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Mr Richard Campion

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Dear Mr Campion

Thank you for your letter of 23 May 2007 informing me that other persons have written to you about their experiences in the North Coast Children's Home in the Diocese of Grafton.

The extent of the abuse experienced by those persons, as you describe it, is very distressing to me. I am most concerned about their wellbeing and I hope that they will seek to have their complaints properly addressed and receive appropriate care and support.

Some of the abuse you have described includes criminal offences of a most serious kind. These matters should be reported to the police. I would encourage you to ask those people to approach the police if they are able to. I have asked my Director of Professional Standards to advise the police directly of the information you have provided to me.

I appreciate that the experiences shared with you would be quite distressing to you as you begin to address your own abuse and commence your journey of healing.

I have today written to Bishop Keith Slater of the Diocese of Grafton and enclosed a copy of your letter. I have encouraged him to take appropriate action in relation to these persons.

Yours faithfully



The Most Revd Dr Phillip Aspinall
Primate

30 May 2007