

Anne Foot

From: Anne Foot
Sent: Thursday, 8 October 2009 4:52 PM
To: pread[REDACTED]
Cc: Russell Morton
Subject: re Complainant[BYK]

Dear Peter

As agreed with Rod McLary, I am writing to you to let you know the recommendation from my Professional Standards Committee (PSC) for action in relation to the information submitted to the Bishops of Brisbane, Adelaide and Tasmania by Lynette Galvin of Journey Family Lawyers on behalf of [BYK].

It is our understanding that it is practice in the matter of a complaint involving several Dioceses for one Diocese to take the lead in the response and that Brisbane is happy to do that.

In accordance with a previous email to Rod and following recommendation from the PSC, the Diocese of Tasmania is happy to address this complaint jointly with the Diocese of Brisbane and the Diocese of Adelaide, with the proviso that we can develop a process of assessment for an ex gratia payment that we can all agree on. Any contribution from Tasmania will necessarily be a proportion of \$60,000, which is the capped amount available through the Diocesan Pastoral Support and Assistance Scheme (PSAAS), and we request that our contribution will take into account the minimal period of time the complainant suffered the alleged abuse in Tasmania within the larger context of the alleged abuse in Queensland. We would also require that [BYK] sign a deed of release for the Tasmanian component of the payment.

It is also our understanding that, as the lead Diocese, Brisbane would be writing to [BYK] in response to his submissions to the three Bishops. We request that [BYK] should be given information about the processes available in each Diocese to address his complaint, i.e. the PSAAS in Tasmania, and give him the option to choose whether he wishes his complaint to be addressed by a joint process, managed by the Diocese of Brisbane, as that is his place of residence and where the major abuse occurred, or undergo three different processes, with the three Dioceses dealing with that part of his complaint relevant to their Diocese and within their process.

I am able to send you an electronic copy of the overview and forms for our PSAAS.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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