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Memorandum to Counsel

As Counsel is aware, we act for Archbishop George Pell, the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne.

The purpose of this memorandum is to confirm your brief to act as independent commissioner to investigate allegations of sexual abuse within the Melbourne Archdiocese. The terms and conditions of your appointment are set out in an "Appointment" document, the contents of which have already been settled between us. We note that the appointment commenced at 10.30 am on Wednesday 30 October 1996.

With this memorandum and the attached backsheet, we confirm that your appointment as commissioner is made by us on the Archbishop's behalf, and that your relationship with the Archbishop is one of barrister and client.

Because of the sensitive nature of some of the information that you will receive in your capacity as commissioner, and the need for confidentiality to protect complainants, our client recognises that you may wish to keep information and documents that you receive or create, confidential to yourself and such other persons as you select. Accordingly, you are briefed on the express basis that all information and documents that you receive or create in your capacity as independent commissioner are your property, and will remain your property at the conclusion of your retainer. Our client waives any rights that he may otherwise have to such property.

However it may be that for us to fulfill our role as instructing solicitors, there will be matters that you wish to disclose to us. We agree to receive such information in confidence, and will be happy to provide formal confidentiality undertakings at your request.

We look forward to working with you.

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