



Royal Commission into
Institutional Responses to
Child Sexual Abuse

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By email: archdeacon@graftondiocese.org.au

Dear Archdeacon Ezzy

I refer to the case study being conducted by the Royal Commission into the response of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton to claims of child sexual abuse at the North Coast Children's Home (NCCH). An inspection of documents produced to the Commission by the Diocese to date suggests that:

1. No disciplinary action was taken by the Diocese against Allan Kitchingman following his conviction in 2002 for the indecent assault against a male at the NCCH. (Mr Kitchingman's name was in the Anglican directory in 2006 and 2007).
2. No disciplinary action was taken by the Diocese against Rev Campbell Brown and Rev Winston Morgan, following allegations of child sexual abuse against them made by former residents of the NCCH in 2006. (Rev Brown currently has an authority to officiate in Bathurst according to the 2013 Anglican directory). Documents in the Royal Commission's possession indicate:
 - a. on 19 December 2006 Mr Philip Gerber, Director of Professional Standards Diocese of Grafton forwarded three letters to the NSW Child Protection & Sex State Crimes Squad enclosing various statutory declarations of victims of abuse at the NCCH. A copy of the letters is enclosed.
 - b. on 16 January 2007 Inspector Wayne Armstrong of the NSW Police, Child Protection & Sex Crimes Squad sent an email to Mr Comben. A copy of the above email is enclosed.

If, in fact:

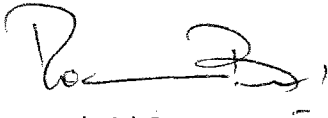
- a) disciplinary action was taken by the Diocese against any or all of the above clerics
- b) the Diocese satisfied itself that another Diocese would take such action; or
- c) steps were taken by the Diocese to remove Mr Kitchingman's name from the Anglican directory

we would be grateful if you could provide a statement or letter outlining what occurred and what documentary evidence exists in relation to such action.

If any such documents do not fall within the terms of an existing notice to the Diocese the Commission will issue a notice to compel their production.

A response by midday Thursday 24 October 2013 would be most appreciated.

Yours faithfully



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Enclosed:

Letter from Phillip Gerber to Child Protection & Sex State Crimes Squad dated 19th December 2006 (ANG.9320.01806.0315)

Letter from Phillip Gerber to Child Protection & Sex State Crimes Squad dated 19th December 2006 (ANG.9320.01806.0309)

Letter from Phillip Gerber to Child Protection & Sex State Crimes Squad dated 19th December 2006 (ANG.9320.01806.0307)

Email from Wayne Armstrong to Pat Comben dated 16th January 2007 (ANG.9320.01805.0142)

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