

# STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT

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I, AE  
(Please Print Full Name)  
 OF (AE'S ADDRESS)  
(Please give sufficient details of how you can be contacted, including any special arrangements for safeguarding your privacy.)

Phone (AE's phone numbers) Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

WISH TO MAKE A COMPLAINT TO THE APPROPRIATE CHURCH AUTHORITY AGAINST:

Fr. McA Linden  
(name of the person)

WHO AT THE TIME IN QUESTION WAS WORKING IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY FOR THE CHURCH AS:

Assistant Priest at Raymond Terrace  
(give title or description of the church position held by the person at the time in question)

ON 1953-54 at St Brigid's Parish Raymond Terrace  
(years or precise date/s if known) (city, town or suburb, or name of parish, school or church agency)

My Date of Birth is \_\_\_\_\_

## NATURE OF COMPLAINT:

(Please give details of the behaviour that is the subject of this complaint)

Over a twelve month period Fr McA Linden sought out AE's company by offering to take her for a drive with a couple of other girls. After approximately a year of this behaviour Fr McA Linden would drop the other two girls home. He then took AE to a secluded back road (formally Richardson Road, Raymond Terrace) and initiated sexual contact by removing her underpants. He then placed her hand on his penis and continued to move AE's hand so it stimulated his penis. At the same time

I WISH TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COMMENTS IN MY STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT: cont'd  
 AE reported the impact of this Page abuse on her life has been widespread. She has been depressed for almost 30 years and has been medicated over that time period for depression and anxiety. For most of that time she has blamed herself for what happened. She reported hating sex with her husband and was unable to talk to her children about sex

AS A RESULT OF THIS COMPLAINT, I EXPECT THAT:

"Something should be done to punish this man for the hell I have had to live with"

"I think the church should have done something before this?"

I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT IF MY COMPLAINT INVOLVES CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR I RETAIN THE RIGHT TO MAKE MY COMPLAINT TO THE POLICE AT ANY TIME.

- Q. Have you notified the police? A. <Yes  <No  (please tick appropriately)
- Q. Do you intend to notify the police A.  <Yes  <No

THIS FORMAL STATEMENT OF COMPLAINT IS MADE BY ME THE UNDERSIGNED. ON THIS 5th DAY OF THE MONTH OF October IN THE YEAR 19 99:

AE

(Signature of Complainant)

BEFORE ME

Signed

(Signature of duly appointed Contact Person as witness)

Anne Foat

(Please print Name of Contact Person)

If you were not the actual victim of the matters (s) above, please give the name and address of the victim.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Is he or she aware that you are making this complaint? Yes:  No:

Does he or she agree with you making this complaint? Yes:  No:

Is he/she prepared to talk to someone about this complaint? Yes:  No:  Not known

Interpreter: (If applicable)

LANGUAGE USED: \_\_\_\_\_

I attest that the translation of this statement is as an accurate and complete record:

(Signature of Interpreter)

INTERPRETER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER : \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

The Contact Person is charged with delivering this Statement to the Professional Standards Resource Group, 276 Pitt St Sydney 2000, that will in turn ensure that it is brought promptly to the attention of the appropriate Church Authority.

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Fr. McAlinden touched AE's  
 genitals. This occurred on the front  
 seat of the car. After a time  
 Fr. McAlinden inserted his penis in  
 AE's vagina and ejaculated.  
 AE then put her underpants back  
 on and Fr. McAlinden drove her home.  
 At that time AE hated what  
 had happened. She was confused. She  
 felt that it was not right but believed  
 that Fr. McAlinden wouldn't do  
 anything wrong. Therefore, she thought that  
 it must have been okay. This behaviour  
 was repeated in a similar manner  
 on three other occasions. AE  
 then realised if she told Fr. M  
 that she didn't have her parent's  
 permission to go in the car with  
 him he wouldn't be able to do  
 this to her. She came to this conclusion  
 without discussing with her parents what  
 had happened. After the four occasions  
 of Fr. McAlinden having sex in the car  
 with AE, AE found  
 herself trapped by Fr. McAlinden  
 on two occasions at school. In  
 the trapped situation Fr. McAlinden  
 placed AE's hand on his  
 penis till he came to orgasm.  
 About 12 months after the  
 sexual activity stopped between  
 Fr. McAlinden and AE,

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Signed

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AE, who was aged eleven at the time she alleged this activity occurred, was able to tell her parents. AE remembered that her parents made an appointment with the current Bishop of the Diocese of Maitland to discuss this matter. Later the Bishop sent her parents a letter over this matter. AE cannot remember any other action being taken around the sexual abuse.