

Statement of Jeffrey Lester LITTLE

Special Commission of Inquiry into matters relating to the Police investigation of certain child sexual abuse allegations in the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle

On 7 March 2013, I say:

1. My name is Jeffrey Lester LITTLE and I am a Detective Sergeant currently attached to the Newcastle City Local Area Command (LAC) of the New South Wales Police Force (NSWPF).
2. This statement is prepared by me for the sole purpose of responding to a summons dated 12 February 2013 issued on 13 February 2013 by the Special Commission of Inquiry (established by way of letters patent dated 21 November 2012 and varied by letters patent dated 11 January 2013) for me to produce a statement in relation to a number of defined issues. This statement is produced by me to the Special Commission of Inquiry pursuant to the said issued summons unwillingly and only on the basis that, without exception, section 23(2) of the Special Commissions of Inquiry Act 1983 applies to restrict the use of this statement and the documents referred in it, and attached to it. Pursuant to section 23(2) of the Special Commissions of Inquiry Act 1983 I object to the information contained within this statement, and the attachments to the statement, being used in any criminal, civil or other proceedings or inquiries or investigations of any kind.
3. I commenced training with the NSWPF during April 1990 and was attested in October of 1990 as a police officer. Thereafter, I commenced my duties with the NSWPF carrying out general duties for a period of approximately one year at the Annandale Police Station.
4. After that I was assigned to the Special Operations Group in the Inner West District (Sydney), a covert building located at Camperdown, at which time I was engaged in carrying out investigations into matters such as armed robberies and associated offences, breaking offences, as well as other miscellaneous crime. I was attached to the Special Operations Group for a period of approximately 18 months.

Signed

5. Thereafter, I worked for a short time at Glebe Police Station before being transferred to the Northern Region where I performed general duties at Pymble, Gordon and Hornsby Police Stations. I left Hornsby in 1995 at which time I was transferred to the Newcastle District where I performed general duties at Wallsend Police Station. In 1997 I transferred to the Broken Hill Local Area Command where I performed criminal investigation duties.
6. From the beginning of 1999 I undertook a two year secondment in Melbourne with the Australian Federal Police (AFP). During that time I engaged in duties including being part of a strike team which had a focus on investigating and prosecuting large scale importation of drugs, undercover functions, special projects and overseas peace keeping in East Timor.
7. During early 2001, I returned to the NSWPF where I performed the role of senior investigator with the Special Crime and Internal Affairs branch which was initially headed by Assistant Commissioner Malcolm BRAMMER followed by Assistant Commissioner Andrew SCIPIONE. I worked in that area for approximately two years.
8. During October 2002, I resigned from the NSWPF to again undertake duties with the AFP. I remained with the AFP for a period of approximately five years. During the course of my service with the AFP I was initially engaged in investigations and thereafter took up duties of tactical training, at which time I was a team leader.
9. During the period when I was with the AFP I carried out a number of overseas postings including working in countries such as Cyprus (for a period of 9 months), Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Jordan (where I trained Iraqi police) and the Sudan (for a period of nine months).
10. During October 2007 I returned to the NSWPF. Upon my return, I was appointed to the substantive rank of Senior Constable carrying out general duties. Upon my return I carried out duties in the Lake Macquarie Local Area Command and later I carried out duties at Port Stephens Local Area Command.
11. I commenced working in the capacity as a Detective Sergeant with the NSWPF at the end of 2010 in Newcastle City Local Area Command.

