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**IN THE MATTER of THE CATHOLIC
ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE** and
enquiries conducted by the Independent
Commissioner appointed by Archbishop Pell to
enquire into allegations of sexual abuse

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MEMORANDUM TO COUNSEL

We refer to our telephone conversations with counsel last week and to his conversations with Peter O'Callaghan QC.

We confirm that we act for the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, Dr George Pell and more generally for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. In October 1996, Archbishop Pell appointed Peter O'Callaghan QC as Independent Commissioner to enquire into allegations of sexual abuse by priests, religious and lay people who are or were under the control of the Archbishop of Melbourne. To the maximum extent possible, the Commissioner is to operate independently of the Church, in much the same way as a royal commissioner appointed by a government. The Commissioner is subject to the rules of natural justice and the relevant provisions of canon law.

The Commissioner will shortly be holding hearings and he has requested that he be provided with Counsel Assisting in that regard. The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm that you are briefed as Counsel Assisting the Independent Commissioner.

We confirm that Mr O'Callaghan QC will be briefing you directly in relation to the nature and extent of the assistance required. You should feel free to contact us if you have any queries or if there are any specific matters in relation to which you require assistance or support.



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