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Dear Joe

Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne and Foster

I refer to our telephone conversation yesterday.

These Supreme Court proceedings were settled at a mediation at which the Archdiocese was represented by David Collins SC and junior counsel. The settlement reached was agreed to by the Archdiocese based on Mr Collins' advice. I confirm that this advice did not take the form of a written memorandum but rather, was oral advice provided to Ted Exell and me in the course of the mediation.

I also confirm that if CCI so wishes, the Archdiocese is willing to brief Mr Collins to prepare a memorandum confirming the advice that he provided. In essence however, Mr Collins' advice is to the effect that if the matter proceeded to court, then notwithstanding the defences potentially open to the Archdiocese, there was a significant risk that the plaintiffs would succeed before a jury. In that event it was Mr Collins' view that the damages that would be awarded to the plaintiffs would be significantly in excess of the settlement sum.

I attach copies of the statements of claim in each of the proceedings together with the medical reports that were provided to us in the context of the mediation.

As we discussed, the Archdiocese is keen to reach a resolution with CCI in relation to this matter and to that end, please do not hesitate to call me if I can provide you with any further information.

Yours sincerely



Richard Leder
Partner

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