Signed

Strike Force LANTLE

12. On or about 30 December 2010, I met with Detective Chief Inspector Wayne HUMPHREY in his office at WARATAH Police Station. During this meeting, I was appointed to be the Officer in Charge (OIC) of Strike Force LANTLE. I was made aware that prior to my appointment to Strike Force LANTLE, the previous OIC and assisting officers had reported on sick leave and ultimately, they resigned from the NSWPF.
13. Upon my appointment as OIC, it was my understanding that, initially, I was to be the primary member of Strike Force LANTLE. I was also aware other investigators were to be made available from time to time to assist the Strike Force - these being Detective Senior Constable Jason FRENEY and Plain Clothes Senior Constable Troy DOMINISH. However, in terms of the full time carrying out of duties and investigating for the purposes of the Strike Force, I was primarily responsible.
14. At or about the time of my appointment as the OIC of Strike Force LANTLE I was directed by Detective Chief Inspector HUMPHREY not to speak to the media, including Joanne McCarthy from the Newcastle Herald, about the work being undertaken by myself with Strike Force LANTLE and the investigation being conducted.
15. I was advised by Detective Chief Inspector HUMPHREY that if Ms McCarthy wished to be provided with any information relating to the investigation, such a request should be committed to writing by her to the Crime Manager. Due to the sensitive nature of the investigation, I found nothing unusual about such a direction and considered it to be reasonable. In fact, I believe it prudent to protect the integrity of such an investigation and parallel to this, to comply with police media guidelines. It is my view that where a reasonable direction is issued by a senior officer as it relates to a highly protected investigation, extraneous issues could exist, however, it would have been inappropriate for me to question the judgment or direction of a senior police officer in such circumstances.

Signed

Detective Chief Inspector FOX

16. Prior to becoming aware of Strike Force LANTLE, I knew Detective Chief Inspector Peter FOX as the Crime Manager at Port Stephens LAC and I dealt with him in that capacity whilst I was stationed at Port Stephens. From my perspective, I enjoyed a professional working relationship with Detective Chief Inspector FOX. He was always pleasant toward me and I was always respectful to him.
17. I refer to a meeting which was held on 2 December 2010. Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "A" is a copy of the minutes of that meeting. As the record indicates, I was not present at the meeting. I did not become the OIC of Strike Force LANTLE until a point of time after that meeting was held. I was not involved in any briefings, meetings or consultations, in relation to Strike Force LANTLE, with other members of the NSWPF prior to my appointment to the Strike Force by Detective Chief Inspector HUMPHREY.
18. With respect to the summary of the meeting held on 2 December 2010, which is annexed to this statement and marked "A", I became aware of those minutes upon my review of Strike Force LANTLE holdings. In terms of any alleged directions given to Detective Chief Inspector FOX at that meeting, my knowledge of any such direction at the time I took up my duties as the OIC came solely from the contents of that document. I was not a party to any conversation or communication with any police officer regarding any alleged direction given to Detective Chief Inspector FOX while I was the OIC of Strike Force LANTLE.
19. In terms of carrying out my duties as the OIC of Strike Force LANTLE, as far as I was aware, there was no restriction placed upon me that prevented me from seeking to obtain any information from Detective Chief Inspector FOX in relation to any inquiries that I wished to follow him up on.
20. Additionally, I can indicate that as far as I was concerned there were no restrictions or inhibition placed upon me that prevented me from contacting Detective Chief Inspector FOX during my time as OIC, including for the purpose of seeking to obtain any documentation which may have been held by him. There were occasions that I did in fact get in touch with Detective Chief Inspector FOX in order to ascertain whether or not he had any information or documentation which may be of assistance to me with respect to Strike Force LANTLE. Some details relating to this contact are set out later within this statement.

