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Dear REDACTED

The Revd Dr Phillip Aspinall – the Archbishop of Brisbane – has passed onto me your emails regarding your nephew BYG

He has asked if I could respond to you to advise you what actions have been taken in relation to the previous abuse of BYG by Daniels.

I have advised the Director of Professional Standards for the Diocese of Tasmania – Mr Les Whittle – of the abuse and the actions which BYG had taken. Les advised me that costs of counseling can be reimbursed to BYG. He may also seek compensation for the abuse by applying to the Diocesan scheme which has been established for this purpose. However, an application would require some disclosure by BYG of the abuse and may require an interview to establish the details of the whole matter. As BYG is located in Brisbane, any interview may be conducted by me as this Diocese's Director of Professional Standards. In addition, an apology for the abuse and any shortcomings or failure by the Church to properly address the abuse when first disclosed would be offered.

I will also write to the Bishop of Tasmania to directly inform him of BYG abuse and ask if support can be offered to him.

In all these matters, I am obliged to inform the police of the sexual abuse. The victim of course has the right to do so him/herself; and may choose not to make any statement to the police at all. However, I am obliged to inform them of whatever information I have. I liaise regularly with a unit of the Queensland Police Service called Taskforce Argos which you may know is a special unit which deals with sexual abuse matters. At this time, I have not yet informed them.

I have asked Les Whittle to inform me of any records the Tasmanian Diocese has of this matter – particularly of BYG interview with the Bishop and the legal proceedings which BYG initiated against Daniels.

BYG clearly demonstrated great courage in pursuing the abuse in the way that he did. It would not have been easy for an adolescent or young adult to take such action especially as it seems he was without the support of his parents. I understand that he did not inform them of the abuse.

As you appreciate, it is somewhat difficult to progress this without BYG knowledge or agreement. It may be helpful if you could inform BYG that you have contacted the Archbishop and if BYG wishes he could contact me and I would be happy to meet with him to discuss the situation and talk through what options he has. The Church will want to assist BYG in anyway that it can.

I will keep the Archbishop informed of what transpires. If you would like to speak with me about any of the above, please feel free to contact me. My contact details are below.

Regards

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