

Anglican Parish of Magill

9th January 2002

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The Most Rev'd Ian George
 Archbishop of Adelaide
 26 King William Road
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Dear Ian,

Following our telephone call this morning I thought it might be helpful to set down my recollection of the concerns I expressed at my meeting with you and Bishop Aspinall on 20/12/01 and the outcomes of the meeting.

My main concern is that we have not been sufficiently pro-active in our care of people (and their families) who have suffered sexual abuse in the past in the context of church involvement in this Diocese.

My secondary concern is that, in the light of the Brisbane situation, the way in which churches have characteristically handled such matters is shown to be poor risk management and disastrous for the credibility and witness of the church.

We also discussed the cessation of BB's term as CEBS Commissioner in 1981.

I suggested a National Church Task Group to look for better ways for the church to respond to allegations of past abuse. You were to discuss this with the Primate.

You were also to look at the Queensland judgement (attached) to see what could be learned and how our Diocesan responses might be improved.

You were to keep me in touch with progress on these matters.

I hope this is helpful. Do get back to me if I have omitted anything or failed to express things accurately.

Sincerely,

Don Owers

Was there any discussion at this meeting as to why BB was stood down?