

Bishop Slater

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**From:** CB [mailto:REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 May 2011 2:46 PM  
**To:** Keith Slater  
**Subject:** Diocese of Grafton - North Coast Children's Home

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Dear Bishop Slater.

I sent an email to your solicitors, Foott Law & Co. on the 29th of April 2011 accepting the offer of a pastoral support package. They responded to me on 6 May stating that they had forwarded my email to the Diocese of Grafton for an appropriate response.

I would like to know that the issues raised in my original letter to you (dated 5 March) are to be addressed so that I might gain some degree of closure.

This issue has gone on for months now and the delay is only serving to add to my grief. I would also appreciate a response from the Diocese rather than from your solicitors.

Regards,

CB

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**Keith Slater** <bishopgraston@nor.com.au>  
**To:** CB <REDACTED>

28 July 2011 16:40

Dear CB

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My apologies for not responding to your email. I have been away for a couple of weeks.

Our previous correspondence through the Diocesan Advocate and our emails indicated that the support we are now offering is in the form of a pastoral support package. Following your advice to our Advocate I wrote: "I understand that you are willing to accept a pastoral support package. Such a package is the offer of a pastoral carer to meet with you over a period of time; to be an impartial listening ear; and to walk with you and support you as you move towards wholeness in this matter. Such a carer would be acting on a voluntary basis, and would be a lay member of the local church.

As you live in REDACTED this entails my negotiating with the Bishop to establish such a support person. This is what I am about at this time, seeking to make such an arrangement. I ask for your forbearance as that process takes place."

I have been in conversation with the Diocese of Melbourne in seeking to identify such a support person. This has not yet borne fruit. Would you like me to continue this line of inquiry? I await to hear further from you.

With best wishes,