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Dear Sir,

We are parents of members of the Foundation For Humanity's Adulthood.

We have recently read a transcript of a radio interview with Rev. Dr David Millikan conducted by Jackie Bowmer of the ABC's Armidale office. Dr Millikan expressed his views about the FHA and about the character of its founder Mr Jeremy Griffith.

As concerned parents, we have made it our business to find out about the beliefs and methods of this organisation and to meet the people involved. We have been made welcome at open days held in Sydney, Brisbane and Armidale and have access to newsletters and any other information we have asked for. Mr Griffith has at all times been open and frank.

During university vacations, members often go bushwalking in wilderness areas. This enables a sharing of ideas and an opportunity to participate in a healthy outdoor activity. Parents are welcome.

We feel we know quite a deal about the organisation, its directors and its members, what they believe and what they are trying to achieve.

We are all very comfortable with our children's involvement with the FHA and the only changes we have seen are positive ones. Our children have been encouraged to continue their studies and to join in all their usual social activities.

We have not read or heard anything that leads us to believe there is a focus on a particular person. Dr Millikan's claim that Jeremy Griffith "... considers himself to be a greater figure than Jesus Christ ..." is wrong. Such a claim by Mr Griffith would be very offensive to us and we would be aware of any such claim if it existed. It does not.

While Mr Griffith believes that he has answered the riddle of the human condition, he is not seeking to have people follow him. He is asking them to study the understandings developed in his books.

The understandings are scientifically based and are a rational explanation of the human condition. They are not a set of beliefs that require faith to believe. The FHA focuses on the understandings not on the person.

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We believe Dr Millikan has got it wrong. His religious training and beliefs make the ideas expressed by the Foundation very difficult for him to accept.

We do not suggest he has to agree with them but we believe he has a duty to report them truthfully and in a balanced manner.

In the radio interview, Dr Millikan claims that "... he (Jeremy Griffith) is surrounded by parents and families who are really quite distressed." We are writing to tell you that there are many more parents who are either supportive or tolerant.

If the views expressed by Dr Millikan in the radio program are an indication of what the Four Corners program is about then we strongly object to this mish-mash of half truths and prejudices being put forward as serious investigative journalism. It is an affront to the proud history of the ABC and a slur on the directors and members of the FHA.

We ask you to look at the program and satisfy yourself of its truthfulness and balance.

Yours sincerely,
Parents of members of the FHA.