




Royal Commission
into Institutional Responses
to Child Sexual Abuse

Statement

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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 abuse by an Anglican priest in the 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.
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Background

5. My full name is CKU and I was born on REDACT 1984. I am 32 years of age. I grew up with my mum, CKR and my two older sisters, REDAC and REDAC. I have always been close to REDAC because she often looked after me when mum was away.
6. I was born in Australia but when I was 2 years old, my family moved to England. When I was 5 years old, my parents separated and I lived with my mum. When I was 12 years old, my mum and I returned to Australia so that she could train to become a priest in the Newcastle Diocese of the Anglican Church. My dad remained in England and has never returned to Australia.
7. Both my parents are religious. Throughout my childhood, mum was away a lot for her church work and studies. As a child, I did not talk to mum a lot but we became closer as I grew up. My dad lives in England so our relationship has generally been a bit distant.
8. I was raised as an Anglican but do not consider myself very religious. I only went to church because I had to. I would describe myself as a Christian, but I do not trust the Church.

St John's Theological College, Morpeth

9. In early 1997, mum and I moved into St John's Theological College in Morpeth, NSW (St John's) where mum commenced training to be an Anglican priest. There was

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house style accommodation on the property for the people training to become priests along with their families. My sisters joined us shortly afterwards.

10. When we first moved to St John's, there were two other families on the campus. I became friends with REDACTED. He lived on campus and was in my year at Maitland High School. His dad was also training to become a priest.


11. Apart from REDAC I was a bit of a loner and never had many friends. Mum was studying and away a lot and at times I felt isolated and bored.

Ian Barrack

12. Within my first six months at St John's, I met Ian Barrack (Ian). Ian studied with my mum and was also training to be a priest.
13. When we met, Ian was about 28 years old and I was 12 years old. Ian lived on the campus at St John's with his wife, REDAC about five minutes' walk from our house. They did not have any children.
14. I think Ian learnt through mum that my dad was in England. In mid-1997, REDAC and I started going to Ian's home to use his computer and internet. There were no other computers with internet access on the campus or at school. Ian agreed to let us use his computer and internet if we both paid him money every month. I cannot remember how much we paid him. After a couple of months he let us use it for free. We started going to Ian's house a couple of times a week, generally after school.

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15. My friend and I played computer games and searched the internet on Ian's computer. I also sent emails to my father. Ian was always there, either on the computer with us or in the kitchen.
16. Ian would talk and joke around with me and my friend as if he was one of our mates. We became pretty good friends. His wife REDAC was hardly ever home. I did not know REDAC well because I only ever saw her a handful of times.
17. Ian also paid us to mow his lawn every few weeks. After about six months of knowing Ian, he gave me a key to his house. I would often feed his cat and use the internet when he went away.
18. Around the time Ian gave me a key to his house, he also started 'pushing the boundaries' with me. I think he was trying gauge my reaction. He started telling me dirty jokes. On one occasion he showed REDAC and I heterosexual pornography on his computer and made some joke about it.
19. After my friend and his family left St John's in November 1997, Ian's behaviour towards me changed. Ian befriended me more and he became 'touchy' with me. It started with a pat on the back, then a rub on the shoulder and it progressed to massages when I stayed over at his house. Each time he pushed the boundaries with where he massaged me.
20. Ian also bought me things. If I wanted something he would get it for me. The gifts started with small things like the free internet, soft drinks, chips and toys. Ian

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helped me buy and build my first computer. He spent a lot of time with me and it made me feel loved.

21. Mum trusted Ian and let me go to his house all the time. In late 1997, when I was 13 years old, I was allowed to sleep over at his house. It started as a one off invite to come over and watch a movie. Within two months it had become a weekly thing. I slept in the spare room. Mum assumed that Ian's wife was home when I slept there but she never was. There was never anyone else around.


22. At this time, late 1997, I heard rumours from Mum and my sister [REDACTED] that Ian was having a relationship with another man. This man was also studying at St John's and was married. I remember seeing this man on two occasions at Ian's home. On both occasions they went outside and argued, like a couple. This man left after his first year around the end of 1997. I heard rumours he left because the College had found out about his relationship with Ian.

