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Dear Simon

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Church of England North Coast Children Home

I refer to your letter dated March 29, 2007.

Firstly, I point out, at the top of the first page; you didn't put the words Church of England in front of the North Coast Children's Home. That's a damn pity, because you fought so hard for those three words

Secondly, can you send me a copy of the letter dated January 4, 2006, the one you mentioned in the letter March 29, 2007. It is not in mine or my sister's file. (I have sent her every doggone letter I received from you or everyone else who has written, just in case I died). I am not saying that you didn't send the letter; I am saying it's not in our tidy files. Please send it by normal mail as soon as possible so I can have my blonde, long-legged secretary check your writings.

*** TO THE ISSUE OF LIMITATIONS:** You wrote that there were significant obstacles for me in terms of limitation of actions.

If that was correct, way back at the start, on January 4, 2006, did you let my claim go ahead in the first place? Why didn't you or a member of your esteemed team, advise me to pull out of the claim? Why did you wait until now to tell me that when I was pushing shit uphill? That's a fair question.

You are my lawyer, you are a decent man and I am a bloody mug, but you should have instructed me what to do and what was the best course to take. Much to my dismay, it's been said by a member of your staff, that I am 'mentally ill', so how in the hell would I know about the law. I am crazy so don't push this down my throat. It is a load of baloney and I am sick to death with the 'shit' that has happened during this case.

You mentioned that one of the principal issues is an interview I done several years ago.

About that comment: When a reporter does a story on any person they ask background questions to where they lived, and so on. What was I going to tell them - I lived in Buckingham Palace? That particular story was written because of my happy and very unusual personality, but above all, it was written for my unique talent as a photographer. Give me a bloody break, that story WAS NOT written because of the abuse in the Home. I couldn't have given a damn about the abuse at that stage and I wasn't on any medication or having counselling. I was just getting drunk and stoned and screwing and coping with my life like a 'normal' bloke. That can be proved without doubt and I could get witness's concerning all that - surely a man can defend himself in a Court of law.

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Simon, you also told me long ago, during a phone conversation, that there were ways around it and there wasn't much to worry about. The day you rang I was sitting on my bedroom, alone, crying, listening to your every word. You had me fully convinced I would be okay. Do you remember that? Well do you?

Written below are a few of your letters that reassured me that all was fine with the limitations. You will find that all these extracts from your letters were written after your January 4, 2006 letter so it really knocks your words into a big swirling pond. I am sorry about that.

On October 9, 2006, in a letter from Harrison to Campion: There are risks for both sides if Court proceedings were to be issued, the least of which for our purposes, would be limitation arguments

On October 18, 2006, in a letter from Harrison to Footte Law & Co: We are confident that our clients have good prospects of success, more particularly so in the present climate relating to limitation matters before the various Courts of appeal and more importantly, the High Court.

On January 9, 2007, in a letter from Harrison to Campion: In our view, none of the issues which we raised in terms of limitation periods, the role of the Church in the Home and liability were replied to any substantive argument from the Diocese.

***TO THE ISSUE OF LITIGATION:** I searched through the files and I have written below what I found. I had many more pages to search through, but I was too stuffed and confused to go on. You will see what my point is, after you read the extracts from your letters.

On November 18, 2005, in a letter from Harrison to Campion If for any reason Court proceedings would need to be issued we would advise as to why we would be recommending that course and it would be a matter for you to consider whether you wanted to do this, again we have to say that this would be rare.

On January 5, 2006, in a facsimile from Harrison to Comben: We are presently reviewing each client's position with regards to limitations issues and Civil Proceedings.

On October 9, 2006, in a letter from Harrison to Foote Law & Co: Firstly, we wish to deal with the opening paragraph of your letter. The point being made is that our clients have two options; they attempt to negotiate in all good faith or to litigate. If your client is not minded to settle these claims then our client have no alternative other than to litigate and this is the point we are seeking to make.