21. Apart from what is contained in Annexure "A" and what is referred to within the body of this statement, I have no knowledge about any direction being given by any police officer to Detective Chief Inspector FOX that he was to cease any investigation being carried out by him. In fact, when I commenced duties with Strike Force LANTLE, I was not aware of whether or not Detective Chief Inspector FOX was carrying out any investigation relating to matters pertinent to Strike Force LANTLE.
22. It was only at a later point of time and more towards the end of the investigation carried out by Strike Force LANTLE that I became aware that Detective Chief Inspector FOX alleged he had been given a direction. I was made aware of this fact as a result of an email sent by Detective Chief Inspector FOX to me. Annexed hereto and marked with a letter "B" is the email sent to me by Detective Chief Inspector FOX on 5 April 2012.
23. By early April 2012 the investigations being carried out by Strike Force LANTLE had been, to my mind at least, substantially completed. Whilst travelling from Newcastle to Sydney with Detective Inspector PARKER on Tuesday, 3 April 2012, I discussed the progress of Strike Force LANTLE with him.
24. For my part, I wanted to ensure I had exhausted all available avenues of the investigation. I also wanted to ensure that any information in the possession of Detective Chief Inspector FOX, whether by way of documentation or otherwise, had been disclosed. Subsequently, telephone contact was made with Detective Chief Inspector FOX by Detective Inspector PARKER and me during our return journey from SYDNEY the following day – 4 April 2012. To enable a three way conversation, this discussion was via loudspeaker. During the course of this discussion we raised with Detective Chief Inspector FOX the subject of whether he had any further information relevant to the Strike Force LANTLE investigation.
25. Annexed hereto and marked with the letter "C" is a seven page document prepared by myself headed "Executive Summary" dated 27 September 2012 (the Executive Summary). The Executive Summary sets out in précis form, some of my dealings with Detective Chief Inspector FOX as it relates to Strike Force LANTLE. In many respects, the document and its contents are self-explanatory. Paragraph 1.4 of this document refers to contact between myself and Detective Chief Inspector FOX during April 2012.

Signed

Requests for information / documentation from Detective Chief Inspector FOX

26. **Annexed hereto and marked with the letter "D"** are copies of the emails which passed between Detective Chief Inspector FOX and me during 2 to 10 April 2012.
27. On 10 April 2012, I forwarded to Detective Chief Inspector FOX a list of questions, in email form, for the purpose of ascertaining from him what further information and documents he may have had at his disposal that could potentially assist the investigation. Included in Annexure "D" is my email to Detective Chief Inspector FOX on Thursday, 10 April 2012.
28. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "E"** is a copy of the email forwarded to me by Detective Chief Inspector FOX in response to my query. The response by Detective Chief Inspector FOX was in colour coded form (red).
29. On 3 May 2012, I sent a further email to Detective Chief Inspector FOX. **Annexed to this statement and marked with the letter "F"** is a copy of that email. I did not get a response to it.
30. I did not discuss with Detective Chief Inspector FOX during my time as OIC of Strike Force LANTLE, in any particular detail, the terms of any alleged direction given TO HIM by any senior police officer. In terms of my communicating with Detective Chief Inspector FOX, I carried out such communication so as to ensure that any information or documentation relevant to Strike Force LANTLE came to be in the possession of the Strike Force and its' contents could be considered. In my dealings with Detective Chief Inspector FOX I did not approach the obtaining of information or communications with him on the basis of any alleged direction. As indicated previously in this statement, I was not made aware of any direction given to him, other than coming across the information contained in Annexure "A" (the meeting of 2 December 2010) whilst I was reviewing the holdings of the Strike Force.

Signed

Conclusion

31. On 22 August 2012, the Strike Force LANTLE investigation was completed when a brief of evidence consisting of 2970 pages with a summary – entitled "Police submission" – consisting of 255 pages prepared by me was delivered to the NSWPF Legal Services Unit. Subsequently, this brief and summary was served on the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions for their assessment as to whether any charges would be preferred against any person. The Office of the DPP is still considering the matter.

Signed

Signature of Jeffrey Lester Little

Date: Thursday, 7 March 2013

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NSW Police
INVESTIGATOR'S NOTE

Investigation: S/F LANTLE
Title of Note: Case Conference in relation to S/F LANTLE

Narrative:

At 12:25pm on Thursday 2 December 2010, a meeting was held at Waratah Police Station in relation to S/F LANTLE. Officers present were:

- Supt. MITCHELL
- Supt. HAGGETT
- DCI TAYLER
- D.I. FOX
- Det. Sgt. STEEL
- Det. Sen. Con. FRENEY
- Det. Sen. Sgt. QUINN

Detective Inspector PARKER (Northern Region) arrived midway through the meeting.

