

SPECIAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
INTO MATTERS RELATING TO THE POLICE INVESTIGATION OF
CERTAIN CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ALLEGATIONS IN THE CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF MAITLAND-NEWCASTLE

Private Hearing of Mr Raymond William Hanley

At Justice Access Centre
Suite 2, Level 1, 84 Nelson Street,
Wallsend, New South Wales

On Tuesday, 26 February 2013 at 2.25pm

Before Commissioner: Ms Margaret Cunneen SC

Counsel Assisting: Ms Julia Lonergan SC
Mr David Kell
Mr Warwick Hunt

Also present: Ms Emma Sullivan

1 THE COMMISSIONER: I will make some remarks for the
2 record. This is a hearing being held today, 26 February
3 2013, of the Special Commission of Inquiry into matters
4 relating to the Police investigation of certain child
5 sexual allegations in the Catholic Diocese of
6 Maitland-Newcastle.
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8 Present at the hearing is the witness, Mr Raymond
9 Hanley, my counsel assisting, and Ms Emma Sullivan of the
10 Crown Solicitor's Office.
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12 Pursuant to section 7(2) of the Special Commissions of
13 Inquiry Act 1983, I am satisfied that it is desirable to
14 hold the hearing of the evidence of Mr Hanley in private by
15 reason of the confidential nature of the evidence and to
16 facilitate the continuing investigations being undertaken
17 by this Commission prior to any public hearings and
18 I direct that the hearing today take place in private.
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20 Pursuant to section 7(3) of the Act, I direct that the
21 following persons may be present at the hearing: my
22 counsel assisting; Ms Sullivan; Mr Hanley; and the
23 transcription reporters from Merrill Corporation who have
24 been engaged by the inquiry.
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26 At the conclusion of this limited hearing today,
27 I also intend to make a further direction pursuant to
28 section 8 preventing the publication of the evidence given
29 before me today by Mr Hanley.
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31 <RAYMOND WILLIAM HANLEY, sworn:
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- 37 Q. Then from 1986 to 2005 you worked in the Catholic
38 Education Office?
39 A. And the Catholic Schools Office - the name changed.
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41 Q. And that's the same entity?
42 A. Yes.
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44 Q. Initially it was called the Catholic Education Office,
45 is that correct?
46 A. Yes.
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1 Q. CEO?
2 A. Yes.
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4 Q. And at some point in time, it changed to Catholic
5 Schools Office or CSO?
6 A. Correct.
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8 Q. Do you know approximately when that was?
9 A. No, I really couldn't say with any certainty.
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11 Q. Within that time period, you essentially held one
12 position; is that correct?
13 A. Yes, that's true.
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15 Q. Which was a supervisor --
16 A. Supervisor of schools (staffing), which became schools
17 and industrial relations - sorry, education and industrial
18 relations consultant.
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