

down until he had forced me to telephone my brother's wife and terminate all contact with her and my brother.

16. In June of 1997 Tracey married. The Petitioner did not have the same attitude to her marriage as he had exhibited in 1993 when Fleur had married. He had always seemed to have more control over Tracey, than Fleur. However in March of 1997 the Petitioner accused Tracey's husband Jimmy of sexually assaulting our son James. I could not believe that Jimmy would have done such a thing, and eventually it transpired that the allegation was completely false. However the Petitioner had forced James to confirm the allegation originally and it created a rift in the family and substantial distress to James, Tracey, Jimmy and me. Afterwards, the Petitioner seemed to treat the whole episode as a joke.
17. In January 1997, Tracey and her husband Mark had a baby daughter. From almost that day, they stopped coming to the house. I was upset and did not understand why they appeared to be unwilling to let me or the Petitioner see our grandchild. I simply was unable to understand my daughter's attitude.
18. On Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> January 1999 at approximately 1.00pm my daughters told me that my husband had been sexually abusing them while they had been children. I was in a complete state of turmoil, could not think clearly, but tried to act as normally as possible. I felt sick and terrified. I went to bed as normal that night, and when the Petitioner joined me, I had to get out of bed immediately because I could not bear to be near him. I sat in the lounge all night in a state of panic. The Petitioner's attitude was peculiar. He had previously complained if I had been out of his sight for more than a few minutes without him knowing why, or where I was. He was incredibly possessive. However on this occasion he made no comment at all.