Superintendent MITCHELL outlined that Newcastle City LAC has carriage of investigations relating to AK, AL and GOGERTY. This was at the direction of the Region Commander. Mr MITCHELL identified that the investigations presented a high level of risk to the organization and needed to be managed well. He acknowledged that Detective Inspector FOX had a strong background in relation to the nature of the complaints, and that for the investigation team to perform their function, it was essential that he disclose all relevant information to the team.

Inspector FOX indicated that he had compiled all relevant documents held by him, but had mistakenly left them behind. He indicated that he had no problem disclosing information held by him to the investigation team. He indicated that he would make arrangements for the documents to be presented to the investigation team. He indicated that the information available would indicate that the clergy abuse/cover up is widespread and that there is a need for a broad ranging task force to be established to investigate it. He indicated that he had recently documented this in a report to the Region Commander.

Signed

THIS IS THE ANNEXURE MARKED "A"
ANNEXED TO STATEMENT OF Jeffrey Little
SIGNED THIS 11th DAY OF MARCH 2013

Investigation Note

In order to control confidentiality in relation to the investigation, Supt. MITCHELL indicated that nobody was to speak to the media (including Joanne MCCARTHY) without his knowledge. Mr MITCHELL indicated that in the event police are contacted by MCCARTHY, he was to be advised.

Inspector FOX indicated that in addition to his knowledge of the AK and AL cases, he had interviewed another lady named AJ. FOX indicated that AJ had only wanted to deal with him. She is a victim and a witness and has information dating back to the 1980s about offending behaviour by high ranking members of the Catholic Church including Redacted HART, CLARKE and LUCAS. He indicated that she was from an Inter sanctum of the Church and had been privy to a lot of conversations. She is born in 1951 and was ten when offences occurred against her. He indicated that she was very fragile.

Inspector FOX also indicated he had a statement from a Mike STILLWELL who was a teacher at Meriva.

Inspector FOX indicated that he had begun obtaining a statement from AK who resides in Queensland. He indicated that a loose arrangement had been made to complete that statement when AK returned to the Newcastle area over the Christmas break.

Inspector FOX indicated that he had interviewed Leo CLARKE after his retirement, primarily in relation to his investigations concerning FLETCHER and RYAN. He did however speak with CLARKE about MCALINDEN. He believes that CLARKE deliberately lied to him when CLARKE advised him that he knew of no other incidents involving MCALINDEN.

Inspector FOX indicated that he had come into the investigations on and off over the years. He indicated that in 2004 he submitted two reports to SCC calling for a far reaching investigation of the incident. He had also submitted a number of information reports. He indicated that he had informants in the form of a former priest and sister. He indicated that he had no doubts that there was collusion in the Church.

Det. Insp. PARKER arrived at this stage of the meeting.

Insp. FOX indicated that due to the scale of the investigation it was imperative that a task force was established.

Signed



Supt. MITCHEL indicated that there was a need for LAC investigators to collate available information at this stage in order to allow further assessments to be made.

Insp. PARKER indicated that the Region Commander's firm view that the file was to remain with the LAC. It was a matter for the LAC to collate the information and present that to S.C.C. If that was appropriate. Insp. PARKER indicated that if the information gathered went beyond the Terms of Reference, the L.A.C. would need to identify why.

Insp. FOX outlined that the information given by AS discloses other witnesses and potential witnesses. He reiterated his earlier view that a task force needs to be pursued.

The meeting was concluded at this point and Supt. HAGGETT and Insp. FOX departed.

