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Minister of Justice Should Demand Kahui Inquest

Family First NZ is calling on the Minister of Justice to demand that the chief coroner ensure that the Kahui inquest happens as soon as possible.

“The twins were murdered in 2006 and we are still waiting on both justice to be delivered and now the inquest to happen,” says Bob McCoskrie, National Director of Family First NZ.

“The police acknowledge that the closing of ranks by the families and the ‘right to silence’ and refusal to be interviewed has stonewalled the investigation. The Kahui family has been referred to as the ‘tight 12’. Yet we now have two victims of child abuse screaming for justice and nobody held to account.”

“This should not be allowed to be swept under the carpet because of administrative delays or the scale of the inquest. NZ’ers want answers to this case – who killed the twins, why did the prosecution fail, and what were the contributing factors to these murders that need to be tackled to avoid similar cases in the future.”

Family First NZ has also been calling for laws surrounding the right to silence for families suspected of child abuse to be dumped.

“The right to silence afforded to family members who may have witnessed child abuse should also be removed,” says Mr McCoskrie.

“The rights of victims to justice and the urgent need for offenders to be held accountable far outweighs the right to silence and other privileges that families may seek to use to mask their guilt or involvement,” says Mr McCoskrie.

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