On October 9, 2006, in a letter from Harrison to Campion: Our opinion is that we have now rapidly approached a stage where we either issue proceedings or we put forward monetary offers to the Church to have these matters settled, that is of course if they do not do so themselves by October 25, 2006.

On October 18, 2006, in a letter from Harrison to Foote Law & Co: No doubt both parties recognise the need to settle these matters informally, the alternative of protracted litigation carries with it all the inherent costs and inconveniences for both sides.

On October 18, 2006 in a letter from Harrison to Campion: We have also reviewed case law in all Australian jurisdictions to defeat arguments put forward by the Church and we have also looked at

Canadian and English cases of relevance. Indeed, we would go so far to say that if these matters were litigated then they would set precedent for the liability of the Church in matters such as these.

On December 15, 2006, in a letter from Harrison to Campion: They continue to argue every legal point they can to defeat these claims and we for our part have countered as strongly, both sides are of the opinion that these cases could have the potential of setting significant precedent for the future of claims of this nature if litigation is commenced.

On December 15, 2006, in a letter from Harrison to Campion: We have stated to the Church that it was essential that a meeting took place before Christmas otherwise and we would have to seek instructions from our clients to issue Court proceedings, something of course that none of our clients have wanted to do.

On December 15, 2006, in a letter from Harrison to Foote Law & Co: There are significant matters of Law, and fact in these matters and in the event of proceedings being issued we would be confident that these matters proceed to trial.

On December 15, 2006, in a letter from Harrison to Foote Law & Co: In addition any financial remedy sought through litigation would of course seek recovery of damages from readily available funds and assets that may have to be converted to satisfy any eventual Judgment.

On January 9, 2007, in a letter from Harrison to Campion: He advised that the Committee would most likely vote against his recommendation that they try and settle matters. We advised that if that were the case then our clients would have to issue Court proceedings. His response was "bring it on"

March 19, 2007, in a letter from Harrison to Campion: We have negotiated for a considerable amount of time and are now confident that no increased offer will be made. The alternative therefore is to commence litigation, in which case the matter will than proceed formally through the Courts and, possibly to an eventual trial.

* Well, well, well Simon, as you can see by the extracts from your letters above, you are the person who has been throwing the words, litigate and Court proceedings around like there were no tomorrow. They were very threatening and powerful words indeed, and because of your supremacy those words really stuck in my mind. I thought at the time; *Simon and his team are not stuffing around with these bastards from the Church, they are going straight for the jugular.* All I could think about was litigation, litigation - another three years wouldn't bother me, and judging by Simon's words, he is encouraging us to litigate.

A 'normal' bloke such as Richard Campion would have to speculate why you kept threatening the Church with litigation. Why in the hell would you tell Comben and Foote Law & Co that the victim's would litigate, when in your heart, you bloody well knew we didn't have a damn hope in hell of winning in a Court of law? This is not fair and just. You filled me false hope. Stone the flaming crows!!!

You're strong recurring and bullying words directed at the Anglican Church's legal team, and Comben, lifted my hopes to think that we were really kicking arse big time.

Maybe it would be a good idea to write a letter to the victim's and explain why you told the Anglican solicitors you would get your clients to litigate, especially when you tried to talk them out of it later Would that be fair? Yes it would!!!

P.S. Simon, I don't know how the other 41 people from the Home feel (except my sister CA) but I have NOT had any justice from the Anglican Church whatsoever. God will walk on water again, and Moses will part the Red Sea again, if I do.

It's sad, but during this case, as much as you claimed I wouldn't be, I was on trial, and there wasn't a bloody Court House within cooe. I and others were treated like vermin.

Again, I am sitting alone in my bedroom with anger and hatred for the Anglican Church and my mind is conjuring up evil thoughts of Comben, a person who is so malicious and uncaring, he should not be linked with any Church.

John Parkes once said, "Everyone has in us the capacity to do things we may not be proud of. I can empathise myself into most situations. I can imagine where I could kill, I could imagine being compelled to steal but I can never imagine myself into a situation where I could harm a child".

At this particular stage of my life, I can tell you which one I would choose.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Campion', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Richard Campion