Inspector TOWNSEND arrived at this time and was briefed by Sgt. STEEL. Present for this briefing were:

- Supt. MITCHELL
- DCI TAYLER
- Insp. PARKER
- Insp. TOWNSEND
- Det. Sgt. STEEL
- Det. Sen. Const. FRENEY
- Det. Sen. Sgt. QUINN

Det. Sgt. STEEL indicated that she had spoken with Helen KEEVERS earlier that morning. KEEVERS was the Manager of Zimmerman House for 30 years. She indicated that she had a high level of knowledge about MCALINDEN'S offending and other priests and violms. She indicated that she has seen numerous critical documents outlining such conduct.

She indicated that the most crucial documentation had been forwarded by Zimmerman House to the Catholic Church's Insurance body. She made reference to a document authored by Monsignor GOTTER where he indicated that it was fortunate that MCALINDEN'S offending was on children and not adults and females. She also indicated that MCALINDEN had engaged in a course of conduct regularly used by Catholic Priests where children were taken swimming in deep water so that they would need to hold onto the priest for assistance.

Signed

Investigator's Note

STEEL outlined the 'Encompass' program that was set up by Archbishop PELL to treat priests who have problems (primarily child abuse). The program maintained files outlining the problem behaviours and identified treatment plans. KEEVERS indicated that PELL had closed the program down without notice. She indicated that the files relating to the program had been moved by a man known to her for storage.

STEEL indicated that senior clergy moved MCALINDEN to P.N.G. for a period after his offending behaviour was discovered.

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Other Senior Clergy (BURSTON/HART and LUCAS) were involved in cover ups.

KEEVERS told STEEL that police would only get one chance at a search warrant because she is certain that Church members would destroy documents.

Supt. MITCHELL indicated that the issue for the L.A.C. is the scope of the investigation. Inspector TOWNSEND agreed that the scope of the investigation had greatly broadened since it was first allocated to the L.A.C. It was agreed that the following would occur:

1. Inspector PARKER would contact Insp. JACOBS of S.C.C. to invite an Investigator(s) from Sex Crimes to attend a debrief to be held with KEEVERS.
2. Det. Sgt. STEEL to conduct the debrief in the week commencing 8 December 2010.
3. Det. Sgt. STEEL to collate all information available to date after the debrief and formulate a summary document to be forwarded to S.C.C. for their consideration as to whether or not the investigation would fit their charter.

Meeting Concluded 1.15pm

Signed



Prepared By:	Detachable Senior Sergeant Justin Patrick Quinn
Registered No:	26028
Date:	3/12/2010

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didn't act upon?

13. You mention, "I don't have any more documents off the top of my head ... Diary entries I'd have to check, but mostly it is in my head."

13.1. If you would, please let me know the outcome of checking your diary entries including book and page numbers for any relevant entries. Is it possible this could be done with some priority?

Thanks for your assistance Pete. I look forward to your response email.

Signed

Kindest regards,

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Date: 05/04/2012 14:01
Subject: Re: Fw: Church Inquiry

Graeme

Without knowing where your matters have gone it's hard to say what else can be done. There are lots of important bits I have collected over the years, most of it in my head. Where would I start? For instance:

Before Malone retired he commented there was a paedophile network of priests in the Newcastle/Maitland Diocese. Nice to know what he knew & meant by that. That was clearly evident back in the late 80's as I mentioned in reports I sent to SCC in 2003-4 & the Intell reports from back then. FLETCHER used to have gatherings at Muswellbrook of a little group that included: NP. HARRIGAN, BURSTON, SAUNDERS & RYAN,

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That collection is incredible considering their crimes or involvement in concealing. I personally had dealings with all of them.

I spoke to Vince RYAN who would be well worth interviewing. He has been tucked away by the Catholic Church since his release. Troy GRANT who locked him up has some really interesting stories too.

There is a lot of info on past priests (now deceased) that the church knew were paedophiles that were never charged, but victims in the Hunter paid compensation. That was mostly in the time of Leo CLARK & his predecessor but some residue was handed over to MALONE. I don't know if anyone approached him before he left as I remember at some stage him stating publically he was prepared to hand 'everything over' to police if asked. There are a lot more victims of MoALINDEN that can be tracked down. I would suggest in excess of 10.

