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11 October 1999

The Very Reverend Dr James R Spence
 Chancellor
 Brisbane Archdiocesan Chancery
 GPO Box 1291
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Dear Father Spence

Re: Frank Derriman / Joan Isaacs

In relation to this claim, we note that Mr Laurie Rolls is endeavouring to arrange a conference with Mr Reynolds of CCI, our Mr Moore, yourself and Mr Rolls. It seems that the earliest this conference can take place is on the morning of 20 October 1999.

In the meantime, we have today received a phone call from Peter Deed demanding to know if we had any instructions. We explained that we did not have instructions but we were proposing a meeting with Church advisers on 20 October 1999.

He responded that:-

- he has sufficient evidence to prove that the Church "knew" about Derriman's propensity;
- he feels they can prove breach of fiduciary duty which he says will overcome any time limitation problem (which I doubt);
- Mrs Isaacs is sick of the delay;
- the Church is just "duck shoving" the issue;
- Mrs Isaacs is now going to sue the Church;

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- we were to "tell the Church" that they have another seven (7) days to respond meaningfully otherwise proceedings will be instituted.

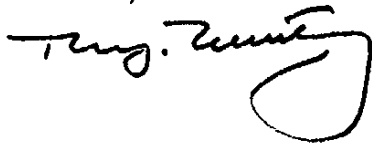
Peter Deed was quite annoyed.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Respond to Mr Deed as per the draft letter attached.
2. Confer as soon as possible (Mr Rolls / yourself / our Mr Moore / Mr Reynolds) so that we can agree on the applicable claim management strategy and how the Church should finally respond to this claim. The sooner we can respond in this instance the better, particularly taking into account Mrs Isaacs' predisposition to depression.

Please phone our Mr Moore should you wish to discuss.

Yours faithfully



Enc

cc: Laurie Rolls
cc: CCI

PS: Also enclosed is a copy of the letter received from Peter Deed today.