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BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF GRAFTON

29 January 2008

Mr Richard Campion

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Dear Richard

I am writing as Bishop Keith's Commissary (the person who does the Bishop's tasks in the absence of the Bishop), to respond to your recent letter concerning CD

Reading all the correspondence, I am able to see how you are seeking to assist CD
REDACTED However, I feel that Bishop Keith's lack of direct response on this issue is due to the difficult problems associated with confidentiality in medical matters and modern Privacy Legislation.

The letter from CD to you on 23 July 2007 is clearly private and personal correspondence. Particularly pertinent is the CD's comment in that letter "If I am lucky, I will never hear or see them again." If the Church tries to enter this area without his permission it could lead to anguish or hurt for CD, it might even be a form of abuse.

There is no indication in CD's letter that you have authority to act for him or to even forward the letter. There is no request from CD for help or support from the Church.

If CD wishes to have support from the Church could you please urgently ask him to telephone the Sexual Misconduct Hotline 1800 774 945, which is the Sydney Diocesan Professional Standards Unit and they will act on his comments.

Alternatively you might ask him, if he requires assistance with Counselling, to write directly to the Bishop, who can then consider what support can be given immediately.

I hope this will allow this matter to be dealt with as CD wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Greg Fitz
Bishop's Commissary

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