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Dear Mr. McLary

Church of England North Coast Children's Home (Photograph details on page two)

I reply to your letter dated January 14, 2008. This is not to be sent to Bishop Slater. I have written a letter to him.

I thank you for the concern for CD [redacted]; nevertheless while any member of the clergy or Professional Standards from any Anglican Church is sitting on their hands doing nothing for an abused person, the problem deepens. The cost of ignoring them is devastating. It is a form of abuse in its self. What happened to CD [redacted] is a violation of his rights.

An abused victim should expect a high standard from the Anglican Church but Bishop Slater has shown no respect.

Once again, for the record, CD [redacted] official letter of complaint, dated August 12, 2007, was sent to Bishop Keith Slater of the Diocese of Grafton.

The horrible truth is eight months has slowly passed and CD [redacted] has not been acknowledged by the Anglican Church. CD [redacted] has not had a visit from a member of the Anglican clergy, or received a letter or a phone call, a text message, an e-mail or a note fastened to the leg of a carrier pigeon. That is not acceptable.

In your letter you write of Grafton's Protocol. Well, Bishop Slater can talk of the Protocol until he goes red in his furry face but a man of his standing must understand that members of the public, especially those who have been abused in an Anglican place, know nothing about a Protocol. Absolutely nothing. They wouldn't know it existed.

A bit about the Protocol: There is no rule in the Protocol stating that a letter of complaint from an abused victim in Victoria, or anywhere in Australia, has to be directed to a particular person at the Diocese of Grafton. There is no rule in the Protocol stating a friend can not help an abused victim or post (forward) his letter to the church helping him financially. There is no rule in the Protocol stating an abused victim has to write the name, Bishop Keith Slater, or Diocese of Grafton in their letter of complaint. That's reasonable enough because CD [redacted] would not know Bishop Slater from a bar of soap, for that matter, a Pope on a rope. Bishop Slater needs to be realistic and cease playing games to suit him and the church.

CD [redacted] wrote the name, North Coast Children's Home, in his official complaint of abuse. But well before than, it had been firmly established by the Anglican Church that 41 people were abused in the same home -- many of them brutally. It was so entrenched, the Anglican Church compensated \$850.000 to 38 or 39 of those 41 victims. By reading CD [redacted] complaint, even blind Freddy could see that he was crying out for help. Surely, than, any reasonable person, would be wise enough to comprehend CD [redacted] was another victim of abuse in the same home and needed to be helped as soon as possible. It is as simple as that.

The Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Grafton Protocol for Dealing with Complains of Sexual Abuse reads:

- \* You had to manage allegations in a fair and timely manner without undue formality.
- \* If a recipient is unsure whether to report the information or nor, they should report the information.
- \* If a recipient does not intend to report the information they must inform the Complainant so that the Complainant may themselves report the information under the Protocol.

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There are other rules, but the above shows Bishop Slater failed in his duty of care to [CD] - that is clear to see.

When Bishop Slater decided he could not give a damn about [CD] letter, why wasn't it returned with a brief explanation? Why didn't [CD] receive a phone call from Bishop Slater? Bishop Slater knew [CD] was abused in the North Coast Children's Home, but ignored him.

[CD] has "certain disabilities" but I encouraged him to "rewrite" his complaint of abuse to stop Bishop Slater whining and moaning. I encouraged him to put Bishop Slater's name in the letter and to forward (post) it himself. Nevertheless, I strongly encouraged [CD] not to let another person forward (post) his letter because the Bishop's Commissary, Greg Ezzy, said that is not allowed. (That is what it says in his letter to me dated January 29, 2008) Commissary Ezzy's letter to me is completely different version to what the Bishop now requires. The pair should have chatted to each other to get their facts right. (I will frame Greg Ezzy's letter and put it on the wall in the pool room)

Because of Bishop Slater's domineering and uncaring attitude there was a dreadful reaction within the [CD] household and the family complained bitterly of the pain Bishop Slater was putting through just to suit the Protocol - something only church people knew about. However, I explained to [CD] there are still no details to why Slater threw his letter in the too-hard basket for eight months.

Bishop Slater returned to his office 16 days ago. He has not explained his treatment of [CD]

Yes, I did mention you informed Taskforce Argos of [CD]'s sexual abuse - that was back in June/July 2007. In that instance you and Archbishop Aspinall should have taken it upon yourselves to help him. When it comes to the abuse of a person in an Anglican home the power of the individual church ceases to exist. Surely!

**As I wrote to you in my February 11, 2008 letter; Bishop Keith Slater, Ms. Jenni Woodhouse, Archbishop Phillip Aspinall and yourself knew the details of the abuse of [CD] before August 2007, but not one of you put your hand out to help him. Is there a reason why you church people didn't help [CD]?**

**Footnote:** I intend to lodge a complaint against Bishop Keith Slater for his neglect to act fairly and compassionately to [CD] and his letter of complaint for the abuse he suffered while living in the Church of England North Coast Children's Home and to why he continued to disregard the same for eight months. Can you inform me where I lodge the complaint?

In my February 11, 2008 letter to you, I wrote: "If you believe what I have written is wrong; please reciprocate with your answers."

In your letter February 14, 2008 you gave no answers - except that Bishop Slater requires a letter directly from [CD] With that, I take what ever else I wrote; you also know it to be true. Thank you for your honesty.

Kind regards,



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**Photograph Facts:** The Church of England North Coast Children's Home sign in the Diocese of Lismore was erected near the entrance. The sign was there when I arrived in the home in 1948/49 and it was still there when I left in 1962. It was there when I left Lismore in 1970 and was still there when this photo was taken in 1977. The sign was still there in the early 80's - yet it was removed when the building ceased to function as a home for children. The Anglican Church denies they run the Church of England North Coast Children's Home and that is a lie. That is a lie against God and all those who were tragically abused in the hell-home which was full of hatred and brutal bashings. It was an Anglican place that should have been safe, but which was clearly not.