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Mr Richard Campion

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Dear Mr Campion

Thank you for your letter of 7 May 2008 regarding the North Coast Children's Home – a copy of which you have sent to Bishop Keith Slater.

If I understand your letter correctly, you have raised two issues of significance for you.

First, you believe that the North Coast Children's Home was owned and operated by the Diocese of Grafton.

Second, you express your concern about aspects of the Deed of Release which you would be expected to sign should you accept the offer of compensation. In particular, you refer to the clause which requires you – in effect – not to disparage or injure the reputation of the Diocese or its officers.

I am most concerned that you consider that your issues have not yet been satisfactorily addressed and resolved.

Following your letter of 24 October 2007, I wrote to Bishop Slater on 21 November 2007 suggesting a process which may achieve resolution of this difficulty and distressing matter. In response to your most recent letter, I have again written to Bishop Keith Slater to encourage him to do all he can to resolve the matter and have suggested a process which may assist in resolving these contentious issues.

As you acknowledge in your letter, the North Coast Children's Home concerns the Diocese of Grafton, but I can assure you that I have done and am continuing to do all I can to encourage the Diocese of Grafton to resolve this matter properly and with all due care and concern for you.

Please be assured that I will continue to do all I reasonably can to assist you to resolve this matter.

Yours faithfully

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The Most Revd Dr Phillip Aspinall
Primate

14 May 2008