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Rev J Nestor

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Dear Father Nestor

Thank you for your letter of 15 December 1997. I was going to contact you soon but the arrival of your letter requires an immediate response.

The weight of information made available to me, including significant additional material that I have received during this past month, has been a cause of worry concerning your suitability for a further pastoral appointment in this diocese or any other. I have consulted the NSW Professional Standards Resource Group and on their recommendation I shall be appointing two assessors in accordance with *Towards Healing*, Section 6. These assessors will approach you in the near future.

Therefore, in the light of this new information, I repeat my personal request, reinforced by Section 6.2 of *Towards Healing*, that you continue to stand aside from public ministry. This assessment procedure will also fulfil, in part, the function of the preliminary investigation required by C.1717 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law.

Yours sincerely

+ Philip Wilson.

Most Rev P Wilson DD JCL
BISHOP OF WOLLONGONG

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