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Dear Mr. McLary

Monday May 28, 2007

Church of England North Coast Children's Home

I refer to your letter dated May 17, 2007. Thanks for endeavouring to organise counselling for me.

I will go through four paragraphs of your letter and explain the situation as briefly as possible.

Paragraph Two: Even though Simon Harrison is still my lawyer, right now, he is not acting for me in any capacity in connection with the Anglican Church or any other case, albeit he has a few letters to write to me that don't concern the Anglican Church and the problem that have been caused. Mr Harrison hasn't signed off and the reason for that is unknown to me.

I wrote a brief letter to him a few days ago asking why that is so. Maybe he enjoys my company ...?

Also in paragraph two you suggested if I didn't have a lawyer, I contact Pat Comben. That is a big mistake.

I will advise you, as I have advised the Most Reverend Dr. Phillip Aspinall and several others in the Anglican Church, that I will have no dealings whatsoever with Mr. Comben or the Diocese of Grafton and that is because of Mr. Comben's pig-headedness and the disgraceful treatment he dealt out to victims of abuse in a recent compensation claim. The 41 victims, who lived in the Church of England North Coast Children's Home in Lismore, were treated like rubbish.

During that time, Mr Comben's attitude was cruel and uncompassionate, and his dirty manners were out of control. I reported Mr. Comben's actions to the Anglican Church of Australia but the complaints have fallen on deaf ears. That is an undeserved characteristic that many churches have.

Since then Mr. Comben's ranting has been reported to various people of importance outside the Anglican Church. A list of Mr. Comben's dishonourable and grubby actions before, during conferencing and after will be sent to you if required. Mr. McLary, maybe you might do something about his 'pig sty' like etiquette toward abused victims.

Paragraph Three: I will not have to travel 'very far' for counselling and when I do I will pay for it myself. These days the counsellor comes to town on Thursdays or Fridays. Just so the Anglican Church doesn't have to spend any more money than they need too, on one of those days I will make an appointment.

Paragraph Four: When I first started counselling I needed to go out to the counsellors' home in the Currumbin Valley for treatment, which is way out to buggery in the bush. The fact that she lived out in the Valley is way out of my control. I can't tell someone where to live, just so that they can counsel me. It was Marilyn Jackson who cared for me. The two hours or so I sat with her each week, was very emotional and frightening. It would be absurd to start all over again, especially with an unfamiliar face. Marilyn Jackson is someone I believe in. I have confidence in her. Marilyn Jackson has my file.

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At this point I would like the Anglican Church of Australia to know how pitiless and uncaring it was to stop my counselling in the first place – especially when I was making a 'bit of progress'. Mr. Comben and the Diocese of Grafton displayed a negative approach and that devastated me. There is a guide that needs to be followed when an abused person is in counselling, but that was totally ignored. At that time, Mr. Comben and the Diocese of Grafton showed no consideration for my well-being. In a letter from Mr. Comben, I was told the Diocese of Grafton was poor and the counselling had to be stopped because of their 'total lack of money'. The excuse to stop counselling was also made because I was 'challenging' the Anglican Church Diocese of Grafton.

That unreasonable excuse of no money should be dismissed. The Anglican Church should consider the people who were abused in an Anglican place, and not of themselves.

I have often wondered what exactly happened in that situation and what was more important, the finances of the Anglican Church or my deteriorating life? At one time Mr Comben agreed I was abused in an Anglican place that should have been safe, but which was clearly not.

Paragraph Five: No Mr. McLary, I wasn't wondering why you wrote to me. I knew it would either be you or Dr. Aspinall or some other kind soul on his staff. I knew you worked with Dr. Aspinall and I can understand he has other duties to worry about. Plus, I do know who you are, as I have a few documents that concern you.

Mr. McLary, again I ask; please do not involve me in any goings-on with Mr. Comben or the Diocese of Grafton. Mr. Comben has done enough damage with his uncouth manners and piggish attitude. I believe he would not have changed of late.

It may appear that I have hatred from Mr. Comben. There is no hatred – it's that I am not fond of hypocrites and people who deceive others, especially when they are trusted servants of a Church, and abused victims are involved.

I expect to hear from someone within the Anglican Church Diocese of Brisbane soon.

Kind regards,



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