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Dear CA,

The Editor of the North Coast Anglican has handed me a copy of your letter and sought my views on publishing it.

The item which I had inserted in *The North Coast Anglican* was intended to be totally neutral and provide factual information about the legal issues in view of publicity over the North Coast Children's Home issues.

It was not my intention that the publication of the information should solicit further material for publication. I have received letters from individual former residents of the North Coast Children's Home both supporting and criticizing the Home and its staff.

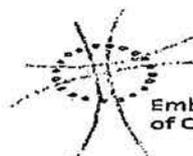
It would appear to me to be inappropriate for *The North Coast Anglican* to be the forum for the expression of competing views. Such a discussion might be unhelpful to the search for truth and potentially unedifying. Other former residents are expressing hurt that they have been refused publication in other newspapers when those individuals were seeking to "balance" published stories.

In view of you being named as a client of Nicol Robinson Halletts, solicitors, who have stated their intention to provide material to the church in relation to the North Coast Children's Home I have received legal advice that it would be appropriate for us to only correspond through our solicitors.

I have requested the Editor, Mr Hancock, not to publish your letter, but to include a paragraph on the "Letters" page stating that strongly held but differing views of events at N.C.C.H. have been received.

Yours faithfully

Pat Comben
Registrar



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