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BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF GRAFTON

Thursday, 13 September 2007

Mr Richard Campion

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Dear Richard,

Thank you for your recent letter. It seems to me that in our correspondence we have been trying to facilitate a number of different issues. I have been endeavouring to keep them separate from each other so that we might find greater clarity and the following will address them in this way.

1. The first of these concerned yourself and CA [REDACTED]. Following our meeting in Port Macquarie I wrote and asked you both to consider the question: "What would be helpful for you to move on from these things of the past?"

After receiving your responses, on 14 August 2007 I wrote offering a Care Package. To date I have not received a response from you in this regard.

2. The second of the issues is that of the place of The Reverend Pat Comben within the Diocesan system.

Having considered the matter I advise that Rev Comben will not be the contact person in any of these matters.

3. The situation of other former resident's of the North Coast Children's Home is of great concern to me. Should they be seeking support I urge you to recommend to them that they immediately contact the Diocesan Sexual Abuse Hotline (1800 774 945).

4. The fourth issue is the material that you have in relation to 'ownership' of the North Coast Children's Home. As I indicated to you in my last letter this may not assist in this very complicated matter. However I am happy to accept the material from you and pass it to the Diocesan solicitor. Because of the essentially legal aspect of this material I will not be able to discuss it with you. Property ownership is not my area of expertise or direct responsibility. Recognising the above, you may decide to forward it to me by post. But, if you still want to hand it to me, I am able to accept it on a future trip to Brisbane or Tweed Heads.

I trust the above clarifies where I see us as being at this point in time.

With blessings,

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Bishop of the Diocese of Grafton

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