



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

24 November 2015

The Honourable Justice P McClellan AM QC
Chair,
Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Your Honour,

I am the Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. I have been asked to provide this letter to the Commission in respect of matters relating to Father Graham Redfern, who is a priest of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

I have reviewed the files of the Archdiocese in respect of Father Redfern. The information set out below is based upon that information. I believe it is correct.

The Archdiocese is unaware of Father Redfern having ever been charged by Police in respect of an allegation of child sexual abuse or otherwise.

The records disclose the following:

- A complaint was received by the Archdiocese in 1993 in respect of Father Redfern concerning an incident which occurred in the mid-1970s. The complainant was 18 years old at the time of the incident.
- The Victoria Police investigated the matter in 1995 and advised they were not proceeding with any charges.
- A complaint was made to the Independent Commissioner who upheld the complaint and compensation was awarded.
- There is no record of any other complaint of sexual misconduct having been received by the Archdiocese in respect of Father Redfern.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Bennet', written over a large, stylized flourish.

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