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Mr Andrew Woods  
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Dear Mr Woods,

**Re: [REDACTED]  
Independent Commission**

I advise that I now act on behalf of Father [REDACTED]. I have been provided with a copy of the letter of Mr Jeffrey Gleeson SC, dated 20 August 2012, and the transcript of the conference Mr Gleeson conducted with Father [REDACTED] on 29 August 2012.

Mr Gleeson's letter recites an extract of the transcript of the interview he conducted with [REDACTED].

I note that it is proposed that there will be a hearing in the near future.

I request a copy of any statement or document setting out the allegations made by Mr [REDACTED]. I also seek a copy of the entire transcript of the interview Mr Gleeson conducted with Mr [REDACTED].

In my submission, we are entitled to a copy of any document either in your possession or in the possession of Mr Gleeson, which has been provided either by Mr [REDACTED] directly, or any person acting on his behalf.

I propose briefing Counsel to appear at the hearing. Before Counsel can be briefed, Father [REDACTED] will need have made satisfactory arrangements for payment of legal fees.

I have tried to contact Mr Francis Moore from the Archdiocese. Mr Moore has not returned either of my telephone calls. In my opinion, the Archdiocese would be paying the reasonably incurred legal fees of Father [REDACTED]. This is a Church instigated hearing and I suspect that Father [REDACTED] will not have the financial capacity to privately pay the legal fees that will be incurred.

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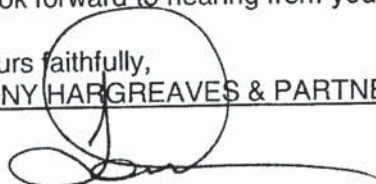
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There is an expectation that Father [REDACTED] will participate in the hearing. He ought to be legally represented. Would you be good enough to advise whether the Church is prepared to pay his reasonably incurred legal fees.

Finally, Father [REDACTED] ought to be advised prior to deciding whether to participate in the hearing, whether a complaint has been made by [REDACTED] to Victoria Police. Alternatively, does the Church propose notifying the Police at the conclusion of the hearing?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,  
TONY HARGREAVES & PARTNERS



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