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Dear Professor Webb

Our client: The Corporation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba

Our client has provided us with a copy of your letter of 4 March 2009 for reply.

We advise that at the last mention of the matter on **26 February 2009**, the defendant's lawyer sought and obtained a further adjournment of the criminal proceedings to **25 March 2009**. We understand that it is still the Crown's expectation that the defendant will plead guilty on an ex officio basis.

Our client's correspondence of 20 February 2008 was a detailed and frank assessment of the material available to him at the time in relation to the allegations. In the most part, where your correspondence of 4 March 2009 requests further information or documentation, our client was not in a position to provide same at the time of his first submission to you, given the restrictions placed on us by Queensland Police to speak with staff, and in particular the Principal and Student Protection Officer from

The inhibition placed on us by Queensland Police to interview and take statements from staff continues. We note that on 1 March 2009 we forwarded copy correspondence to you from the Queensland Police dated 18 February 2009. This correspondence confirmed that police investigations were ongoing, with an expected completion date of 31 March 2009.

Most of the further information and documentation requested by you in your letter of 4 March is not available to our client at this time. In the circumstances our client proposes that he provide a comprehensive response to your letter of 4 March, and any other matters which may arise, after we have had an opportunity to interview staff, take statements and complete our investigations on behalf of the Diocese. Any response provided now addressing the additional matters raised by you would be incomplete, and in our view of little assistance to the Board in considering the matter.

Our client reiterates his unreserved commitment to cooperate fully and frankly (as he has done to date) with any external investigations and requests for information received in relation to this matter.

The Superintendent of Queensland Police, Toowoomba District, has undertaken to advise us when police investigations are complete so that we may continue with our internal inquiries. We will advise you when this occurs.

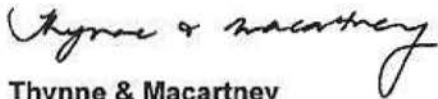
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As noted by our client in his letter of 20 February 2009, we anticipate being in a position to conduct interviews with staff, subject to their cooperation and availability, in the two week period following the lifting of the restrictions placed on us by police. Our client will then report to you as a priority as soon as possible thereafter.

Please advise whether you have any objection to this course.

Yours faithfully



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