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**Media Release issued 24 April 1998 by the Congregational Leader of the Rockhampton Sisters of Mercy Sr Di-Anne Rowan to Christine Retschlag of the Courier Mail pertaining to a meeting with the Minister for Families, Youth and Community Care, Mrs Naomi Wilson.**

Sr Di-Anne said that she welcomed the decision by State Cabinet to introduce legislation to State Parliament that would give Queensland Children's Commissioner, Mr Norm Alford, access to Departmental files pertaining to the former Neerkol Orphanage.

"I am looking forward to meeting with the Minister, Mrs Wilson in Brisbane on 12 May, to congratulate her on the sensitive way that she has responded to the information needs of the former Neerkol residents", Sr Di-Anne said.

Sr Di-Anne added that she would be taking the opportunity of the 12 May meeting to update Mrs Wilson personally on what had been achieved thus far in reconciliation talks with the former residents and to assure her of the Sisters' ongoing commitment to the process.

"I really appreciate Mrs Wilson taking time out of her busy schedule to meet with me", Sr Di-Anne said.