

**DRAFT LETTER TO NICOL ROBINSON HALLETTS****[INSERT DATE]**

Nicol Robinson Halletts  
Lawyers  
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Attention: Mr Harrison

Dear Partners

**WITHOUT PREJUDICE EXCEPT AS TO COSTS**

**North Coast Children's Home**

We refer to our open letter dated **[INSERT DATE]**. We write to invite your clients to participate in the Pastoral Care and Assistance Scheme of the Diocese of Grafton (**Diocese**) which has the following features:

- (a) that the Scheme will be administered by two facilitators (with counselling and legal qualifications respectively), and involve your client and a support person or support persons as well as a legal representative, and Diocesan representatives including its legal representative;
- (b) that your client can present any material including a medical report to the facilitators;
- (c) that the facilitators will make a recommendation to the Diocesan representatives which may include one or more of counselling, an apology and financial assistance;
- (d) that where the Diocese makes an offer of pastoral care and assistance which is accepted by your client, the Diocese will, where appropriate, reimburse the Health Insurance Commission. Your client will enter into a deed releasing all persons in the Diocese in any way connected with the operation of the North Coast Children's Home other than the alleged perpetrator of the abuse and, except as to the details of the pastoral care and assistance, will not be confidential;
- (e) that the Diocese will pay **[INSERT AMOUNT]** to enable your client to obtain a medical report and to retain a lawyer.

This invitation will remain open to 31 March 2007. If any of your clients accept this invitation, the presentation of material will take place at a mutually agreed place and location. If any of your clients do not accept this invitation, there will be no further offer of pastoral care and assistance by the Diocese of Grafton made to your clients.

Yours faithfully,  
**FOOTT, LAW & CO.**

Per:

Peter Roland