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**AUSTRALASIA:** This approval also includes the S-66 document. - COORDINATORS' COMMITTEE

HCA:HCC August 4, 2016

c: WHQ Legal Department

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**AUSTRALASIA:** APPROVED. It may be good to expedite getting this to the RC as we have already seen copies of the August 1, letter on the internet. - COORDINATORS' COMMITTEE

HCA:HCC August 3, 2016

c: WHQ Legal Department

**AUSTRALASIA BRANCH**

AB July 27, 2016 No. 1845

**TIME SENSITIVE**

COORDINATORS' COMMITTEE

Re: Royal Commission Report

Dear Brothers:

We are seeking your direction in responding to the Royal Commission hearing into the Institutional Response to Child Abuse held last year and the anticipated soon-to-be-released final report from the commissioners. The request herein is to show the Royal Commission that we have acted on some of the recommendations made during the hearing. We are hopeful that by doing so, this may soften the final report of the commissioners and minimize any likelihood of having representatives of the branch being called back again to a further hearing before the commissioners.

Our request is to make available to the Royal Commission the letter to All Bodies of Elders dated August 1, 2016 re. *Protecting Minors From Abuse* and the S-66 document provided to Branch Committees and Service Desk overseers. We appreciate the confidential nature of both documents, but also recognize that it may not take too long a time before these documents find their way to the Internet. It seems to us that by the branch providing both documents to the Royal Commission; it will show that we have done what is reasonable in the way of satisfying some of the policy matters that comply with both their thinking and ours, where they do not compromise Scriptural standards. No doubt it will be much better if the Commission receives this information from the branch, rather than from apostate opposers.

However, in making this request we are glad to follow whatever direction you may provide. Thank you for considering this request. Please be assured of our warmest Christian love and best wishes.

Your brother,

*Terry O'Brien*

For the Australasia Branch Committee

c: Service Committee