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30 September 2016

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Dear Ms McNair

AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

We refer to your email dated 5 September 2016, and the subsequent Notice to Produce dated 19 September 2016.

In response to the queries in your email dated 5 September 2016, we respond as follows (using your numbering):

4. On-line access to this training can be provided. Could you please provide us with a First Name, Surname and Email Address for this, so that we can create a user account for the nominated individual to use.
6. A Safer Churches report is attached.
10. Proposals from these organisations are attached.
11. All Australian States are using the National Policy. There is no longer a separate child protection policy for individual States.
13. Meeting Agendas and Minutes are attached (ACC National, Victoria, NSW and Queensland). Unrelated material has been redacted by our client, given the sensitivity of the discussions at these meetings; please advise if this is unacceptable.

In response to the Notice to Produce dated 19 September 2016:

1. In respect of Item 1, the National Conference in 2015 repealed the policy titled "A Program for the

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Restoration and Reinstatement of Disciplined Ministers Administration Manual".

2. In respect of Item 2:
 - a. You refer to the State Entities by reference to the company entity. However, each relevant State Entity is an unincorporated association (being the State Conference (i.e. Australian Christian Churches Queensland is an unincorporated association, and is separate to Australian Christian Churches Queensland Ltd)). The companies are not the relevant movements.
 - b. There was a presentation to each State Conference, which was Annexure 10 to the response to the initial Notice to Produce.
 - c. Attached are Agendas and Minutes for State Secretaries and State President meetings (again with redactions, noting our earlier comment regarding redactions).
3. In respect of Item 3, we enclose correspondence with representatives of Hillsong Church pertaining to the development of the National Policy. The input of Hillsong Church was sought because of their size, resourcing and ability to provide meaningful input. Attachments to these emails have not been provided at this point, given the size and repetitive nature of the attachments (various draft versions of the policy, etc). If you would also like us to obtain these drafts, please let us know. We also enclose the Declarations from Hillsong, noting the existence of a current Child Protection Policy.
4. In respect of Item 4, we also enclose the Declarations from Encompass Church, noting the existence of a current Child Protection Policy.
5. In respect of Item 5, we also enclose the Declarations from **REDACTED** noting the existence of a current Child Protection Policy.

Our client will be undertaking a further search of its records to see if there might be any further material in existence covered by the Notice to Produce. Unfortunately, the particular staff member who will carry out this final search is on annual leave presently and until 10 October 2016. In the circumstances, we request that our client have until 14 October 2016 to complete these searches. We do not anticipate there being any further material of substance.

Please contact Alistair Macpherson on (07) 32520011 if you have any queries regarding this matter.

Yours faithfully
CORNEY & LIND LAWYERS PTY LTD

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Alistair Macpherson
 Director

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