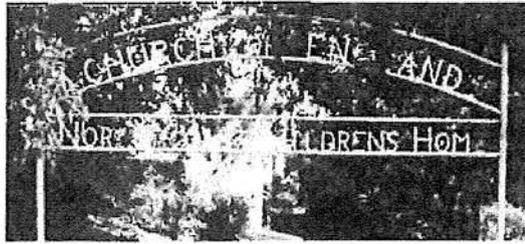


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Richard "Tommy" Campion

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December 7, 2008

Dear Mr. Comben

Reference: Church of England North Coast Children's Home (CENCCH)

I refer to your draft apology dated, XX November, 2008 where he wrote: "For any acts of mine which could have been interpreted or seen to treat Mr Campion and his sister with disrespect or given the appearance of lying I am truly sorry".

Your apology is a shocker. You do not give a damn do you? You have not embraced the spirit of Christ in our time.

I am not one to tell someone how to write an apology but I am one who likes to have the facts right and for any member of the clergy to tell the whole truth and not to cut corners to save their soul. No, you haven't been misinterpreted and yes you did lie and you should be truly sorry for that.

What I have written below (or some thing similar) is what I would expect in your apology on behalf of the Anglican Church.

As a member of the clergy at the Anglican Church Diocese of Grafton I apologise sincerely for treating Richard "Tommy" Campion and CA with contempt in respect to the aftermath of the abuse they suffered as children while living in an Anglican place; namely the Church of England North Coast Children's Home in Lismore, NSW.

As I am member of the Anglican clergy and you as victims of abuse I should not have I made the many accusations of deceit that I did. For that I am truly sorry.

When the apology is written I would like it to be on an Anglican Church letterhead. I would like it signed and dated and sent to CA and I without regret.

Your lies were written in newspapers for the entire world to see and were direct quotes from you. Your words caused CA and I much grief.

I have ignored the lies that involved Harrison as I know at that time you would have been under a lot of strain in saving the name of the church. However, I do remember you said at least they (children) had a roof over their heads.

Below are just a few of your lies. The first on the list was in a letter to me in February 2005. It was a heart-rending story of caring of which you had no hesitation in changing in April 2007 to take the burden off the church.

* "While the Bishop is presently away I have no hesitation in speaking on behalf of the diocese in saying that we will do all we can to assist you to move beyond the pain that was caused in an Anglican place that should have been safe, but which was clearly not." **That was a lie.**

* "The church was connected to the home but not responsible for it." **That was a lie.**

* "If it had been a church home, it would have been officially incorporated like similar facilities." **That was a lie.**

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* **“While** there were Anglican clergymen working there, the church never appointed staff, managed the home nor exercised any control over its operations.” **That was lie.**

* **“The** church had no legal duty of care to any of the former residents of the home and the payout was simply an act of compassion.” **That was a lie.**

* **“We** have made that offer on the basis that the church is a church of compassion and wants to make a passable approach to people who had apparently been damaged in a place that had some sort of connection with some church people.” **That was a lie.**

* **“The** home was not run by the Church, but by a “local community committee.” **That was a lie.**

Your Pinocchio attitude hurt CA and I deeply. Your behaviour was like that of a man who had a hatred for abused victims and had a duty to save his church.

Regards,



Richard “Tommy” Campion

Photo Facts: The identification sign at the entrance of the Church of England North Coast Children’s Home was there for three decades. It was removed in the early 80’s when the home ceased to function as a shelter for children. The Anglican Church was the licensing authority for the CENCCH and had the duty of care for the children who lived there. According to the Child Welfare Act – Section 21 and 28, licenses at the time were only granted to approved denominational organizations of amongst which the Church of England was one. The Anglican Church agrees. In 2005, Grafton Registrar, Pat Comben, commenting on my abuse that occurred in their home wrote: **“I am unable to adequately express my personal feeling of revulsion, sorrow and helplessness which the letter raises inside.”** Comben went on to say: **“...we will do all that we can to assist you to move beyond the pain that was caused in an Anglican place that should have been safe, but which was clearly not.”** In 2007, while being questioned by a journalist, Comben claimed ignorance to save the name of the church. Bishop Keith Slater of the Anglican Church Diocese of Grafton acknowledges the truth and has offered a truthful apology but at this stage he refuses to write the truthful apology.