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Dear Sister Di-Anne

I am writing to let you know that Fr Reg Durham will be leaving Neerkol on March 20 and will reside at the Haven, Emu Park, until further notice. I am conscious of the warm and generous support which the Sisters at Neerkol have continued to give to Fr Reg, and I am grateful for the ongoing wish to care for him. I am sure that the Sisters at the Haven will offer him similar support. I am not going to publicise this new location for Fr Reg, so I would ask you to keep it confidential, unless it becomes necessary to reveal it. I intend to say that he is living 'elsewhere' in retirement, in the hope of preventing unwelcome visits to the Haven. I am grateful for your kind offer that the presbytery at Neerkol remains open to Fr Reg and a place for him to leave his possessions.

Regarding the Diocesan Committee for Special Issues, or the Resource Group, I believe it would be better if your Congregation and the Diocese have separate groups. I realise the number of workers to be covered is quite large. I believe that we would act more responsibly and each be better advantaged, by keeping our specific focus to more manageable proportions. I agree that there should be close contact between the groups. Perhaps through shared membership or a regular contact meeting, the liaison can be maintained. We could discuss the way of achieving this, at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

Brian Heenan  
Bishop of Rockhampton