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# PRIMATE OF AUSTRALIA

Mr Robert Gallagher  
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Dear Mr Gallagher

I refer to your letter of 11 May 2011 regarding the North Coast Children's Home in the Diocese of Grafton.

I must advise you that each diocese in the Anglican Church of Australia is autonomous and as Primate I do not have the authority to intervene in matters which are the proper responsibility of another diocese.

However, in matters such as this, I would want to encourage dioceses to act in ways which are consistent with the principles which I have publicly espoused and continue to stand by.

I would encourage you to continue contact with the Bishop of Grafton – the Right Revd Keith Slater – and Mr Anthony Newby – General Manager of the Diocese of Grafton – in your endeavours to achieve a satisfactory outcome for the claimants.

Yours faithfully

The Most Revd Dr Phillip Aspinall  
Primate

25 May 2011