

Commission into Sexual Abuse
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Dear Sir,

Re: Emma Foster, **REDACTED** Oakleigh

I am an Independent Commissioner appointed by the Archbishop of Melbourne to enquire into and advise upon allegations of sexual abuse by priests, religious and lay persons working within the Archdiocese. In that context I am dealing with a complaint of Emma Foster that she was abused by Kevin O'Donnell dec'd who was at the material time the parish priest of Oakleigh. I saw Emma with her parents and she was not happy to discuss the details of these matters with me, at least (as she said) just now. However when I suggested to her that if she had told her medical advisers of these matters and that what she had told them was true then we could perhaps overcome the necessity for any detailed discussions with me. Emma assured me that what she'd told her medical practitioners was true.

Accordingly Emma provided me with authority to obtain from you reports on her medical condition and to discuss such reports with you if necessary. Enclosed

herewith is an authority signed by Emma and confirmed by Christine Forster being the mother of Emma.

Accordingly I would be obliged if you made available to me a report on Emma, and having received same I will if necessary contact you further.

I will be responsible for the payment of the fees in respect of the report.

Yours sincerely,



Peter O'Callaghan

Independent Commissioner