Sexual abuse by Ian

23. The first time Ian sexually abused me was one afternoon in June 1998, while we were playing computer games at his house. It was a month after my 14th birthday. Ian and I were playing a game called 'Quake'. We would swap turns on the computer when either of us lost or died. I was sitting on Ian's lap in front of the computer. I was playing the game when Ian started rubbing my leg on the inside of my thigh. I didn't really 'click' to what was happening because I was concentrating on the game.

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Ian said, "Give me a go or I'll suck your dick". I said, "Okay, you can have a go" and got off his lap. I was stunned at what Ian said.

24. I sat down on a bean bag near the computer and Ian continued to play on the computer for a few minutes. Then he came over and knelt down in front of me. Ian asked me to pull my pants down. I then remember my pants and boxer shorts being down around my knees. As soon as my pants were down, Ian started to suck and play with my penis. This lasted for about ten minutes until I ejaculated in his mouth.
25. I felt very confused and embarrassed. I felt like it was not really happening. I did not say anything. When Ian stopped, he might have asked if I was okay and started talking like nothing had happened. I pulled up my pants and sat on the bean bag in silence until I left within ten minutes.
26. I did not really know about sex or sexual acts. I had received some sex education at school, but it had focused on reproduction.
27. I did not tell anyone what had happened and I stayed away from Ian and his house for about a week. I felt embarrassed and in some way I knew that what he did was wrong. One morning during that week in June 1998, Ian approached me while I was waiting at the bus stop. He asked me where I had been and if anything was wrong. He then said, "Do you think it's wrong? Did I scare you off?" I shrugged my shoulders and did not reply.

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28. I started going back to Ian's house around July 1998, because I wanted to use the internet to communicate with my father. I was not able to use the phone at home because Mum would not have been able to pay for the calls and the only other option was writing letters. It was really important to me as a kid to stay in contact with my father.
29. Ian acted as if nothing had happened and this had the effect of normalising the abuse for me. From July to August 1998, the next incidents of abuse were progressive. He was 'touchy' for a few weeks and he would often tell me how much he cared and how he loved me. After a few weeks of this he started to abuse me again.
30. It felt like what he was doing was okay and I felt safe. Ian was like a family member. He was always there for me and willing to fulfil my needs. I thought he cared for me. After the second time he abused me in around August 1998 it became a regular thing. It was the same type of abuse each time: Ian would perform oral sex on me until I ejaculated in his mouth.
31. Also in about August 1998, Ian introduced me to pornographic movies. I was watching television in his bedroom. Ian went out and returned with a box containing three pornographic videos. He said he had bought one of them for me. It was heterosexual pornography. He asked if I wanted to watch one and I said yes. Ian put on the video and I sat on the bed watching it while he abused me. I probably

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watched pornographic videos with Ian on six other occasions, he abused me on each occasion.

32. Also around August 1998, I came across a Power-Point program on his computer which contained images of young naked boys. They were aged about 12 years old and were all giving or receiving oral sex. Ian was with me in the computer room and said something like *"I see you found my secret stash"*. The video was saved in a folder and it was not difficult to find. I closed the program straight away. I remember a few weeks later, around September 1998, I walked past Ian's computer room and I saw him looking at similar images on his computer.
33. By October 1998, I was going to Ian's house every day. He performed oral sex on me three or four times a week. His wife was never there.
34. On one occasion, on a Friday night between September and November 1998, Ian had sexual intercourse with me. I was 14 years old. Ian had asked once before if he could have sex with me and I had said no. When he asked again, I still did not want to, but I knew he would keep asking until I let him. Ian took me into his bedroom and gave me a condom. He knelt in front of me and I anally penetrated him.
35. When I was being abused by Ian I did not know how to feel. I was numb and confused. I felt like I was in a dream. I did not know it was wrong, Ian treated it like it was completely normal and I felt really confused.

