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Dear Sir,

ANGLICAN DIOCESE - ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

We act for the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane. Our client is named as defendant in actions commenced by a number of your clients. You have also been reported in the Courier Mail recently as saying that you act for other former students of St. Paul's school who have been sexually abused. Minter Ellison will continue to conduct the defence of actions commenced by your clients. We are authorised by the Diocese to liaise with you on the matters referred to below.

Dr Phillip Aspinall was installed as the new Archbishop of Brisbane on Saturday 2 February 2002. The Archbishop wants to ensure that anybody who has complained of sexual abuse is aware that the church offers pastoral care as a standard response to any such claims. The Diocese and, in this case, the school are very keen to work with any complainant to assist in the healing process. This action is offered before their claims are fully particularised and without any admission of legal liability.

In addition to pastoral care, counselling may be arranged in appropriate cases.

Would you please draw the attention of your clients to the contents of this letter so that we can all be sure that they are aware of these options being available. If any of your clients wish to explore the possibility of pastoral care or counselling, please let us know. We can then discuss a suitable basis for these services to be provided without affecting the legal rights of any party.

Yours faithfully,


 Robert Cunningham, Partner
 Flower & Hart Solicitors



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