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Press Release

Most Reverend Michael Kennedy – Bishop of Armidale

Re: Four Corners Report on ‘Father F’

In my earlier statement of 4th July 2012 I indicated that the Diocese of Armidale is in the process of appointing an independent expert to review all available records relating to ‘Father F’ and to report back to me. This appointment is not yet finalised but I hope to make a further announcement next week.

In regard to Monsignor Peters’ letter dated 11th September 1992 containing a written report of the 3rd September 1992 meeting with ‘Father F’, I wish to clarify the following points:

1. Monsignor Peters was acting under the instruction of his bishop.
2. Monsignor Peters wrote an honest account of his recollections of the meeting. *see report*
3. As a result of Monsignor Peters’ report ‘Father F’ was never again authorised to perform any priestly duties and in due course was removed from the priesthood. ?
4. The brief for the independent review will include a clarification of any legal obligations which may have arisen from the meeting and subsequent letter.

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I take this opportunity to again extend my sympathies to victims of child abuse, including their families, and to restate both my abhorrence of all child abuse and my desire to see justice achieved.

For immediate release

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