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**To:** 'Brian Benari'  
**Subject:** An update from the Butlers

**Importance:** High

Hi Brian

Just thought I would drop you a short note. Where did this whole thing go wrong? How did it end up like this? It's become my worst nightmare. I am not sending you a sobby email I just thought I would let you know what all of this to doing to our family.

Firstly, our home will have to go on the market soon. I just can't believe that everything we did has gone into the company and now it is all gone. We really don't know where we are going to live. The girls school have been contacting us quite regularly to find out when we can pay our school fees. Cassandra has only one year left at school and Danielle has three. The last I would want for them is to have to change schools. But money talks and when you have absolutely nothing it means life has to change dramatically.

I have been working as much as I can to just get us through week by week. In fact all of the girls work now. Natalie has finished her uni course and has a terrific job with the local council doing what she studied for, Marketing. Emma has two jobs at the moment one for a drive through coffee place and the other with an architect. She has just completed her second year at uni. Cassandra is working at Kmart and Danielle is now working for McDonalds. Thank god they are all working as there isn't any spare cash to give to the younger two for them to go out with their friends.

I just can't believe that Sean and I are both in our fifties now and have to start all over again. I really thought our business had set us and the girls up for life. How quickly things can go totally out of control. Can't we as sensible adults work this all out, without having banks, receivers, lawyers involved. It's all just a waste of money. We have had the carpet pulled out from under our feet. This is our livelihood not just an investment gone wrong. Sean lives and breathes Butler Constructions and now it's gone. I have been with Sean for 23 years now and we have gone through thick and thin to get us where we were and for what **THIS**. Unbelievable.

Well anyway I hope you and your family have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Margherita

Ps Sean has no idea that I have sent you this email  
I will tell him once you have received it