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## THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

MARCH 2002

## POLICY MATTERS

MR AOA

Following the publication of a letter by Mr AOA in *The Australian* newspaper on 27 February 2002, I have consulted with the Chairman of the Board. The following actions have occurred:

- The Chairman and I met with Mr Rob McKay, Dobson Mitchell and Allport, to discuss Mr AOA's letter and governance.
- I have engaged a media crisis consultant and held discussions with him. A statement has been formulated regarding what the Chairman, as spokesman, should say. This statement is attached as Appendix I.
- I have consulted with psychiatrist Dr Ian Sale regarding what response the Board may wish to make to Mr AOA's letter to me of 17 February 2002. Dr Sale's reply is attached as Appendix II.
- The Bishop has received an email from Mr AOA and asked to meet with the Chairman, the Registrar and me. This meeting was held on 14 March and I hope to table at the Board meeting a draft response to Mr AOA.
- Mr AOA has sent emails to the Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie) in Queensland. I know too, that Mr AOA has sent an email to Mr Christopher Hall and Mrs Jill Abell, as well as to me.
- A statement was placed in the Communiqué about Mr AOA's letter.
- The Bishop has written and requested details of the School's Harassment Policy and a copy of that Policy has been sent to him.

**Recommendation:** I seek the Board's advice on whether to send to Mr AOA the letter currently being drafted by Mr McKay, which I will table at the meeting, in response to his letter of 17 February 2002.