

## **Kristy Fraser-Kirk Media Statement - Monday 2 August 2010**

I wish to say a few words in an effort that I may get some time away from the demands of the media. Also, I hope you understand that as I have now commenced legal proceedings, I am not presently in a position to take questions.

This has been a devastating period in my life, for me personally, for my professional career and for the effect this is having on my family and my friends... all of who have supported me and continue to support me with their unwavering love, commitment and belief in what I am doing.

I'm a young woman standing here today simply because I said it wasn't OK, because I said that this should never happen to me, or to anyone.

I just wanted to be treated with respect.

I had high hopes for my career at David Jones and I believed I could have gone far if my career had been able to continue.

By speaking out I have been forced to walk away from a career that I gave my all to, an industry that I respect and a company that I believed in.

Put simply, my whole life has now been turned upside down.

I have tried my best to have this matter resolved fairly and with justice, but that appears not to be possible at the moment, which is extremely upsetting for my family and me.

I have received great strength from the courage of other women.

That courage has shown to me that this issue goes greatly beyond my situation.

It has been reported that David Jones has set up an 1800 phone number for women at David Jones to report inappropriate behaviour at the company.

As I said, this is not just about me, so I would like to announce we also will be setting up a confidential phone line for women at David Jones who may feel more comfortable speaking with us.

Can I also stress that if the court does decide to award punitive damages, all of that money will go to a charity to help those affected by sexual misconduct at work.

Finally, I want to thank my Mum and Dad. I know it's not easy watching a daughter go through this but it is because of your teachings and values that have afforded me the strength and courage to try my best to see that real change takes place.

Thank you.

### **MEDIA INQUIRIES:**

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The Kristy Fraser-Kirk Confidential Hotline for David Jones employees is now operational. Any David Jones employees, past or present, who wish to discuss inappropriate behaviour at David Jones and who feel more comfortable speaking with us please call:

**Local call number: 1300 442 009**