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Anglican Church of Australia  
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Dear Dr. Aspinall

Friday June 1, 2007

**Church of England North Coast Children's Home**

Many months ago I sent a letter to Archbishop Peter Jensen at the Church of England Diocese of Sydney asking for a meeting. I have not received an answer.

A while back I sent two letters, over a course of time, to Jenni Woodhouse at the Church of England Diocese of Sydney asking her to follow up with my request for a meeting with Archbishop Peter Jensen. I have not received an answer.

Dr. Aspinall, I have also requested to spend some time with you. I have not received an answer.

I made a request for a meeting with Reverend Pat Comben and Bishop Keith Slater from the Diocese of Grafton. I have not received an answer.

However, as far as that meeting with Pat Comben and Bishop Slater is concerned, I am now being 'precious' with my decision. It would be inappropriate to discuss vital matters with those people because of the recent compensation claim of 41 victims and the offensive way we were treated. I'm sorry, but I have no trust in them or the staff involved in the case because of the poison pen letter or the cruel phone call I received.

I have written about my distrust in them before, but not one person from the Anglican Church asked me why.

Reverend Pat Comben's grubby manners and the heartless support of the Anglican Church Diocese of Grafton were out-and-out uncouth and you would have to agree that is a dirty stain on the Anglican Church of Australia.

It has been firmly established that I was abused while in the Church of England North Coast Children's Home. In a letter, Mr. Philip Selden, Executive Officer for Archbishop Peter Jensen, on behalf of Archbishop Jensen, told me in no uncertain terms that he believed I was abused in that Home. He expressed his deepest sympathy and that of Archbishop Jensen.

Reverend Pat Comben from the Church of England Diocese of Grafton wrote a wonderfully touching letter agreeing that I had lived in an Anglican place that should have been safe, but which was clearly not. Also, in a phone call Pat Comben told me he whole-heartedly believed my story of abuse.

Mr Comben also wrote in that letter that should I wish to meet with the Bishop of Grafton, The Right Reverend Keith Slater, he would be happy to put the request before him. That did not happen (I did than, but I do not wish to talk with him now).

What do I do?

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Since 2005 it has been proven that I was an abused child and up to this day I have not received an apology from the Anglican Church of Australia.

However, there is no way in the world I could recognize the apology that the Anglican Church of Australia has on the internet – it is characterless and apathetic – the words used are a pacifier and do not come from the heart.

**Each apology from the Anglican Church of Australia is crucial and should be of a personal nature to suit each individual's recognized claims of abuse. The apology should not be the generalised document that usually comes from the Anglican Church.**

In the apology to me I would like the Anglican Church to say they are sorry that I was cowardly and cruelly abused as an innocent child, many times brutally, by clergy from St Andrews Anglican Church in Lismore and staff who worked at the Church of England North Coast Children's Home.

I would like the Anglican Church say they are sorry for the sexual abuse on me by a member of the Anglican clergy

I would like the Anglican Church to say they are sorry that for almost every day in that Home I lived in fear of abuse. I lived in fear of starvation. I lived in fear of rejection. I lived in fear of hatred. I live in fear of my life.

I would like the Anglican Church to say they are sorry for when I could not recite the Apostles Creed word for word, because of fear; I was flogged so violently the skin broke open on my back.

I would like the Anglican Church to say they are sorry for taking my sister CA [redacted] out of the Home and away from me. It was seven years before I saw her again.

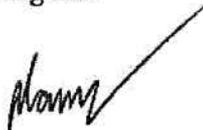
Although I kept it quite, I would like the Anglican Church to say that I have lived with my misery and pain every day of my life since.

I would like the Anglican Church to say they fought tooth and nail to deny me the right for compensation – their duty of care was atrocious and malicious - but for what reason.

Dr. Aspinall, please do not take my requests frivolously – I need those facts written on my apology and not the usual rhetoric – this is a very serious situation to me.

Archbishop, because my words are straightforward and truthful they should be included in my apology. I will not acknowledge anything less.

Kind regards,



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c.c: CA [redacted]  
 c.c: Bravehearts  
 c.c: Archbishop Peter Jensen  
 c.c: Bishop Keith Slater  
 c.c: ASCA  
 c.c: Simon Harrison