

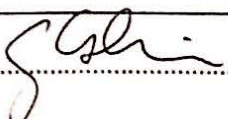


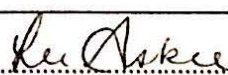
Royal Commission
into Institutional Responses
to Child Sexual Abuse

Statement

Name Gary ASKIE
Address Known to the Royal Commission
Date August 2016

1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I am prepared to give to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. Where direct speech is referred to in this statement, it is provided in words or words to the effect of those which were used, to the best of my recollection.
3. My full name is Gary Askie. I was born in 1970.
4. I worked for John Farragher removals for around 12 months in 1998.
5. Sometime during 1998 I was working with a colleague Robert Blanchard packing Father Peter Rushton's residence for relocation. Whilst packing his bedroom I found about three movies either DVD's or videos in his bedside draws. Two of the videos had pictures of men having sex with each other on the front and back of the tape box. The other box had two pictures of one young boy standing naked, the boy appeared to be under 16 years old. All the photos on the tape covers were faded and seemed to be photocopied pictures.
6. Other memories of this removal was that I saw in the same draw a bottle of strawberry flavoured body lotion in a plastic bag. In his cupboard was a pin up of a man in speedo swimmers on the back of the door. There was a sum of cash \$2000 and a small amount of folded clothes. Hanging in his bathroom was a large cardboard cut-out of a body builder in speedo swimmers and a large amount of towels and men's toiletries. His

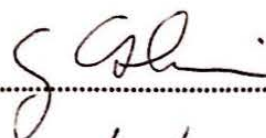
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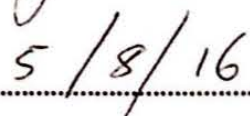
bedroom was very tidy but his bathroom was not, both rooms smelt like men's hair cream.

7. When I found these items I was shocked, disgusted and scared all at the same time. To think a man of the church could own such things was sickening. The client had left early in the day and left us to pack alone. We reported what we found to my bosses Phil Carey and John Farragher. They were all shocked to hear this. I was asked to sign a document and I was told the church knew he was gay and I wasn't to speak of what I had found or seen.
8. I don't recall if I went back the next day or whether some other removalist from the company took over and completed the move.

Signed:



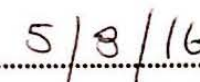
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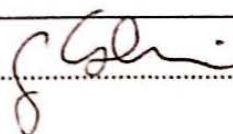
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