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Mr Richard Campion

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Dear Mr Campion

Thank you for your letter of 8 July 2008 regarding the Primate's letter to you of 27 May 2008.

I have read your letters of 7, 20 and 27 May 2008 and 2 June 2008 and the Primate's letters of 14 and 27 May 2008 regarding the ownership of the North Coast Children's Home. Mention has been made in the letters of the Diocese of Grafton, the Parish of Lismore and St Andrew's Anglican Church.

You are quite correct in saying that these entities are part of the Anglican Church of Australia. If I understand your letters correctly, your point is that it is not important which part of the Anglican Church owned the Home; but you argue that the Anglican Church of Australia owned it. Therefore, you believe that the Anglican Church of Australia has a responsibility for the abuse which occurred in the Home.

I hope that this is an accurate understanding of your letters.

As the Home is in the Diocese of Grafton, Grafton must determine the question of ownership. I understand that you have provided material to Grafton which supports your view. On behalf of the Primate, I would encourage you to continue in your discussions with that Diocese.

I am sure that the Primate would want to apologise for any misunderstanding he may have had about your letters. The Primate is concerned for you and would want this difficult and distressing matter to be resolved satisfactorily.

Yours faithfully



Rod McLary  
Director of Professional Standards

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