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I could go on but it is really something that needs a major investigation beyond a LAC as it expands.

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I doubt you will be allowed to pursue all that because of the scale. That's why I did the reports to SCC 8 years back.

I don't have any more documents off the top of my head - I was directed by Max to surrender it all - which I did. (The reasons for which I am still at a loss) Diary entries I'd have to check, but mostly it is in my head. The Fletcher & MoALINDEN matters should be filed at Maitland, there may be some documents there worth looking at, in particular the stuff we seized on

warrants from the diocese office. There was also material filed at the court from the trial.

Before finishing can I just say LUCAS is really a linchpin with his previous OS, Vatican connection, training & being a qualified lawyer. He's been involved in the background of so many over the years, as set out by AK, AL & AS. He is the church's 'Mr Fix-It' travelling all over the country. You should jump on the net and have a read of his evidence during the Wood Royal Commission in the middle of the Hunter matters, it makes interesting reading.

Graeme I could go on but so would any investigation, not that I am saying it shouldn't. As with Kristy's inquiries, I still have contact with a lot of families & people with extensive connections in the church & am only too willing to assist with any aspect you might want to pursue.

Peter Fox
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Graeme Parker---05/04/2012 12:04:57---Pete I know we spoke on the phone yesterday, but I've only just read the report you sent through the

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Pete

I know we spoke on the phone yesterday, but I've only just read the report you sent through the other day, and I just want to make sure that there's definitively no other statements, reports, diary entries or file notes etc that relates to either McAllinden or any concealment of offences relating to Fletcher AS, AL, AK, or Gogerty. Our investigation is just about to finally and I just want to ensure we haven't missed anything.

Thanks mate

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Graeme

Signed

G. Parker | Detective Inspector | Crime Manager Investigations | Newcastle City



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Date: 02/04/2012 13:05
Subject: Re: Church Inquiry

Hi Pete,

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However, Graeme mentioned you interviewed CLARK???

Cheers: Jeff

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Date: 04/02/2012 12:25
Subject: Church Inquiry

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Copy that. Thanks Pete.

Cheers: Jeff

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That's the only part involving Clark. I spoke to him after he retired.

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Hi Pete,

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Thanks for your email. This has been a complex and protracted investigation and to ensure completeness in this regard, I just need to clarify some points raised in your email. To ensure all points are properly and thoroughly clarified, and not lost in translation, I believe email is the best option. You mention, "There are lots of important bits I have collected over the years, most of it in my head." In the event of any legal proceedings, I'm sure you'll appreciate my determination to properly get to the bottom of this matter. So, just to clarify:

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Pete

I know we spoke on the phone yesterday, but I've only just read the report you sent through the other day, and I just want to make sure that there's definitively no other statements, reports, diary entries or file notes etc that relates to either McAlinden or any concealment of offences relating to Fletcher: *AS, AL, AK*, or Gogerty. Our investigation is just about to finally and I just want to ensure we haven't missed anything.

Thanks mate

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Graeme

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Hi Pete,

Yes, I have that report dated 25/11/10 and am aware of that passage.
However, Graeme mentioned you interviewed CLARK???

Cheers: Jeff

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Gents here is a copy of the report I sent to region in December 2010. Para 4 on page 2 is the Leo Clark aspect I spoke to Graham about this morning. I am surprised they didn't forward my report to you but have a read and let me know if anything else may assist.

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I was advised this comment was made by MALONE to a number of persons including BS, BS has relayed the comment to a number of other persons. I didn't think it was that big a surprise considering what MALONE said about 'Inheriting a Poison Chalice' in the media and not being told by Leo CLARKE of the extent of allegations within the Newcastle-Maitland Diocese when he took over the Bishop's role in the mid 90's. I think anyone looking at the Newcastle-Maitland Diocese in the past 15 years would have come up with the same conclusion as I did considering the number of priests charged. MALONE of course may have more to base his comment on. CLARK's involvement with AS, AK & AL are good examples which is also corroborated when CLARK lied to Ann JOY and myself.

