

**DRAFT****RESEARCH PROJECT****TREATMENT OF PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS WITH PSYCHOSEXUAL  
DISORDERS**

Following the meeting held at Polding House on Tuesday, 1 August 1995, with the Special Therapy Interventions Group, the project was endorsed with some significant changes to both procedure and timing.

The recommendations for proceeding are as follows:

**1. First Stage of Consultation**

- 1.1 Letter from Bishop Geoffrey Robinson to all members of the ACBC and ACLRI seeking approval to consult with people carrying out therapy on their behalf.
- 1.2 The therapists to be identified via the following key people:
 

Mons Gerry Cudmore	Melbourne
Fr John Usher	Sydney
Fr Brian Lucas	
Fr Jim Spence	Brisbane
Fr David Cappo	Adelaide
Bishop Bob Healy	Perth
Fr Adrian Doyle	Hobart
- 1.3 Same identification of therapists sought from ACLRI.
- 1.4 Invitations given to therapists to 3 hour meeting on treatment options to be held in regional centres with Father David Cappo and Bill Johnston.  
Clear structure for these meetings in terms of the research project brief, outcomes of the meetings and the use to which the meeting summaries would be put.
- 1.5 Separate and concurrent review of literature on treatment. This to be carried out by Dr Alex Blaszczyński from clinical perspective and also from Church and spiritual perspective.

Clear guidelines to reviewers of brief, outcomes, and use of review summary.

**2. Information Giving Session to ACBC and ACLRI**

Bishop Robinson to contact Father Michael McKenna requesting a half day meeting during the November 1995 Meeting of Conference. Participation sought for male and some female members of ACLRI.

This would be an education session which would receive a presentation of the literature review summary and the recommendation/options of therapist groups.

### 3. Second Stage of Meetings and Consultation

3.1 Individual meetings with Bishops and ACLRI members by personal contact. This to take place in first months of 1996, Father David Cappo and Bill Johnston to conduct meetings.

3.2 Collation of material from meetings. Formulation of final recommendations/options.

### 4. Presentation of Research Findings and Recommendations to ACBC and ACLRI

In case of Bishops Conference or its executive, the earliest possibility would be in April 1996.

## RESEARCH ROLES

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| 1. | <b>Initial Letters to Bishops/LRI</b>   | Letter from Bishop Robinson to be distributed using resources of ACSWC (on Bishop Robinson's letterhead). |
| 2. | <b>Literature Review</b>                | to be managed by Alex Blaszczyński and Bill Johnston  |
| 3. | <b>Contact with Therapists</b>          | to be undertaken by David Cappo   |
| 4. | <b>Participation of A. Blaszczyński</b> | Bill Johnston and John Usher to contact on return from overseas and give full briefing.                   |
| 5. | <b>Funding</b>                          | David Cappo to contact Bishop Robinson for release of project money to Centacare Sydney.                  |

## RESEARCH PROJECT TIME FRAME

<b>First Stage Consultation</b>	<b>August – Mid-September 1995</b>
<b>Information/Education Meeting</b>	<b>Late November 1995</b>
<b>Second Stage Consultations</b>	<b>January-February 1996</b>
<b>Final Report</b>	<b>Mid-March 1996</b>