




Royal Commission  
into Institutional Responses  
to Child Sexual Abuse

# Statement

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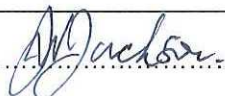

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1. This statement made by me accurately sets out the evidence that I am prepared to give to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. In preparing this statement, I have been shown documents relating to my involvement with the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle. Where I refer to a document in this statement, I have used the document reference number, which appears in the top or bottom right hand corner of the document to which I refer. I have not independently reviewed the records from which these documents have been drawn.
3. 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.
4. This statement has been prepared on the basis that the Commission will issue a Notice to Produce under *Royal Commissions Act 1902* (Cth) section 2(3A) for the production of a signed copy.

## Incident involving Father Peter Rushton

5. I was born in 1945 and am a retired Human Resources Manager, now working part-time at the University of Newcastle.
6. In 1998, I was the Human Resources Manager for John Farragher Removals in Newcastle. As part of my role, I conducted training in operational procedures and OH&S

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for all staff. One of the rules I always impressed upon our removalists was that "What goes on at the job stays on the job" as the young removalists would see lots of weird and wonderful things during their work and they had to be quite confidential and discreet about what they saw.

7. In or about November 1998, Farragher Removals was engaged by the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle to move a priest, Father Peter Rushton, from the Rectory in Church St, Maitland, to the Rectory in Hamilton. Two employees were instructed to go the Rectory on 25 November 1998 to pack up the priest's belongings.
8. On 25 November 1998, my staff contacted me because they were very concerned about some posters, magazines and DVDs they had found amongst Father Rushton's belongings. They thought the material might contain child pornography. They were quite upset and said they didn't want to continue with packing up the house.
9. I called my boss and the owner of the business, John Farragher, to tell him that my staff had walked off the job at the Rectory after finding what they believed to be child pornography. I suggested to John that I could call the priest at Muswellbrook, Archdeacon Colvin Ford as I knew him quite well. I believed that it was best to go to the Church and let them investigate the discovery rather than calling the police. Also, after further questioning by me, the two removalists had said they were unsure if the pictures they had seen were of boys under the age of 16. They described the pictures as being boys in their late teens.
10. I spoke to Father Colvin Ford that evening about what had happened and he said he would report it to the Bishop.
11. The two removalists did return the next day to finish the packing job, and the goods were delivered to the new address and left for the client to unpack, which was the normal case.

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12. Father Ford later told me a week or two later that the priest was not a paedophile but that he was a homosexual and that the church was going to obtain counselling for the priest. I did not hear anything further about this matter.

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