

## Mercy Administration Centre

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Dear Members of the Neerkol Action Support Group

The Professional Standards Office established by the Rockhampton Sisters of Mercy to assist former residents of Neerkol has been in operation for almost two years now. I thought the time may be right to let you know of our commitment to the continuation of the Professional Standards Office. I also wish to reassure you that this ongoing commitment to helping you does not end with any possible settlement of the litigation.

My leadership of the Rockhampton Sisters of Mercy concludes in December 2001 and I can give to you my personal assurance that the Professional Standards Office established to assist former Neerkol residents with the provision of counselling and other professional services will remain open and available to you until at least the end of my term as leader.

Naturally, I cannot make any commitments beyond that date as there will be a new leader and a new Leadership Team in place from January 2002 and they will no doubt review all decisions made during my term of office. The commitment that I am making to you now ensures that the Professional Standards Office will still be available to you for a definite period of almost three(3) years.

I hope this assurance as to the continuation of the Professional Standards Office will be a sign of the ongoing and lasting commitment of the Rockhampton Sisters of Mercy to helping you with your lives today and into the future.

Yours sincerely



**Sr Di-Anne Rowan**  
**Congregational Leader**