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Mr Richard Campion

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Dear Mr Campion

Thank you for your letter of 28 May 2007 regarding counselling.

I have today spoken with the Diocese of Grafton and have been assured that the Diocese would be pleased to offer you the opportunity of further counselling if that would be of assistance to you.

You would understand that, because of the diocesan structure of the Anglican Church, the provision of counselling for you is more properly a matter for the Diocese of Grafton. While I appreciate your concerns as you have expressed them in your letter, I would encourage you to speak directly with them.

In my conversation with Grafton, I was asked if I could encourage you in the first instance to contact Bishop Slater directly to make the necessary arrangements for counselling. Bishop Slater is anxious to speak with you and would be willing to travel to the Gold Coast to meet with you if that would be of help.

I understand that Bishop Slater is in the process of writing to the victims of abuse in the North Coast Children's Home. He wishes to respond to their pain and distress by expressing his deep sorrow for the abuse and his regret that their experiences in the Home were so harmful and did not reflect the care and compassion of the Church.

He is also praying for healing for the victims as they begin to address the effects of the abuse.

Similarly, Bishop Slater would want to express his sorrow to you personally and would welcome the opportunity of speaking with you.

Yours faithfully



Rod McLary  
Director of Professional Standards

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