



The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart

Administrator of the  
Anglican Diocese of Newcastle

14 November 2013

Mr Roderick Best  
The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse  
GPO Box 5283  
Sydney NSW

Dear Mr Best,

I refer to your letter of 11th November 2013 in which you put to me a set of propositions based on material produced by the Diocese of Newcastle.

It is a matter of deep regret that I advise the Commission that it is only as a result of the proceedings of the Commission that current office bearers have been appraised of the facts, matters and circumstances in relation to Mr Kitchingman and Mr Brown.

### **Allan Kitchingman**

I confirm that no disciplinary proceedings were commenced in the Diocese of Newcastle with regard to Mr Kitchingman at any time after 2002.

I confirm that no memorandum of understanding has not yet entered into between the Diocese of Newcastle and Allan Kitchingman concerning his attendance at Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle. The Diocesan Council passed a safety policy in September 2013. On 25 October I personally directed the Dean of the Cathedral to apply the safety policy to Mr Kitchingman. If you require evidence of this it can be made available.

I advise that Mr Kitchingman's name has now been placed on the National Register.

### **Campbell Brown**

The Diocese accepts that Mr Philip Gerber, who was Professional Standards Director for this Diocese and two other dioceses was advised of Mr Brown's alleged conduct. There is no record of Mr Gerber communicating that information to the Professional Standards Committee of this Diocese.

It is not clear to the Diocese that the information in its possession at any time would be sufficient to initiate "disciplinary proceedings".

It has not been possible to place Mr. Brown's name on the National Register without him being informed REDACTED

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter Stuart".

**Dr Peter Stuart**  
**Bishop Administrator**