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REDACTED

Dear CA

I have just read your letter for the fourth time and again come to your haunting question at the end - "Imagine if you gave away someone you loved, the only person you had to love, would you be able to bear the pain?" - and once again I can only answer "No".

As I believe you are aware, I have been in touch with your brother and understand something of what you both went through. My thoughts towards you are no different to what I expressed to your brother in that it is beyond my comprehension how a society, community and our church treated people at that time.

The Professional Standards Committee of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton wishes to investigate the matter to ensure that those responsible are held to account and also to provide you with an opportunity of seeking assistance and an appropriate response.

← Enclosed are the church documents concerning how we deal with matters of abuse. Should you have any questions about these please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Is there anything which we could assist you with as you face what you describe as the journey of discovery? Should you wish to consider counseling I would be happy to negotiate some reasonable payments.

On the afternoon of December 7th and prior to 11.00am on the 8th I will be in REDACTED and wonder whether I could meet you to obtain some further information on the people at the North Coast Children's Home at the time you were there? I am seeking to similarly interview Richard but I am hesitating to contact him as solicitors are now acting on his behalf.

Solicitors acting for individuals in this sort of matter will be able to properly put the case for the individual who has been harmed but they do not assist the

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+ NEVER
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church to find the truth of the entire circumstances and ensure that justice is brought to those who offended. It is this element that I am particularly keen to follow whilst awaiting an approach from Solicitors acting for former residents of the North Coast Children's Home.

I will have with me Mrs Rosie Catt who I would want to attend any interview and to take notes so that we may have a detailed statement from which the church may commence specific enquiries concerning staff at the home.

I wonder if you would be so kind as to give me a telephone call on 02 6642 4122 (work) or 6642 3216 (home).

Yours faithfully,

Pat Comben
Pat Comben
Registrar

NO SAID O.K I HAVE A
STAYED NO NOTES NO TAPES. - GOOD MEMORY
HAD MEETING AS ARRANGED - FOUND HIM A MAN WHO
MADE YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE - DID NOT PRESSURE ME BUT I
FELT UNDERLYING AGENDA TO GATHER NAMES. MINISTERS.

I WAS WARNED NOT TO MENTION NAMES. SO AS NOT TO COMPROMISE
SYSTEM IN LEGAL PROCESS. - SO DID NOT GIVE NAMES. HOWEVER OF
MINISTERS NAMES PUT TO ME BUT OFFERED NAMES OF THOSE WHO
WERE CLOSE TO US. 7TH DEC.

5:30

7 END OF INTERVIEW HE OFFERED ME COUNSELLING.
I WAS JUST ATTEMPTING COUNSELLING
WAS TOLD WE ARE ALL SINNERS I
DECLINED AT THIS TIME

REDACTED

~~SPAT~~

OFFERED A MEETING WITH BISHOP BUT I KNEW
IT WOULD RESULT IN UNFEELING REVERSED APOLOGY AS
ON THE INTERVIEW WHICH I FOUND DISLECTING

MOBI

REDACTED

DID ADMIT HE WAS AN ABUSED CHILD (STEPFATHER)
AT THE END MR COMBEN SAID
HE NORMALLY WAS A PERSON THAT DROPPED HIS HEAD OR
DID NOT MAKE EYE CONTACT WHEN HE FOUND THINGS UNPLEASANT.
BUT HE SAID, YOU HAVE COMPELLED ME TO LOOK INTO YOUR EYES

+ I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE TELLING ME IS THE TRUTH + THAT IS WHY
I WILL BE TELLING THE BISHOP - SHOOK HEAD I