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# Professional Standards Office

28<sup>th</sup> May 2012

The Manager  
 Ms Tina Nicholls  
 ACT Sentence Administration Section  
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 Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Ms Nicholls

### TRANSFER FOR JOHN CHUTE

My name is Brother Alexis Turton and I am the Professional Standards Officer for the Marist Brothers Sydney Province based in NSW. I write in support of the application of John Chute for Transfer of his community based orders to NSW.

Members of the Marist Brothers order are usually based in community groups. John Chute is linked to the **REDACT** community of Marist Brothers in Western Sydney NSW. I am also a resident in that community. As John Chute is elderly and not in good health we consider a move to NSW close to a Marist Brothers community a positive step in enabling us to both supervise him and provide appropriate care.

As Professional Standards Officer with the Marist Brothers I am responsible from the point of view of the religious order for the contact and care of its members especially those who have had convictions against them. There is an opening for aged care for someone such as John Chute in the Western Sydney area in a **REDACTED** aged care unit. This unit is relatively close to the **REDACT** community of Marist Brothers.

The Marist Brothers undertake to continue the care of John Chute if he were to move to New South Wales. This would consist of a visit from myself or one of his community at least once a month. He would also be brought to share with his community once a month.

As in the ACT the local manager of the Aged Care Unit where he would reside would be informed of his status, history and the conditions of his Bond. The CEO of this organisation **REDACTED** is already fully informed of this.

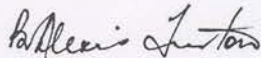
Regular professional supervision would be undertaken by Dr Gerardine Robinson of Vitality Psychology at Strathfield in Sydney. Gerardine was the Clinical Director of Encompass Australia when John Chute participated in a six months offenders' rehabilitation program there in 2002 and so she is very familiar with his case. Dr Gerardine is a clinical member of ANZATSA (Australian and New Zealand Association for the treatment of sexual abuse). She is a registered therapist with CCYP (Commission for Children and Young People NSW). She would be happy to be contacted by the Department regarding the care of John Chute. A letter from Dr E Robinson of Vitality Psychology is attached.

Both John and the Marist Brothers see his circle of support and accountability (COSA) as a positive help to him in his obligation not to have unmonitored access to people under 16. All his approved visitors and contacts are aware of this restriction. Apart from walking around the extensive aged care property housing his unit John would not normally travel alone or without the knowledge of the management of the home. Any travel undertaken would be with the approval of his supervisors.

Any assessments that we have had carried out rate John Chute as low to minimal risk of reoffending.

I trust that this information will help you in reaching your decision regarding the transfer of John Chute's community based orders to NSW.

Yours sincerely



Brother Alexis Turton  
Professional Standards Officer  
Marist Brothers