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FACILITATION REPORT

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS RESOURCE GROUP

Time and Place: One facilitated joint meeting was held in the meeting room at The Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary Street, Highgate on Wednesday 16th September 2009.

Participants: Attending the meeting were Mr [VV] of Wooroloo; Mr Ian Thwaites, [VV]'s support person; Br Peter Negus, representing the Christian Brothers; and Br Warwick Bryant, his support person. The meeting was facilitated by Ms Mary Power.

Process: I first met with [VV] just prior to the commencement of the facilitation on Wednesday 16th September. I had previously spoken with [VV] by phone on Monday 14th September 2009.

The facilitated joint meeting commenced at 10.00am on Wednesday 16th September 2009 and concluded at 12.30pm.

Wednesday 16th September 2009. I opened the meeting and [VV] spoke a little about his time while at Bindoon. [VV] talked about the abuse and brutality he experienced at the hands of brothers Murphy, Angus, Parker, Quilligan, Moore, Dick, Tuppin and Doyle. [VV] made the point that his education finished when he was about 11, and that this has been a significant factor in his life since then.

During this meeting Peter Negus apologised to [VV] both personally and on behalf of the Christian Brothers, for what had happened to him while under their care. Peter said he was sorry that [VV] had received no loving care from the brothers, and for the brutality [VV] had experienced from the brothers. Warwick also apologised to [VV] for what had happened to him.

The participants established a respectful relationship during the meeting, and the breaks in the meeting enabled all parties to reflect on [VV]'s life story.

While the specific content of the meeting is confidential, the following agreement was reached:

Agreement:

- [VV] agreed to accept the sum of \$40,000.00 as a gesture from the Christian Brothers, for the physical, emotional and sexual abuse he had experienced, and for the lack of education.
- Peter agreed to put his apology to [VV] in writing.

Conclusion:

In this Towards Healing process [VV] had the opportunity, for the first time, to tell his story to the brothers. [VV] acknowledged the fact that Peter and Warwick had made an apology to him, and he said that he thought that the financial gesture offered to him was fair. He thanked the brothers for listening to him and for coming along to the meeting. Peter told [VV] that he totally believed him and that he had great sorrow that [VV] had not been treated with love and care by the brothers. Ian was a helpful support person for [VV] and his presence in the meeting was appreciated by all parties.

This report is submitted by Mary Power in accordance with the principles and procedures outlined in the "Towards Healing" (December 2000) document.

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Thursday 17th September 2009