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Peter,

a copy of our statement for today.

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Statement by the Rockhampton Sisters of Mercy regarding their continuing response to the complaints of mistreatment made by those who, as children, were cared for by the Sisters at St Joseph's Home, Neerkol.

STATEMENT DATE: 10 APRIL 1997

The Rockhampton Sisters of Mercy acknowledge that there are people who have traumatic memories of their experiences while at St Joseph's Home, Neerkol.

As the Sisters of Mercy were responsible for the care of homeless children at Neerkol, they apologise sincerely for any hurt the children suffered because of the actions of the Sisters, during that time.

The Sisters have established a Professional Standards Committee whose members are seeking out, listening, and assisting those who were mistreated in order to heal the hurt they experienced. Many of those people who have made public allegations about mistreatment have been contacted already and the process of healing has begun.

Any person who wants to contact the Professional Standards Committee should telephone (079) 27 6883 or 041 775 1535 (Mobile).

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