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May 9, 2002

**CONFIDENTIAL**

The Most Reverend Dr Phil  
 Archbishop of Brisbane  
 GPO Box 421  
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Dear Phillip

**Relinquishment of Orders**

As requested I am **enclosing** a Deed of Relinquishment by John Elliot. Two copies are enclosed for execution by John and a third for your records. I would suggest that John should sign the document in the presence of a Priest, perhaps someone who ministers to him or a Prison Chaplain.

I am also **enclosing** a Statutory Declaration to be signed in the presence of a Justice of the Peace by the person who witnesses the Deed. The two documents will then need to be kept together.

Further, I am **enclosing** a Memorandum which I have prepared which sets out the current position as I see it in relation to relinquishment. You will observe from this that I believe that an urgent need exists for a Canon of General Synod to be enacted at the next session of General Synod. I will certainly make sure that this is on the Agenda of the Church Law Commission and thus finds its way to the Standing Committee. However, it would no doubt be helpful if you could impress your Brother Bishops with the need for such a Canon.

When the document has been signed I suggest that it would be appropriate to register it both in the Registry of the Diocese of Brisbane and in the Registry of the Province.

Afterwards you will need to make some public statements and you will see that the Deed authorizes this. Some sort of media release would be appropriate. Furthermore, you will obviously need to circularize all Diocesan Bishops with the fact of the relinquishment and ensure that so far as possible where there are any records of Clergy they either disclose

Bps Mtg + Richard  
 Barry  
 letter of thanks  
 to Bill Andersen  
 Talk to Bill.

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the fact of the relinquishment or the name of the Priest is erased from them. Obviously some sort of protocol for this needs to be worked out.

Obviously I will be happy to assist further to the extent that you need it.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Andersen".

**BILL ANDERSSSEN**