

# The Anglican Parish of Magill

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The Most Rev'd Ian George  
 Archbishop of Adelaide  
 Anglican Church Office  
 26 King William St  
 North Adelaide 5006

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Dear Archbishop,

**Re: Mr Bob Brandenburg**

I have enclosed a draft of a letter I propose to send to church members and former members of St. George's CEBS.

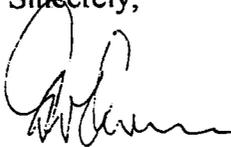
I will be asking Mr Brandenburg's family to check the text of the letter and give their approval (in writing) for its use for this particular purpose.

I would value your urgent comments, including legal advice if you consider it necessary, on the suggested process and the contents of the letter. I would like to put the letters in the mail on Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup>.

On a related matter, Bishop Aspinall has passed on to me your reluctance to make a press release to the secular media. I can understand and sympathise with that reluctance. However, it seems to me that our concern for those who have been harmed must supercede all other concerns. Perhaps you have in mind some ways, other than a press release, of acting on that concern? It seems to me that if we do not make every possible effort to provide some pastoral care for those who have been harmed we may run the danger of further isolating them and thus, in an unintentional way, of abetting the process of victimisation. On a more pragmatic note also, I suspect that this news will come out sooner or later in some form or other. I think it is better for the Church to be transparent and proactive especially when dealing with bad news.

With prayer as you struggle with this and (no doubt!) other issues.

Sincerely,



Don Owers

Cc: Dr Phillip Aspinall, Dr John Roffey

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