

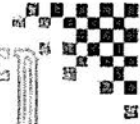
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18 February 2009

**Thynne & Macartney**  
GPO Box 245  
Brisbane, Qld 4001

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Catholic Education Archdiocese Toowoomba. Abuse allegations against  
Gerard Vincent Byrnes.**

I refer to your letter dated 13 February 2009 to the Officer in Charge, Toowoomba Child Protection and Investigation Unit concerning the above matter.

I am advised that on 16 February 2009, the Acting Officer In Charge of the Toowoomba Child Protection and Investigation Unit spoke with Ms Angela Yates of your office and provided information as to the current status of police investigations into this matter.

I can confirm that two senior officers from the Toowoomba Police District have been appointed to conduct an investigation into the alleged non-reporting to police of suspected sexual assault allegations and to also examine the procedures currently in place for the primary school REDA when dealing with such allegations. The investigation is being overviewed by Detective Inspector Brett Schafferius of my office.

As part of the investigation, it is anticipated that Mr. Terry Hayes and Ms Cathey Long will be interviewed by police, together with other persons identified through inquiries.

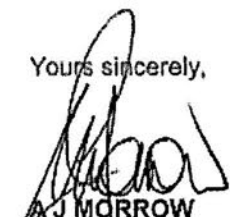
As the police investigation is on going, I would respectfully request that any internal investigation conducted by you, only commence once police inquiries are completed.

It is anticipated that the police investigation will be completed by 31 March 2009. I undertake to advise your office once the police investigation is finalized.

Should you have any further inquiries regarding this matter, please contact Detective Inspector Schafferius on (07) 46316465 or by e-mail at [schafferius.brettw@police.qld.gov.au](mailto:schafferius.brettw@police.qld.gov.au)

I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

  
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SUPERINTENDENT  
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TOOWOOMBA DISTRICT