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Dear Bishop Slater

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What I expect now: Due to the horrendous behaviour of the Anglican Church in the past, by means of a display advertisement published in The Australian, the Sydney Morning Herald, Sydney Daily Telegraph, Brisbane Sunday Mail and the Lismore Northern Star, the Anglican Church must make a sincere and truthful apology to every person across Australia who was abused in the (Church of England) North Coast Children's Home.

Here are the reasons why: In the April 12, 2007 edition of The Australian Reverend Pat Comben Grafton Diocese Registrar told senior journalist Kevin Meade, "...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."

The Anglican Church made other appalling statements to various newspapers (which I have), but those particular words of denial are more detrimental, cold-hearted, callous and false. And as they were printed in a national newspaper it adds to a much more serious situation.

Even though the Anglican Church knew of the sexual, physical and verbal abuse of more than 200 children who lived in the Home, for more than four decades they did nothing to stop it. Nothing! And not one person from the Anglican Church stopped their own clergy of St Andrew's Anglican Church (in Lismore) from abusing the children. Because of that the children suffered immensely.

- In your signed *Anglican Church Truthful Letter of Regret and Apology* dated August 16, 2010 you wrote: "I accept that children at the Home were abused by clergy engaged and licensed by the Church."
- On August 14, 2012 at St Cuthbert's Anglican Church at Tweed Heads, speaking of the abuse, several times you admitted to myself and Mr Tony Madden J.P. that the Anglican Church did have the "moral responsibility" to care and protect the children.
- On May 9, 2012 in the offices of the Anglican Church in Ann Street The Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall admitted to myself, Tony Madden J.P. and Brisbane stenographer Ms Linda Graham: "There is no doubt in my mind that the Anglican Church was closely associated with and integrally involved in the Home." He added: "There is no doubt in my mind that because of that involvement the Church had responsibility to protect and care for children in the Home and to ensure they were not subjected to cruelty or abuse."

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Dr Aspinall allowed the meeting to be taped. He handed me all his documentation which I have on file. However, you did not allow me to tape our meeting as a record of the supposedly truthful conversation.

As noted above, for decades the shocking violence went on under the noses of the Anglican Church, so there is no doubt that they turned a blind eye to the horrific abuse of children in the Home. And without doubt the Anglican Church turned a blind eye to their own members of the clergy who sexually and physically abused children.

This is very serious so I expect a prompt reply outlining when these display advertisements will appear.

Kind regards,



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C.c. Archbishop Aspinall