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The General Manager/Registrar
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Dear Pat,

North Coast Children's Home Inc.

Please find herewith a collation of document re the North Coast Children's Home and a further one page document re the relations of the Diocese and the Home. Also enclosed is the Records Centre copy of Reg Stitt's book on Jean O'Neill, *Mother of Three Hundred*. This will need to be signed for when I am down on 26 May. A CD with the document files on it is enclosed in case you want to print more off.

Re the 'clients files' that have been asked for, there were basically none in the period when the events were alleged to occur. There is an Admission Register, and references scattered through minutes, etc. For example, I retrieved a submission to the NSW government re funding that listed the then residents, including one Richard Campion and gave something of their background.

If a list of claimants and the relevant time were available, it would be possible to trawl through the records and collate information. Lisa Gardiner seemed to feel that her staff did not have time to do this, but on the other hand had some privacy concerns about other people doing it. If it becomes necessary to research this information, doubtless some acceptable research mode can be agreed on.

The Diocese appears to have no legal liability. Pre the 1989 incorporation, the claim could fall back on the members of the Committee. Most of these are dead. Again, if the relevant time period was made available, it could be established who were the committee members and how many have survived to the present. They could well be witness as well as possible defendants.

I note that under the 2005 Constitution, claims should be served on the Public Officer of the Home. Nowadays this person is always the secretary.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

