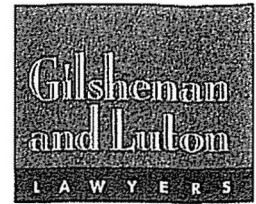


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Dear Brother Superior,

Brother Pat Butler

We would advise that on 21 February 2002, Brother Pat was committed for trial to the District Court Brisbane on one charge of indecent treatment of a child under the age of 16 years.

Whilst it is most disappointing that Brother Pat has been committed for trial, that fact is not to be confused with any assertion that the evidence against Brother Pat is strong. In our view, Brother Pat has excellent chances of being found not guilty. The tragedy is that both Brother Pat and the Marist Brothers will continue to experience the trauma of this allegation for a number of months yet.

The date for any trial of Brother Pat has not yet been set. In our experience, we would estimate that Brother Pat's trial will not proceed in the District Court at Brisbane before August 2002.

Brother Pat will not be required to appear before any Court until the commencement date of his trial.

In accordance with our normal arrangement, we **enclose*** herewith our memorandum of fees in relation to this committal hearing, including Counsel's fees. **Could you please attend to the payment of the invoice from Mr Zillman of Counsel, which is attached to this letter. Could you please make your cheque payable to Mr Zillman and return to this office and we will attend to the payment.**

If you have any questions or queries in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate in contacting the writer.

Yours faithfully
 GILSHENAN & LUTON

Michael Quinn
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