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Right Revd. P.K. Newell,
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Ans'd.....

Dear Bishop Phillip,

re: Sexual Harassment Claim:
David Gould

The Committee has considered the report on the above claim and would like to forward to you the following three recommendations:

1. Contrary to the Diocesan Sexual Harassment Guidelines and on the advice of the Tasmania Police, we recommend that the respondents mentioned in the report should not be contacted at this time. The police advise that contacting the respondents could jeopardise police investigations and possibly prejudice evidence if the matter comes to trial.

2. The Diocese negotiate with David and his counsellor in regard to the cost of present and ongoing counselling. With receipt of evidence of the cost for previous counselling relating to this claim we advise that all counselling costs, past and future, be met by the Diocese.

A timely and proper public apology should be made by the Bishop, on behalf of the Diocese, directed both to David and to the Tasmanian community.

The Committee is happy to meet with the Bishop to discuss these recommendations but we feel that prompt action should be taken. We feel that David needs to be assured that the senior members of the Diocese take his complaint extremely seriously and sympathetically and would like to assist David's recovery from the effects of the abuse he has suffered.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Marion Rainsford'.

Marion Rainsford,
Chairperson,
Diocesan Sexual Harassment Response Group.