

Mr Justice Peter McLelland QC

Chairperson

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses Ob Child Sexual Abuse Whilst In
Care

Your Honour,

"Submission Paper into the Criminal Justice System."

{NB: Address is Not For Publication.}

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On May 16th 2013 I had a private hearing before two of the Commissioners.

On October 30th 2013 I made a formal statement to NSW police in which I stated

that I had been sexual abused at the Woodlands Home for Boys, Wallsend NSW, between February 1965 and August 1966. I named Donald Victor GREENAWAY as my abuser.

On December 3rd 2013 Police officers from Task Force Reynoldson, Newcastle, NSW Police, arrested Greenaway at his home in the Maitland suburb of Thorton.

On August 5th 2016 in the NSW District Court Newcastle, before Mr Justice Roy Ellis I read my victim impact statement. As I left the witness stand His Honour said "Mr Lyttle, That was a very brave thing you just did."

On 10th August 2016 at the same court Mr Justice Ellis sentenced Greenaway to a maximum term of imprisonment for 21 years with a Non Parole Period of 15 years and 9 months, both sentences to date from 3rd December 2013.

The sentences were in relation to Greenaway entering pleas of guilty on 60 or more offenses involving boys at Woodlands, Belmont North NSW, Hamilton NSW, Gloucester NSW, Merewether NSW and Queanbeyan NSW being a total of 20 boys plus offenses of Possess Child Pornography.

Outside the court room I thanked the DPP staff and as I shook the hand of Detective Sergeant Kelvin Wink{OIC Task force Reynoldson who arrested GREENAWAY} I said "Thank you" to which Kelvin replied "No. Thank you for starting the ball rolling."

NB: Greenaway has lodged a Notice of Intention to Appeal but at this point in time there is no confirmation that he has appealed the severity of sentence.

Before submitting my paper I would like to briefly bring to the Commissioners' attention my experience of being housed with Child Sex Offenders which I hope will indicate why I am submitting this paper.

Between 2001 and 2004 I was incarcerated at the NSW Kirkconnell Correctional Centre. I was housed in Unit 1 which was used to house older inmates who may require urgent medical treatment as the unit was closest to the Correctional Officers' office.

The majority of these inmates housed in Unit 1 were child sex offenders, of which I have no such convictions.

At that point in time, July/August 2001, NSW Corrective Services was unaware that I was a victim of child sexual abuse. It was not until 2002 that I revealed the abuse.

Whilst housed in Unit 1 I would quite often hear the child sex offenders discussing matters such as the different offenses and sentences in other States, tell your parole officer, psychologist etc "what they want to hear you say."

Corrective Services NSW had a programme known as The Cubic Program which all sex offenders serving a sentence of 2 years or more were required to undertake. The program was conducted at Long Bay Correctional Centre and lasted for 8 months. I recall that when the first 4 offenders {that I was aware of} who participated in the program returned to Kirkconnell, they sat with other child sex offenders and discussed the "ins and outs" of the program and again it was the case of "Just tell them what they want to hear."

I soon found that Child Sexual Abuse Offenders were obnoxious, arrogant, non-sympathic, non-remorseful for their crimes and a Protected Species within the Correctional Centres of NSW.

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TO CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE WHILST IN CARE.

Since my first contact with the Police, Prosecution, NSW Director of Public Prosecution and the sentencing Judge in the matters dealing with myself and Greenaway I was kept informed on a regular basis as to Greenaway's arrest, court appearances and sentencing. I was informed as to my rights, victim recognition payment, Counselling and victim's impact statement.

I cannot fault the way in which I was treated by ALL persons {not including Greenaway or his defense team} involved in the arrest, court proceedings and

sentencing of Greenaway.

The Author submits the following:

We cannot cure a predatory child sex offender, however, we can stop him/her. We must put in place very very strong measures of deterrents and the only way to do that is to impose very lengthy terms of imprisonment that are statute across Australia.

A: That all offenses in relation to Child Sexual Abuse including offenses concerning Child Pornography become Offenses under Australian Federal Law and that State/Territory Laws for these offenses are abolished thus ensuring that all such offenses carry the same mandatory sentences across Australia

B: That all Child Sexual Abuse Offenses including Child Pornography carry mandatory sentences under Federal Laws.

C: That all sentencing to be imposed by a District Court or an equivalent Court and NOT the Lower court.

D: That where it is proven in a Court of Law, a person of the legal adult age or older, eg 18 years of age, aided and abetted an offender to commit an act of Child Sexual Abuse, including but not limited to, produce, possess and/or distribute Child Pornography, that that offender be sentenced with an actual sentence that is imposed upon the first offender.

E: That where it is proven in a Court of Law a person over the adult age or above, eg 18 years of age, has been approached by a Child under 16 years of age and the child has reported to that adult that the child is being/or has been sexual abused and that the adult person covers up the offense/s that the person is then dealt with as offenders listed in D above.

F: Where there are more than one offender against a victim, all offenders should be dealt with in the same court at the same time. This ensures that a child victim does not have to go through the court process over and over. The child has

suffered as a result of the abuse and should not be made to suffer more by having to give evidence against multiple offenders separately.

G: Where an offender is before the courts for the third time on Child Sexual Abuse offenses and having already been convicted on two previous separate offenses of Child Sexual Abuse it should mean "three strikes and you are in" "in" meaning in prison for LIFE regardless of the offender's age or health.

H: Where an offender is being dealt with by a Court of Law and the matter is being dealt with by a Jury or Judge only Trial, and the offender has previous convictions then those convictions should be made known to the Jury and/or Judge. {NB: NSW has an act of Law known as Similar Act Evidence which does allow the Prosecution to enter previous convictions of a similar nature into evidence.} Such evidence is used to show the court that the offender has a precedence to committing the type of offenses that are being dealt with by the court.

I: {NSW legislated that where an offender has penetrated a child under the age of 10 years that offense carries a maximum term of imprisonment of LIFE.} The author believes that the sentence for this offense should be a mandatory sentence of Life in prison without the chance of parole.

J: That in all Police Local Area Commands a minimum of 6 police officers, 3 male and 3 female officers, be specifically trained in dealing with victims of Child Sexual Abuse and that these officers handle the taking of statements from victims, however, other police officers may be involved with other areas of the investigation.

K: All persons applying for WORK WITH CHILDREN CERTIFICATES must undergo a NATIONAL POLICE CHECK. Where a person applying for this previous mentioned certificate has immigrated from another country then a Police check must be obtained from the other country.

L: That under no circumstances should a convicted Child Sex Offender be permitted to change their name under which they have been convicted. Where an offender has used an alias then that alias name should be recorded on their

criminal record along with birth certificate name and any other names that they have been known to use.

M: Under no circumstances should a convicted Child Sex Offender be permitted to move from the Australian State or Territory in which they were convicted.

N: Where a FOREIGN NATIONAL is convicted in Australia on any Child Sex Abuse offense, including but not limited to, Produce, Possess and/or Distribute Child Pornography that the said offender be deported back to their country of origin at the completion of the sentence except in the case where the sentence imposed was for Life in prison.

The author is not a person of professional standing and has submitted the above as a victim of Child Sexual Abuse whilst in Care and as a person who had been forced to "live" amongst convicted Child Sex Offenders.

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Child sexual abuse victim 1955-1966, UPA run Woodlands Home for Boys, Wallsend NSW.

