

FARRELL / ?

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Sent: Friday, 15 June 2012 11:40 AM
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Subject: RE: Bishop Kennedy ABC 4 Corners reply
Attachments: Four Corners 15.06.12 John Farrell.docx

Dear Bishop Michael,

I have had a conversation with Wayne Peters and propose the changes as outlined in the attached letter.

Four Corners have asked me questions and my proposed reply as set out below will go on Monday after I have further confirmation from John Usher.

Dear John and Wayne,

See ABC email below...

This is my proposed reply

John Farrell had been arrested and charged but the court dismissed the charge. There were rumours about his behaviour and his bishop wanted us to interview him to see if he should be allowed public ministry. We interviewed him and although he was not specific with respect to any admissions we formed a view that he should not be allowed public ministry. That advice was taken by his bishop and he was not given any ministry after that.

I welcome comments

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Dear Fr Lucas

Thank you very much for your response to our request for an interview.

As you are no doubt aware, we have since interviewed Cardinal George Pell who was unable to clarify some points and he suggested others more intimately involved with the issues at hand - such as yourself - might better assist us.

Since you have stated you are not prepared to be interviewed for our program, we would very much appreciate it if you would respond to the following questions -

Why was John Farrell called to a meeting with you and others on 3 September 1992?

Were any admissions made during that meeting?

What action was taken as a result of those admissions?

Kind regards

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Dear Fr Brian,

Please find attached the letter to Mary Jane Jolley – ABC 4 Corners that Bishop Kennedy will be sending via email, at 4pm this afternoon.

Bishop Kennedy welcomes your comments on the letter prior to it being sent.

Best wishes

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Personal Assistant to Bishop Michael Kennedy

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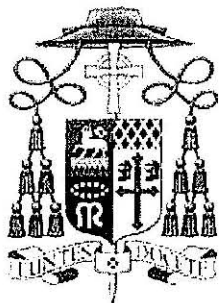
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