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27 June 2012

The Right Revd Keith Slater
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By email: keith.slater@graftondiocese.org.au

Dear Keith

Over many years now, despite my continuing and sincere offers of support and help, you have rejected or ignored possible solutions I have suggested regarding abuse victim Mr Richard 'Tommy' Campion.

Recent suggestions included mediation with a highly respected, impeccably credentialed Australian mediator with a strong record of resolving complex and long-running issues.

These suggestions were focussed on achieving a just and conclusive resolution, in a way that was transparent and deserving of trust. This was important given your claims about Mr Campion's misrepresentations of you. They offered you and Grafton Diocese the protections of an independent mediator.

In rejecting my offers of support and guidance, you and your Chancellor asserted in very blunt terms Grafton Diocese's right to act as you please in this matter, without reference to my guidance. While that is your right under Canon Law, your determination to continue as you have all along does not auger well in terms of resolving this matter.

On 16 May 2012, following my meeting with Mr Campion, Mr Rod McLary conveyed to you on my behalf Mr Campion's request to meet with you, taking up your earlier offer to do so. That letter specifically requested that you respond to Mr Campion directly.

Your reply of 19 June was inexplicably addressed to Mr McLary, not to Mr Campion as requested, again drawing Brisbane Diocese into this matter. Subsequently, in an email of 21 June, Mr McLary reiterated that a direct reply to Mr Campion was the appropriate response and seeking your confirmation that you had so replied or would do so. To date you have not replied to Mr McLary's email.

I cannot and do not intend to speak on your behalf to explain or defend your decisions in this matter.

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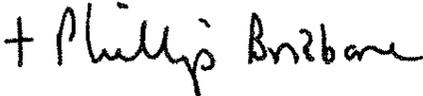
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My only available response to Mr Campion's request to you is to forward your letter of 19 June 2012 to Mr Campion, and refer him to you.

Given the length of time already elapsed between Mr McLary's original letter to you and his subsequent email, your letter will be forwarded to Mr Campion by close of business today.

Please telephone me directly if you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phillip Aspinall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

The Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall
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