



Diocese of Broken Bay

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STATEMENT FROM THE DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

The first story aired on Monday night's ABC 7.30 Report (12 July 2010) was a devastating insight into the pain suffered by victims of alleged abuse.

The Diocese of Broken Bay was indirectly advised late last week that further allegations against Fr Finian Egan were soon to be made public. When this information came through, the Diocese immediately notified Police.

We sincerely welcome that, according to the 7.30 Report, this information has also been taken to Police by the alleged victims. This is the appropriate course of action.

It cannot be stressed strongly enough that victims of alleged abuse must come forward in some way. Their voices should not remain silent - and their pain should not be carried alone.

Abuse is a crime that cannot be tolerated. The Diocese of Broken Bay encourages anyone who needs assistance with any matters related to abuse to contact either the Police, the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Church 1300 369 977, or the Diocese of Broken Bay 02 9847 0000.

Yours in Christ

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