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15 January 2007

Kamira Stacey Consulting
PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL
Att: Ms Harriet Stacey and Kylie Starling
Level 2,
50 York Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Ms Stacey and Starling

Re: Appointment of Kamira Stacey Consulting as external assessor

Bishop Peter Ingham has authorised Kamira Stacey Consulting as external assessor to conduct a formal investigation, pursuant to *Part 3A Ombudsman Act 1974*, into allegations brought against Father John G Nestor, a priest incardinated in the Diocese of Wollongong. This investigation relates to reportable allegations against a person who is considered an *employee* under the terms of the Act.

It is our understanding from our earlier conversation that Kamira Stacey Consulting will charge a fee of \$1,000 per eight hour day to conduct this investigation. Additional costs will be incurred for any typing that may need to be out-sourced.

Thank you for agreeing to conduct the required investigation on behalf of the Diocese. We are seeking to ensure that child protection requirements are met and to be just and fair to all parties involved.

You are asked to take such action as is appropriate to conduct an investigation of this matter. It is our understanding that initially this will entail interviewing relevant persons and/or authorities about allegations in relation to:

1. ABB
2. ABV
3. ABP
4. ABO

We anticipate that when this phase of the information gathering is completed, there will be a further assessment of the investigative action required in relation to:

5. ABA [redacted]
6. ABN [redacted]
7. ABH [redacted]
8. ABI [redacted]
9. ABL [redacted]
10. ABD [redacted] (deceased)
11. ABF [redacted]

and perhaps other children who attended camps conducted by Father Nestor.

We further understand that the investigation will entail reviewing documentary evidence in relation to the reportable allegations.

In addition, we understand that the investigation will involve putting the allegations to Father John G. Nestor and giving him an opportunity to respond orally and/or in writing to the allegations.

At the conclusion of the investigation, you are asked to provide the Diocese with a written report of the findings and recommendations that arise from the investigation so that the matter can be appropriately dealt with and brought to conclusion without further delay.

Throughout the investigation, the Diocese will seek to cooperate fully with the Ombudsman's Office and any other civil authority, as required. As you are aware, from the Diocesan perspective, the Ombudsman's Office is monitoring the investigation from the initial phase to its completion.

Throughout the investigation Margaret Chittick and I shall be available to liaise further with you and arrange support as required. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us at the Diocesan offices.

Finally, as you appreciate, matters relating to the investigation are strictly confidential. We therefore ask that you complete both copies of the accompanying *Confidentiality Agreement* and forward them to us for our signature. One copy will then be returned to you.

Your assistance and professional contribution to the handling of this difficult matter are much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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DIOCESAN CHANCELLOR