

Monday, 30 November, 1998  
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The Reverend Peter Rushton  
The Rectory  
148 Denison Street  
HAMILTON NSW 2303

Dear Fr Peter

Greetings and Peace.

I write with regard to the matter which we considered on Friday 27 November 1998, which I must say caused me immense distress and I know was a matter of serious concern for you, also.

I write to confirm that the following actions will be proceeded with.

1. All material that could have caused offence to the removalists, including material that was packed for transport by you, be kept aside for our reference.
2. In responding to your concern to keep this matter to as few persons as possible, I have asked Bishop Robert Beal, and he has agreed, to be responsible for obtaining a list of the material. I enclose a copy of a letter to him which explains his role.
3. The removalists have been asked to provide a list of the material that they saw which caused offence to them.
4. I will arrange for a meeting with the management of Farragher's who made the complaint to ascertain from them their intentions and to offer our apologies on behalf of the Church.

Once I have received advice from Bishop Robert and the diocesan solicitors regarding the items on the list, and once I am clear about the intentions of Farragher's I will let you know what action I intend to take.

With every blessing.

Yours sincerely

**+Roger Herft**  
**Bishop of Newcastle**