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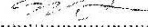
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36. In or around October 1998, Ian gave me a wind-up toy figurine of a man standing behind a sheep. The man had no pants on and an erect penis. When you wound it up, the man thrust his penis in and out of the sheep. At the time I thought the toy was funny and I didn't see a problem with it.
37. In October 1998, I remember being at Ian's house. We were mucking around and I said, *"Don't do that or I'll tell"*. I did not mention the abuse, but it seemed to make him angry and he said *"Don't do that, I'll be done for a paedophile."* I do not think I even knew what the word meant but I knew it must have been bad because of his reaction. I remember feeling guilty for saying it, because I did not want him to get into trouble.
38. Towards the end of 1998, Mum had to move to Forster Tuncurry to take up a position as an assistant priest. She told me Ian had spoken to her about me moving in with him. Mum said she did not want that and neither did I. At this stage I was starting to realise that what Ian was doing to me was not right.
39. Ian started talking to me about going to a boarding school in Armidale. He initially encouraged it. He was a good friend of the school counsellor, Brother James. Ian said if I went there he would be able visit me. At that time I still wanted to be able to see Ian.
40. I decided I wanted to go to the Armidale School and spoke with my Mum about it. Ian drove Mum and me to the school for the admissions interview. We stayed overnight in accommodation on the school grounds. Ian's friend, Brother James,

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had arranged the accommodation for us. I cannot recall any discussion between my Mum and Ian in the car drive to or from Armidale, I was in the back seat and probably not taking notice.

41. In December 1998, I stopped talking to Ian. I decided I had had enough of the abuse. In mid-December that year I went to England to visit my father. Ian emailed me while I was away, he sent the email to my father's email address. He wanted to know how I was and why I was not talking to him. I did not reply.
42. In February 1999, I started boarding at the Armidale School. I had not seen Ian since I left for England in December the year before. During my first year at boarding school, I received three letters from Ian, they had just general stuff in them. I read them, then ripped them up and threw them away. The last one was at Christmas 1999, it had \$50 in it. I threw the letter away and spent the money.
43. I felt hounded by Ian and I did not feel safe at boarding school. I knew Ian was friends with Brother James and had access to the school through him. Brother James never said or did anything to me that caused me concern. It was just the fact that they knew each other and might be speaking about me.
44. I called Mum about once a week from boarding school. I had not told her about Ian abusing me. However, I always felt she knew that something had happened to me and that it involved Ian. I told my Mum in the general conversation "*Ian's contacted me again...*" I felt like Mum was waiting for me to bring it up.

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45. In May 2002, I received an email from Ian, by this time I was scared and I was angry at him. I do not know how he got my email address because I had changed it. The email said, "Hi, how are you? Ian" I immediately deleted it. I did not respond.

Disclosure of the Abuse

46. In or around November 1998, I showed the sheep figurine to my sister REDAC and her husband REDAC. I had a close relationship with my sister and I thought the toy was funny. I did not usually show people the gifts that Ian gave me because I did not want people to wonder why he was giving me all these things. I thought that someone, probably Mum, might tell him not to buy them for me and I did not want him to stop. Later that same day Mum came and took the toy away from me. I do not remember what Mum said to me, but she was angry. At the time I did not know what she did with the toy.
47. At the end of November 1998, about two weeks before I left to go to England, I was at my sister REDAC house with a friend (REDACTED). Mum was away on an ordination retreat. I was telling my friend about the pornographic movies I had watched with Ian at his house. I do not remember the exact conversation, but my friend thought it was all a bit weird.
48. My sister REDAC overheard this conversation and started hounding me, asking me questions. I told REDAC and REDAC that Ian watched pornographic movies in front of me. I did not mention the sexual abuse REDAC asked questions and I gave one word answers. I felt so embarrassed, there was also a part of me that wanted to protect

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Ian. However I also hoped that after telling REDACTED she or Mum would say something to Ian that would keep him away from me. I assume my sister would have told Mum about the pornography but I never knew. Mum never spoke to me about it.

