

DRAFT NOTES

When the allegations were first made, the Council was determined to ensure that children and parents affected by this abuse had recourse to positive healing.

To this end the City Council is paying the counselling costs for parents. The Council is also paying the excess charges on the childrens' ACC claims, babysitting costs for parents attending support groups, the salary of the full time social worker to work with parents and some incidental costs incurred by families as a result of this tragedy.

The Council has commissioned an independent review of management practices at its four child care centres. This is being conducted by Rosemary Smart, the Director of the Campbell Counselling Centre.

Already the Council has set in place new employment practices, a clearer complaints procedure for parents and staff, and reviewed staff practices. Staff have also been through training sessions on sexual abuse.

The City Council acknowledges that it is in the best interest of its future community that all persons, children, parents, extended family be given the means and the opportunity for healing.