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The Most Reverend Keith Rayner
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Dear Keith

You may be aware that in November 1997 I established an Independent Pastoral Inquiry into allegations of sexual misconduct and paedophilia within the Anglican Church in Tasmania.

The Inquiry's terms of reference were to:

- * *receive oral and/or written submissions from any person who alleges paedophilia or sexual misconduct by a member of the Clergy or Officer of the Anglican Church.*
- * *receive oral and/or written submissions from Clergy or Officers of the Anglican Church relevant to the issues of paedophilia or sexual misconduct.*
- * *receive oral and/or written submissions from any person with professional expertise in responding to allegations of paedophilia or sexual misconduct.*
- * *present a report to the Bishop in relation to paedophilia and sexual misconduct within the life of the Anglican Church of Tasmania together with any recommendations on the life, structure, policy and practice of the church.*
- * *to liaise closely with the Diocesan Sexual Harassment Response Group who shall be responsible for arranging post-submission counselling for any person and be the reference point for any person who wishes to have their allegation considered further by the church.*
- * *to liaise with the Bishop on any matter.*

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I have now received the Report of the Inquiry. In accordance with the recommendations of that Report, I write with regard to The Reverend BYS whom I believe is living in retirement in your Diocese.

The Panel who conducted the Inquiry report that they are satisfied that there is prima facie evidence of a case to answer, and that without having any material to the contrary the person named would not be considered a suitable candidate for ministry involving children.

As I have no jurisdiction over the person named above, I believe that it is now necessary for me to pass this information to you in order to ensure there is no repetition of or continuation of the paedophilia or other sexual misconduct alleged.

Yours sincerely



Phillip K Newell