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**BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF GRAFTON**

Wednesday, May 15, 2013

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse
GPO Box 5283
Sydney NSW 2001

Dear Commissioners,

Enclosed is a document prepared by the Acting Registrar of the Diocese of Grafton providing information on this Diocese's management of claims associated with allegations of sexual abuse at the North Coast Children's Home (NCCH).

The document has two parts, both are letters from Ms Anne Hywood, Acting Registrar of the Diocese of Grafton to The Most Reverend Phillip Aspinall, Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia.

The first letter is dated 1 May 2013 and was written at the request of the Primate following a meeting between the Primate and Ms Hywood in Sydney on Friday 26 April 2013. At this meeting the management of the NCCH claims was discussed in the context of providing a briefing on a media story which was likely to be published in the near future.

The second letter is dated 14 May 2013 was written to correct and clarify some matters contained in the letter dated 1 May 2013. Both documents must be read together.

It is important to note that the information included in the document is drawn from a review of the files available to Ms Hywood at the time and should not be considered a definitive report following a detailed audit of all Professional Standards matters in the Diocese. Prior to this the Bishop-in-Council of this Diocese, in November 2012, commissioned such an audit which is still in process.

In addition some of the allegations of failure of process in regard to the management of NCCH claims in 2006/07 are still being investigated and the outcome is not yet known.

This document is being forwarded to you in the interests of transparency and openness. The Diocese of Grafton is committed to assisting the Royal Commission in its work.

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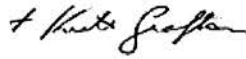
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Both the Acting Registrar and the Bishop of Grafton are very willing to provide additional information as requested.

Yours in Christ

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The Right Reverend Keith Slater
Bishop of the Diocese of Grafton

Anne Hywood
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