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Monsignor Brian Rayner VG
Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Sydney
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Dear Monsignor Rayner,

Re: *Towards Healing* – Complaint by John Ellis

This letter is to confirm my verbal advice of yesterday that John Ellis has formally approached the PSO so as to instigate a Review of Process.

I enclose for your reference a copy of the Ellis communication of 31 July 2004 to the PSO and my 3 August 2004 reply. I believe the documents to be self explanatory.

I discussed the case yesterday with Br Julian McDonald of the National Office for Professional Standards who will liaise with Mr David Landa for him to pursue the Review Process.

Your advice that CCI has accepted responsibility for the claim and will thus assume the responsibility for dealing with David Begg & Associates is noted.

Accordingly, it seems that pending developments in relation to the *Towards Healing* Review process, and the ensuing negotiation with Ellis' lawyers there are a couple of matters outstanding from the facilitated meeting held on 20 July 2004.

One matter is the Ellis request to meet sooner rather than later with the Cardinal (or another Bishop). I believe it is appropriate that Ellis be formally advised that such a meeting would not occur until the complaint/claim against the Archdiocese has been comprehensively settled.

The second matter relates to the issue of the appointment of a Spiritual director to John Ellis. It is my advice that in the spirit of *Towards Healing* it is appropriate for this offer to be followed up irrespective of the apparent breakdown of the *Towards Healing* process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss these issues.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Salmon

Director of Professional Standards