

The Right Revd John Harrower OAM
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Dear Bishop

The Revd Dr Phillip Aspinall – the Archbishop of Brisbane – has asked me to write to you in relation to a matter about which he has been recently informed.

The Archbishop was advised by Ms REDACTED in an email that her nephew Mr BYG had been sexually abused by Mr Louis Daniels in the 1980s. No specific details or dates were provided by Ms REDACTED. Ms REDACTED resides in Brisbane as does Mr BYG who is employed at the REDACTED

Ms REDACTED has not informed her nephew that she has advised the Archbishop of his abuse. Ms REDACTED has taken this action in response to the distress that Mr BYG is still experiencing from the long-term impact of the abuse and what he has identified as a betrayal by the Church.

Mr BYG apparently has not informed any other member of his family of the abuse.

It is alleged that the abuse occurred when Mr BYG was a member of the Church of England Boys Society [CEBS] in the parish of Berriedale. It is understood that in the late 1980s Mr BYG and some other victims of Daniels brought the abuse to the attention of Bishop Newell; but it is unclear what action was taken.

Ms REDACTED also advises that Mr BYG initiated legal proceedings against Daniels in the late 1990s and received a financial settlement from Daniels.

I have spoken with the Tasmanian Director of Professional Standards – Mr Les Whittle – who has informed me of the financial compensation, counseling and apology which may be available to Mr BYG. Mr Whittle is to advise me of any details of the meeting of Mr BYG with the then Bishop and the legal proceedings if such details are available.

The Archbishop would like to assist Mr BYG in an appropriate way, and particularly through the issue of an apology and an offer to reimburse him for the cost of counseling which Mr BYG has incurred in attempting to resolve the pain and distress of the abuse.

Ms. [REDACTED] has specifically requested that the Church reach out to other victims of Daniels to offer assistance and pastoral care.

If any further information is required, please contact me on 07 3835 2266.

Yours faithfully



Rod McLary
Director of Professional Standards

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