

# STATUTORY DECLARATION

I, BRIAN JOSEPH LUCAS of  
do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am the General Secretary of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and have held this position since August 2002.
2. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference established the Encompass Program through a company Encompass Australasia Limited. To the best of my knowledge and recollection, this Program commenced in 1996 and ceased operations in 2008..
3. The Encompass Program was designed to treat a range of psychological problems for clergy and members of religious orders, including psychosexual disorders.
4. On 8 February 2013 the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference produced a very large amount of material in response to Summons 11(a) from the Special Commission of Inquiry.
5. On 18 February 2013 the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference responded to Summons 11(b) advising that after searches, it was unable to locate any documents in answer to that Summons.
6. Upon receipt of correspondence from the Crown Solicitor's office dated 19 February 2013, I caused further searches to be undertaken of the Encompass Program files.
7. These further searches comprised electronic searches for all names "Denis McAlinden" and "James Fletcher". No records were found in the electronic searches for Denis McAlinden or James Fletcher.
8. In addition to the electronic name searches, a manual search was undertaken by me of a hard copy list of all patient files. That search also found no entry for either Denis McAlinden or James Fletcher.
9. I am also informed and verily believe, the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese has no record of either Denis McAlinden or James Fletcher having been referred for treatment to the Encompass Program.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the *Oaths Act 1900*.

Signed

Signed

Declared at Sydney on 30 April 2013 by BRIAN JOSEPH LUCAS

Signed

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[signature of declarant]

in the presence of an authorised witness, who states:

I, Alex Kohn, a Solicitor, certify the following matters concerning the making of this statutory declaration by the person who made it:

1. I have known the person for at least 12 months

Signed

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[signature of authorised witness]

ALEX KOHN

30 April 2013