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BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF GRAFTON

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Mr Richard Campion

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Dear Richard

Greetings In Christ.

Thank you for your two recent letters. We are clearly in agreement on many of the facts surrounding the North Coast Children's Home. But we appear to differ on the interpretation and meaning of those facts.

It would appear to be of little benefit to recite a lot of refutations of the explanations which you provide in response to my last letter. The real difference between us is your belief that involvement of a clergyman in the Home showed Church responsibility, whilst my experience is that there is lots of clergy activity in areas such as the armed forces or prisons or other institutions for which the Church has no responsibility.

As to the point of payments to other former residents, these are clearly stated to be part of a Support Package, to allow the individuals to move on, these are not compensation. The Church supports many people in many different areas, they are not necessarily being compensated.

Because of the above differences I do not believe that there is benefit in continuing this sort of dialogue. Consequently, I will now pass all your letters to the Diocesan Solicitor or the Chair of the Professional Standards Committee, however should there be matters about which the Church might assist you I stand ready to provide that assistance.

Blessings

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