crime Sex Crimes Unit. They were not even told about it. (I will be calling Paul JACOB tomorrow) I have made a copy of the comments.

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I then spoke to Charlie HAGGETT and vented to him about my call to Tony and made him aware that I want an audience with CY. He told me he knew nothing about the Waratah meeting before it happened.

I ended the day with a visit to BE + BE for a cup of tea and biscuits. What great people.