

## BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF GRAFTON

RE:	NORTH COAST CHILDREN'S HOME
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3 March 200	08

Thank you for your recent letter stating that you are prepared to accept an amount of \$22,658 as a Pastoral Care and Assistance package following the claims for abuse that you have raised against the Anglican Church and Diocese of Grafton concerning your time at the North Coast Children's Home.

The matters raised in your letter have been the subject of extensive negotiations between the Diocesan Solicitors and a Brisbane firm of solicitors representing some 39 former residents. The final resolution of those negotiations were three bands of payment of which \$22,658 represented the highest. The amounts were accepted by all but two of the group of claimants.

Following your written wish to accept the amount of \$22,658, I am enclosing a Deed of Release in the same form as the former claimants signed. I also attach a statement to be completed and signed by a solicitor stating that he or she provided advice to you on this matter.

Payment of the support money can be undertaken rapidly by either cheque or electronic transfer (if you provide your bank account details).

Prior to signing the Release will you kindly arrange to have a meeting and discussion with a solicitor so as to obtain advice on the Deed? Please advise the solicitor that the Diocesan Solicitor is Mr Peter Roland of Foott Law & Co (02 66421900) who is instructed to discuss the matter and provide all particulars. The Diocese hereby undertakes to be responsible for the reasonable account of the solicitor you see. Should it assist, I am happy for your solicitor to fax a copy of the signed and witnessed Release to Foott Law & Co to action it on your solicitor's undertaking to forward the original Release and his or her own signed acknowledgment by mail.

Blessings

The Right Reverend Keith Slater Bishop of the Diocese of Grafton

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