

### Through My Eyes

*In the beginning, as innocent and inexperienced as I was, I had great faith in the justice system. Even today, despite the hard lessons I have had, I still hold on to a desperate hope that "things will work out alright in the end". With the tireless, overwhelmingly dedicated work put in by Joe, Colin and my many friends, this hope may yet be realised, but as I have come to learn, hope is a luxury.*

*I find myself so often wishing fervently for a voice with which to cry out my frustration, anger, pain and anguish, that a system purporting to protect me could be so blind and so deaf to reason. It also seems to me to be frustratingly hypocritical that the defence team is required to be logical in its arguments and must be extremely thorough, yet every answer received from our submissions and appeals has been vague, indefinite and conveniently inaccurate to support the Crown case. All of this has left me time and time again, sitting and stewing in my frustration and loss.*

*It is very disheartening to know that since June 20 1994, every word I have uttered, every expression I have shown (or not shown!) and every action I have taken, has been weighed, judged and twisted to suit the viewers' predispositions. To find a "life" amongst all of this is nearly impossible – but as I have found, it can be done.*

*I would like answers, peace, freedom and an end to the pain, but through the many hard knocks I have endured has come a bitter lesson that has provided me with the fortitude to keep going no matter what. I expect nothing, limit my hope to small inconsequential things and live only for the moment. I find this state of limbo depressing and often hard to live with, but it is eminently easier than being constantly crushed by shattered dreams, destroyed plans, broken promises and betrayals, by all I once held dear.*

*Friends, do not be dismayed. I know as much is being done as can possibly be done and I am overwhelmed daily by the love, thoughtfulness and dedication given to my cause. I often marvel that I am the focus of all this! As I said while awaiting my sentencing six years ago, in the bowels of the Dunedin Court, "I don't care if it takes 20 years or more, I shall prove my innocence". Take heart, it will be proven – one way or another.*

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