

DEED OF RELEASE

DATE: 18th August 2009

PARTIES:

Mrs [REDACTED]
 of [REDACTED] the State of Queensland
 ("the Claimant")

THE CORPORATION OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF NORTH QUEENSLAND of St James Place, 155 Denham Street Townsville in the State of Queensland

("the Church")

RECITALS:-

- A. The Claimant has claimed against the Church damages and compensation in connection with certain allegations of assault which she alleges occurred whilst she was a student of [REDACTED] ("the Claim").
- B. The Church does not acknowledge any legal liability in relation to the allegations of assault made by the Claimant.
- C. It has been agreed between the Claimant and the Church that the Church without admission of liability should pay to the Claimant the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) (the Settlement Sum) in full satisfaction of all damages and costs suffered and incurred by the Claimant on account of the matters arising out of the Claim and that upon payment of the Settlement Sum, the Claimant will discontinue all further proceedings in respect of the Claim.

OPERATIVE PART:

In consideration of the Settlement Sum paid by the Church to the Claimant :-

1. The Claimant releases and forever discharges the Church from all actions, suits, claims and demands which the Claimant now has or at any time in the future may have against the Church in respect of the matters arising out of the Claim.
2. The Claimant agrees that this Deed may be pleaded as a bar to any action, suit or proceeding commenced now or taken at any time by the Claimant against the Church with respect to or in any way connected with the matters arising out of the Claim.

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3. The Claimant agrees that the payment is not an admission of negligence or liability on the part of the Church.
 4. The Church does not require any confidentiality agreement and acknowledges that the Claimant may discuss any matters associated with the claim.
 5. The Claimant acknowledges that she has been offered an apology from the Church and other support including counselling, pastoral care and educational opportunities and she has taken these up to the extent she wishes.
 6. As part of this release the Church restates the apology given by the Diocesan Bishop on behalf of the Diocese of North Queensland and reaffirms its commitment to ensuring people in the Church's care are not subject to harm or abuse.

Signed by the Claimant

Witness

+ *Loullain, North Queensland*

Signed on behalf of the Church

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