1.2. With such a serious allegation, what supportive statement or evidence did you obtain from him?

I was directed by Superintendent MITCHELL 18 months ago to cease any investigation. I was directed not to speak with Joanne Macarthur and surrender all statements and documentation. Mr GRALTON has indicated those directions are still enforced and ongoing.

I had investigated McALINDEN over a number of years from the start, interviewing victims & witnesses, some of whom are now deceased. I had experience with similar investigations. Despite all this I have never been given any clear reason for the directions other than it is highly protected? Nevertheless I have adhered to the directions. I made it clear to Mr MITCHELL that I had a wealth of information but was never approached or permitted to take matters like this further.

2. You mention, "There is a lot of info on past priests (now deceased) that the church knew were paedophiles that were never charged, but victims in the Hunter paid compensation."

2.1. From where does this information come?

That comes from a lot of sources over the years. I cannot now specifically recall them all but they would include people you have spoken to like BI and Helen KEEVERS. I would imagine Joanne McARTHUR would assist if you want to pursue that. I spoke to someone who has close friends/victims that disclosed to this person some incidents involving Redacted & Redacted. I have asked this person if they will speak to you but they declined - sorry I did try.

2.2. What specific priests are you referring to?
Where do we start?

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Denis McALINDEN of course with many victims. (He also abused in Western Australia by the way)

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2.3. Did you take any action regarding same?

As per 1.2 I would love to investigate these matters further if allowed. I am keen & I know of a lot of persons prepared to talk with me. I am pretty confident that charges can be identified.

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To date I haven't charged any of them. BURSTON & SAUNDERS went with MALONE when all three met with FLETCHER, not only forewarning FLETCHER that he was under investigation by NSW Police but also disclosed to him which of his victim's had complained. This allowed FLETCHER to dispose of images and other material in his possession before police could execute a search warrant. HARRIGAN later admitted taking possession of homosexual pornographic material and videos from FLETCHER.

Redacted

HARRIGAN

admitted to me they were homosexual

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He had destroyed them all by the time I spoke to him, claiming they were his property. He was drunk off his face when he spoke to me and never tried to hide the bottle of vodka.

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What I was saying here is that these gatherings were highly suspicious and further investigation may turn something up. FLETCHER and RYAN are now convicted paedophiles, Redacted

Redacted

When I got statements from SAUNDERS and BURSTON they had an incredible lapse of memory that was identical in respect to the same conversations with FLETCHER about the allegations. There is no doubt in my mind these two and a third held a 'scrum down' before coming in to see me with identical memory lapses.

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Redacted She has called witnesses in my FLETCHER matter to give evidence in NP ; The same names are cropping up continually with priests charged and those supporting them – Does our hierarchy just put that down to coincidence? I have successfully investigated and prosecuted similar matters, set precedent law to such a degree the ODPP has requested police with similar matters elsewhere in the state to contact me to assist in putting their briefs together, which I have been happy to do. I don't want to sound big-noting but I do have some experience which you appear to know from the amount of questions you have asked. I am still at a loss why this was directed out of my hands in the first place and not returned after the 3 police given it (TAYLOR, QUINN & STEELE) left the job in quick succession.

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Hi Pete,

Thanks for response to most of my inquiries. I was hoping to clarify a couple of issues, however, I have been in a three week trial which is now reaching its final stages.

In relation to your response to 3.1:

"I did prepare a brief against Bishop MALONE and spoke to the ODPP but we decided against charging him on the basis of keeping him & others on-side to give evidence against FLETCHER."

If possible, I would very much like to peruse the brief you mention if you be so kind as to provide me with;

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Thanks for you assistance Pete. I look forward to your response email.

Kindest regards,

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