

ELLIS & DUGGAN

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Dear Michael

We have just received a Statement of Claim and supporting documentation in proceedings initiated in the Supreme Court of NSW by John Ellis against the Archdiocesan Trustees, Cardinal Pell and Fr Aidan Duggan.

In Paragraph 11(a) of the Statement of Claim Mr Ellis appears to allege that he was abused by Fr Duggan from age 13 onwards. This would seem to bring the matter within the definition of '*reportable conduct*' and, as such, require notification to the NSW Ombudsman. I would appreciate your view on this.

Can you advise whether John Ellis has previously alleged that the sexual behaviour commenced before he was 16 years of age? I cannot recall off-hand.

In any event, I have also drafted a letter to Michael McDonald of CCER for Monsignor Rayner to sign (M sgr is not in this afternoon) seeking Michael's opinion on the same issue. The matter is of course one requiring particular sensitivity given that John Ellis is the husband of CCER's former head of Child Protection, Nicola Ellis. For this reason I have suggested that Michael McD handle the matter personally.

Best regards

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