

Anglican Church Diocese of Grafton
Bishop Keith Slater

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REDACTED

13th February 2008

Dear Bishop

My name is CD I am 35 years old. I lived in the North Coast Childrens Home from 1978 - 1983, under Matron O'Neil.

I was sent to the home because my foster mother, REDACTED could not cope with me and didn't want me anymore. During my time spent in the home I was physically, emotionally and sexually abused by older boys in the home as well as the Matron. At night when I was naughty I was punished by being told to stand out in the hall and hold out two books in either hands and if I dropped them I was caned with a ruler across the legs. The Matron, REDACTED caned me across the back twice for stealing carrots from the garden. At shower time the older boys would noie me down and poke a mop handle up my backside and tell me to shut up and just take it. They whipped me with towels and they would call me names like " four eyes".

One day when I was finished gym, I noticed REDACTED, REDACTED and REDACTED had pinned down one of the girls that lived in the home her name was REDACTED they all gang raped her while the other boys watched. They told me not to tell anyone or they would beat me up. I was too scared to say anything to anyone and I have regretted not saying anything to this day. After all that, I would go every day and sit on the concrete wall at the front of the home and wait for someone to come and take me but no-one ever did. In mid 1983 I was fostered out by REDACTED REDACTED They ended up sending me straight back to DOCS. When I look back at how I felt at the time words can't describe, it is so difficult to put into words. I haven't seeked professional help because of the cost. I can't keep bottling up my feelings because it will destroy my family. I have never told the full story to my wife or DOCS about what happened in there. When I left the home I felt free from the tourment and safe from the people that hurt me physically, emotionally and sexually.

Yours Sincerely

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