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DIOCESE OF GRAFTON

The Anglican Church of Australia

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Mr Richard A Campion,

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Dear Mr Campion,

I have received, on behalf of the Professional Standards Committee of the Diocese of Grafton, your letter concerning the treatment that you received at the North Coast Children's Home, Keen Street, Lismore. I am unable to adequately express my personal feelings of revulsion, sorrow and helplessness which the letter raises inside me.

While the Bishop is presently away I have no hesitation in speaking on behalf of the Diocese in saying that we will do all that we can to assist you to move beyond the pain that was caused in an Anglican place that should have been safe, but which was clearly not.

Should you need further counseling from Ms Jackson the Diocese of Grafton would be happy to immediately provide support towards that.

Your letter was written to the Sydney address of the Diocese of Sydney which has the professional staff which generally respond on behalf of this Diocese in matters such as this and will work with you towards a better future. Should you not quickly receive a reply please telephone the Director of Professional Standards at Sydney (Mr Philip Gerber 02 9265 1514) or the more general and toll free number 1800 774 945, which has recorded information about reaching the Contact Persons. If you have to contact the 1800 number I would particularly recommend Ms Jenni Woodhouse who has vast experience and great professionalism.

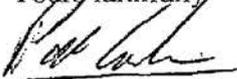
Making contact with Sydney should see things move quickly. If you have any difficulties in that regard please do not hesitate to telephone me directly, my home telephone number is [REDACTED]

Also please let me know if there are matters which we in the Diocese (based at Grafton) are able to assist with. Should you wish to meet with the Bishop of Grafton, The Right Reverend Keith Slater I would be happy to put the request before him when he returns.

There seems little more that I can say, I know that Anglican prayers may at this point seem hollow and hypocritical but please be assured that many good people will be trying to support you. Their thoughts, prayers and deeds will seek to show you the love of Christ.

With every good wish

Yours faithfully



Pat Comben
Diocesan Registrar