



Royal Commission into
Institutional Responses to
Child Sexual Abuse

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Dear Archbishop

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). I request your confirmation of the propositions set out below, based on our inspection of documents produced to the Royal Commission by the Diocese to date.

1. Allan Kitchingman

The evidence produced to date to the Royal Commission indicates that Allan Kitchingman was convicted of 5 counts of indecent assault of a male in 2002 at Newcastle District Court and sentenced to a period of imprisonment. He was released in 2004. He worshipped at Christ Church Cathedral from 2000. Further, his name was listed in the Anglican Directory for 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

The Royal Commission's perusal of available evidence from the Diocese of Newcastle indicates the following conclusions are open to it:

- a. No disciplinary proceedings were commenced in the Diocese of Newcastle with regard to Allan Kitchingman at any time after 2002;
- b. No memorandum of understanding was entered into between the Diocese of Newcastle and Allan Kitchingman concerning his attendance at Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle up to and including the present date;
- c. No steps have been taken by the Diocese of Newcastle to place Mr Kitchingman's name on the National Register of the Anglican Church.

2. Campbell Brown

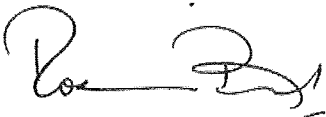
The evidence produced to date to the Royal Commission indicates that allegations of child sexual abuse were made by Richard (Tommy) Campion about Rev Campbell Brown in August 2005. Those allegations were communicated to Philip Gerber the then Professional Standards Director of the Diocese of Newcastle by December 2006. Rev Brown returned to the Diocese of Newcastle in 2006.

The Royal Commission's perusal of available evidence from the Diocese of Newcastle indicates the following conclusions are open to it:

- a. No disciplinary proceedings were commenced in the Diocese of Newcastle with regard to Rev Brown;
- b. No steps have been taken by the Diocese of Newcastle to place Mr Brown's name on the National Register of the Anglican Church.

We would be grateful if you could confirm that these propositions are correct. If they are not correct we would be grateful if you could address why they are not in a short statement to be received no later than close of business **Thursday 14 November 2013**.

Yours faithfully



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