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The Right Reverend Dr Peter Stuart

**Administrator of the  
Anglican Diocese of Newcastle**

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Mr Keith Allen  
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Dear Keith,

When you met with me on Tuesday 29 January following a meeting of the Trustees of Church Property it became apparent to me that you are one of the few officeholders currently serving in the Diocese who is well placed to assist us to understand the way that allegations of sexual misconduct, sexual abuse and other disciplinary concerns about clergy were handled prior to the episcopate of Dr Brian Farran.

In the light of the Royal Commission it is important that the Diocese have a comprehensive understanding of its conduct during this period and it appears to me that we would be well assisted if you were willing to sit down with Mr Scott Puxty from *Cantle Carmichael Lawyers* a firm which is on the panel of solicitors together with a legal secretary from his firm and recount what you know with the assistance of his questions.

If you were available to do this would you please let me know at the earliest opportunity? I see this work as an important expression of your work as a member of the Trustees and of the Diocesan Council.

Yours sincerely in Christ

**Bishop Peter Stuart  
Administrator**