



## BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF GRAFTON

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17th March 2009

Mr. CM Thomas  
 Director  
 Episcopal Standards Commission  
 C/- General Secretary  
 General Synod  
 PO Box Q190  
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Dear Sir,

### Complaint by Mr Richard Campion

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 2 March 2009 concerning the above matter.

The following information seeks to address the issues and queries that you raise whilst giving a more detailed chronological recitation of the correspondence. I hope that it will assist you and the Commission.

#### Item 1.

It is the view of the Diocese that [CD] first made a claim against the Diocese by his letter of 5<sup>th</sup> February 2008. The letter with this request is attached marked "A". Prior to this Mr Campion had written to me on 12 August 2007 (letter marked "B") with attachments from [CD]. The first attachment from [CD] to Mr Campion appeared to contain no request for support or assistance. To the contrary it seemed to indicate no wish for contact to be made - on page 2 are the statements "I just want to forget all about it," and "If I am lucky I will never hear or see them again."

#### Item 2

The letter of authorisation is marked with the letter "A" and referred to above.

In late January a letter was received from Mr Campion stating that [CD] was expecting a response from the Church. I was on leave and the letter marked with the letter "D" was sent immediately by my Commissary in which support was offered.

#### Item 3

In what I believe was a response to the letter of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008 I received the letter marked "E" on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> February in this [CD] appears to implicitly revoke any former authorisation to Mr Campion.

I then responded with the letter marked "F" offering support to him.

His response dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008 is attached and marked "G".

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On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March I responded with the letter marked "H." To the best of my recollection from that time onward the matter was dealt with by the Diocesan Solicitors to ensure appropriate protection to CD  
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**Item 4**

Settlement was reached with CD in early April 2008. The Solicitors that acted for CD and provided independent legal advice were Callahans Lawyers, Lalor, Victoria, a letter from them is attached marked with the letter "I." A letter from the Diocesan Solicitors showing their involvement in ensuring proper process and appropriate independent legal advice is attached and marked with the letter "J."

**Item 5**

The Diocesan Solicitor is of the view that it was a once-and-for-all settlement.

**Item 6**

A copy of the Deed which was prepared for CD is attached.

- (a) There was no known matter sought to be expressly excluded from the settlement;
- (b) I know of no such issue
- (c) I know of no continuing wish for CD to pursue any matter.

I hope that these answers may assist you in this matter.

Blessings

The Right Reverend Keith Slater  
 Bishop of the Diocese of Grafton.