

**TO MR. WILLIAM KEITH ALLEN, SOLICITOR
ACTING ON BEHALF OF STEPHEN HATLEY GRAY**

I appointed Stephen Hatley Gray to the Parish of Wyong on 1 August, 1988. He had come from the Archdiocese of Sydney, who commended him to me as a priest with many gifts and particularly a great compassion for the outcasts of society. His work in Darlinghurst had borne out this latter comment.

In the eighteen months that he served at Wyong he showed good leadership qualities and was able to identify all segments of that society. It would be true to say that he was beginning a very "successful" ministry there. He was ably supported by his wife, **REDACTED** and on two occasions when I had dinner at their home I was impressed with the attitude and behaviour of their children.

As I understand it, Stephen Hatley Gray was highly regarded by the Darlinghurst community, and before he came to Wyong I received a number of expressions of support from those parishioners.

Until this incident that led to his being charged, his record at Wyong was exemplary.

I am deeply sorry this matter has occurred, and to me, it seems totally out of character. I would hope that consideration can be given to Stephen Hatley Gray for him to begin to re-build his life. It is highly unlikely that any Bishop will license him for priestly work, and I believe his life, for a number of years at least, will be channelled in a secular occupation.

I would ask that you consider this reference when determining the matter.

The Rt.Reverend A.C. Holland

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