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Dear Archbishop

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

I reply to your letter dated February 1, 2008. Yes, I am very concerned that Bishop Slater did not acknowledge a complaint of abuse made by CD [redacted]. What Bishop Slater has done is against the rules of the Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Grafton Protocol for Dealing with Complaints of Sexual Abuse.

CD [redacted] did make his complaint of abuse to the Bishop Keith Slater of the Diocese of Grafton.

I did not write to Bishop Slater on behalf of CD [redacted]. I helped a man who was abused in an Anglican home -- a man who found it hard to manage and to communicate in every day life. I offered CD [redacted] comfort, respect and kindness. It was CD [redacted]'s first step to talk of his abuse and to contact the church. I simply helped CD [redacted], and that is far away from writing on his behalf.

The sad fact of all this is that Bishop Keith Slater pushed CD [redacted]'s details of abuse aside and it only came to light eight months later. I can't believe that. The Bishop could have at least returned CD [redacted]'s complaint of abuse with a note explaining the situation.

**Fact: Ms. Jenni Woodhouse of the Diocese of Sydney suggested I send CD [redacted]'s letter of complaint to her and Bishop Slater. The Bishop did not disagree. That happened in Port Macquarie on Tuesday July 3, 2007. Ms. Woodhouse was working directly with Bishop Slater on that day. They were sitting at a table in a private house and I was with them. It was on that day that I informed Bishop Slater I was helping CD [redacted] because of his "difficulties." Again, he did not disagree. The Bishop knew CD [redacted]'s letter would soon be landing on his desk. Ms. Woodhouse told me helping CD [redacted] would not be a problem for the church. Not a problem!**

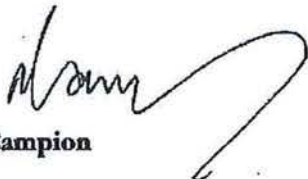
Archbishop, I received a letter from you dated June 7, 2007. It concerned CD [redacted]. You wrote: "Mr. McLary has now informed officers of Taskforce Argos in the Queensland Police Service of the abuse, and I am advised that the taskforce will pass on the information to the NSW Police."

Archbishop, because of the information in your letter it shows you knew of CD [redacted]'s abuse in the Church of England North Coast Children's Home way back in July last year -- and it seems like you did not help him - nor did Mr. McLary nor did Bishop Slater or Ms. Jenni Woodhouse.

Why didn't CD [redacted] receive help immediately? Why did Bishop Keith Slater push CD [redacted]'s complaint of abuse aside and ignore him for eight months?

P.S. "In paragraph three of your letter you wrote: "You would understand that I am not able to discuss a matter which relates to another person." But you did Archbishop, in your June 7, 2007 letter. You discussed CD [redacted] with me.

Regards,



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