49. In January 2002, when I was 17, I told my girlfriend at the time that I had been abused by Ian. I cannot remember exactly what I told her. I know I told her about the oral sex. I felt a mixture of vulnerability and relief. At that time I was still processing it all myself. At the time, there were various other cases of child sexual abuse in the news, so it was everywhere you looked. I suppose it just came out.
50. In May 2002, I thought I saw Ian in Singleton. That same day, he emailed me (for the last time). I got so scared and upset, I thought he had come looking for me. I called Mum but she was away at the time and she was not allowed to access her mobile phone. I left her a frantic voicemail message. She called me back, I told her I thought I saw Ian, that he had emailed me and that I was scared. Mum was asked me why I was so scared. I did not tell her about the abuse but I think she had an inkling. Mum said she would come home as soon as she could.
51. The next day she came home and we spoke. I was really upset and told Mum that Ian abused me, I did not go into any detail. I told Mum that I wanted to do something about what happened to me and she recommended that I go to the police. I agreed because I knew Ian had done the wrong thing. About a week later Mum took me to the police station at Singleton.

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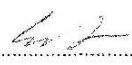
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Police investigation

52. When I first attended Singleton police station on 29 May 2002, I was there all afternoon. I spoke to a male police officer, a detective, I cannot recall his name. There was also another officer in the room but they did not say anything. I made a police statement that day. I was 18 years old at the time.
53. When I spoke to the police officer he may have discussed options and processes with me, but I cannot recall. I was not offered the opportunity to have someone with me as support. Although it felt good for me to tell someone and to get it off my chest, I do remember feeling as if the officer did not really care, his body language and manner seemed blasé.
54. I did not hear anything back from the police for three years until sometime in early 2005 when I was contacted by Detective John Mongan. I thought either the police did not really care or that maybe they had done something with my complaint and did not need my help anymore. I was upset that I had not received any contact from the police. I started getting paranoid, thinking someone in the church had influence over the police and my complaint was just thrown away. It is difficult not knowing. I did not call the police to find out.
55. Sometime in early 2005 I was contacted by Detective John Mongan from the Entrance police station. He asked me to come into the station to give another statement. It was like it was two separate cases. In 2002 nothing really happened.

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Then in 2005, it was like they just started again. When I received the call I felt a bit of hope, like something might happen this time.

56. On 21 February 2005 Ian was charged with two counts of aggravated sexual assault against me. I am not sure if it was the police or my Mum that told me about this.
57. In about April or May 2005 the DPP contacted me. They explained in order for the charges against Ian to succeed they would have to convince the court that I did not consent to any of the abuse. In my statement I had said that that I agreed to let Ian have sex with me. This meant the charges may not succeed and Ian would not be found guilty. The DPP wanted to change the charges against Ian to three counts of sexual intercourse with a person aged between 10 and 16 years. I was not happy about this, but my main concern was that he would not offend again. The DPP said they had a much better chance of convicting Ian with these amended charges and although the potential sentence was less, it was still a maximum of ten years.
58. On 26 May 2005, I went into the police station at the Entrance and spoke with Detective Mongan. I was asked the same type of questions as the first time, although Detective Mongan was more thorough. I did not receive any further contact from the police until May 2006.
59. The court matter was handled by the DPP. They kept in contact regularly. They also provided me a support person when I went to court. I felt like the DPP actually cared. From memory the court process only lasted a few weeks.

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60. I understood there was a plea bargain and the DPP dropped some of the charges to get a guilty plea from Ian. The final charges were brought down to one count of sexual intercourse with a child between 10-16 years old. Before agreeing to the plea bargain the DPP spoke with me about it. They explained to me that Ian was likely to receive a custodial sentence even after the other charges were dropped, whereas if the matters proceeded to trial he might be found not guilty or be given a lighter sentence. It felt good that the DPP involved me in the decision because it was me who was directly impacted. I was happy with the decision made.
61. On the first court date, the 10 May 2006, Ian pleaded guilty to one count of sexual intercourse with child aged between 10-16 years. I attended the hearing and provided a Victim Impact Statement [PS.0530.001.0036]. Graham Lawrence, Dean of the Newcastle Christ Church Cathedral gave a character reference for Ian at the trial. On 22 September 2006 Ian was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with a 12 month non parole period. I would have liked for him to have received a longer sentence but I was happy that Ian was found guilty and punished. This helped me get some closure and I felt like I had finally been believed.
62. What upset me during the court process was that Ian had a support person from the church, but the church didn't support me or Mum. It felt like a slap in the face. The church later made contact through Mum, but only after she rang the Bishop directly and had a go at him.

