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To the Solicitor

Below is a text I would like to send to the Royal Commission.

I have read the statements of Mrs Audrey Nash and CQT dated 2 September 2016, and I wanted to give the Commission my response to the matters they raise which involve me.

I have known Mrs Audrey Nash for many years and I know CQT as well as two other family members. When I first heard about Andrew's death I went to see Mrs Nash that same day to give her and her family my sympathies and personal condolences. After hearing of Andrew's death, I also went to see another member of the Nash family at work to give that person my sympathy as well. I again express my deepest sympathy for their loss of Andrew.

Both Mrs Nash and CQT say that I and other priests have described Andrew's death in a way which implies that he did not take his own life. I wanted to advise the Commission that shortly after I heard about Andrew's death, I was at a meeting of priests at Kincumber, and being aware of the grief the family were suffering, I spoke about Andrew. I remember being told by one of the priests there that he understood the view the police had formed about Andrew's death was that it was misadventure. I wanted to clarify for the Commission that the information I was given was a report of the supposed view of the police, and was not told to me as the view of any priest. I am not aware whether the report is accurate as to the view of the police.

I apologise to the Nash family if there has been misunderstanding that the information given to me related to the view of the police. I again extend my sympathies to the family and apologise deeply if anything I have done has made their suffering worse.

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