

LETTER 1

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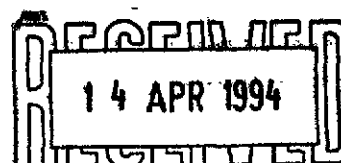
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Anglican Church of Australia  
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**ATTENTION: Bishop Newell**

Dear Sir

**RE: REVEREND LOU DANIELS - INDECENT ASSAULT**

We have been instructed by BYG in relation to a number of indecent sexual assaults perpetrated against him by the Reverend Lou Daniels.

The first of these occurred in or about December 1981, when our client was 11 years of age. The assaults continued until BYG was approximately 16 years of age.

The majority of these assaults occurred at a boys' camp organised by the Department of Mission. The Reverend Lou Daniels was the Director of these camps.

The exact nature of the Reverend Daniels conduct has been particularised during the course of a number of meetings conducted between our client and a number of others and Bishop Newell in 1987.

We understand that it is as a result of those meetings that the Reverend Daniels was removed as Director of the boys' camps and in effect promoted to Archdeacon of Burnie.

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It is only recently that [BYG] has come to grips with the gravity of the Reverend's actions. It would be impossible to overstate the lasting mental scars caused by our client's loss of innocence, brought about by the Reverend's breach of trust. Our client perceives that the church's actions in 1987 to promote Reverend Daniels to the position of Archdeacon of Burnie was to a large extent a cover-up and showed a distinct lack of concern for the victims.

Due to the nature of the assaults perpetrated against our client, it is not until now when he has attained a sufficient level of maturity, he has been able to confront these issues and identify that the emotional difficulties he has been experiencing are related to these assaults. He is presently undertaking counselling with a psychologist to assist him to reconcile a number of emotional difficulties he has been experiencing. There is little doubt that these difficulties are attributable to his experience in the boys' camp.

Our client wishes to enter into negotiations with a view to a mutually acceptable settlement. You would no doubt appreciate that time at this stage is of the utmost importance to our client's claim. We therefore request that you advise us within seven (7) days of the date of this letter as to whether you will admit liability for the Reverend Lou Daniels' action. Failing which, we have been instructed to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that our client receives the appropriate compensation.

By way of indication, our client would expect the following:

- a) The dismissal of the Reverend Lou Daniels.
- b) An appropriate amount of money to compensate [BYG] for the pain suffering for the mental anguish, which he has endured and will no doubt continue to suffer from into the future.
- c) An appropriate amount of money to assist [BYG] to pay for counselling.

We await your response.

Yours faithfully  
AYLIFFE & AYLIFFE

Per: 

DAVID SMITH