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Reporting of the abuse to the Diocese of Newcastle

63. Around 2003 my Mum organised counselling for both she and I. My Mum had been speaking with someone from the diocese, I do not who, and the diocese was paying for all or part of this counselling. I attended a number of counselling sessions between 2003 and 2006. I cannot recall how many counselling sessions I attended. I do not know what the arrangements were with the diocese but my Mum would.
64. Around mid-August 2003 I, assisted by my Mum, engaged Lawson Solicitors, seeking advice in relation to a civil claim against both the Diocese of Newcastle and St John's in relation to the sexual abuse I experienced. I was given advice to wait until the outcome of criminal charges before lodging a civil claim. Lawson Solicitors assisted me with an application for victim's compensation.
65. Not long after Ian was sentenced, I asked the prosecutor from the DPP for a recommendation about pursuing a civil claim against the Diocese. He initially put us in touch with Robert Caddie's law firm, but they conflicted themselves out, so I ultimately engaged Bilbie Dan to help me pursue an action against the Church.
66. In December 2006, the diocese agreed to an ex gratia payment of \$2,000. This was paid to me via a cheque written out to my mother in early 2007. (ANG.0050.004.4589). The diocese had learnt of my intention to travel overseas through my Mum, they offered me this money as a 'gift'.

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67. In March 2007, I sought compensation from the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle in relation to the sexual abuse by Ian. I obtained legal advice through Bilbie Dan Solicitors. My solicitor was Nicholas Dan.
68. The compensation process lasted nearly two years. I felt this was long process considering Ian had plead guilty at court. My solicitor communicated with the legal representative of the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle. I never had any direct contact or communication with the Anglican Diocese or their legal representative.
69. When I sought compensation through my solicitor, I was offered additional counselling services by the church where they would pay. I accepted the additional counselling but I was not comfortable going through church. After everything that had happened to me, the abuse, the court case and the long compensation process I just didn't trust the church anymore. Instead I asked them to pay a lump sum on top of the settlement amount, so I could arrange my own counselling.
70. In February 2009, I reached a settlement with the Diocese of Newcastle. I received a total of \$60,000. To the best of my recollection this sum included an amount of three thousand dollars to cover the cost of my ongoing counselling. The Anglican Diocese also paid for my legal fees. I was required to pay back the Victim Compensation payment of about six thousand dollars I had receive years earlier. They also agreed to answer mum's 11 questions to the Diocese. I was aware that Mum wanted some questions answered but I do not believe I ever read the list nor

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did I read the answers she received. I believe that Mum may have told me some of the details in conversation but I cannot now recall those details.

71. I was required to sign a 'Deed of Release' to receive the compensation amount. The deed included a confidentiality clause. The confidentiality clause was explained to me by my solicitor. I understood the clause to mean that, once signed, I was not allowed to talk about my abuse with anyone, except for a doctor, lawyer or the police. I was told the clause lasted permanently (ANG.0050.004.4514).
72. I also asked for a written and public apology, to all the people who had been abused within the Anglican Church. On 3 September 2009, I received a written apology from Bishop Brian Farran, the Bishop of Newcastle, in relation to my abuse, but it was not a public apology. (ANG.0050.004.4441). The apology was important to me. The apology provided me with some sense of 'closure'. Throughout the compensation process I felt like the Anglican Church fought very hard to avoid responsibility and deny their 'duty of care'. An apology from the church was an acknowledgement that they were in the wrong. I was happy to receive it.

Impact of Abuse

73. As a child being abused I felt trapped. You are constantly being manipulated. You get to a point where you believe what is being done to you is good and what they are doing is right. It is this manipulation, I believe, that contributes greatly to people not reporting abuse until much later.

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74. Although I know people around me do not know what happened to me, I feel self-conscious about being around children and what strangers might think of me if I am seen near children. I have heard theories about abused people becoming abusers and although I know that is not true, but it plays on my mind.

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