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## Anglican Diocese of Grafton

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The Commander  
 NSW Police Force Richmond Local Area Command  
 Superintendent Greg Martin  
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 Lismore  
 NSW, 2480

Dear Superintendent MARTIN,

I am the current Director of Professional Standards for the Anglican Diocese of Newcastle, Armidale and Grafton and I wish to formally report to you information concerning historical allegations of sexual abuse of children at the North Coast Children's Home, Lismore, and subsequent handling of complaints about same by Church personnel.

There are two aspects to this matter;

**1) The recent handling of complaints of abuse by Church personnel**

On Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> May 2013 Bishop Keith SLATER of the Grafton Diocese issued the attached statement, detailing his resignation due to his failure to adequately address abuse claims. I have concerns about the recent non-reporting of these matters to Police as detailed in the statement.

I have had several conversations with the Richmond LAC Crime Manager, Superintendent Greg MOORE, who advised me to write directly to you to initiate a reporting of these matters.

I have this morning been notified that the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse have taken an interest in the matter and are preparing a subpoena for all documents relating. I am in the process of securing those documents with the intention of providing them to both the Royal Commission and Police.

**2) The historical abuse itself**

In my discussions with Superintendent MOORE, I have also undertaken to provide detailed information regarding historical abuse of children at the North Coast Children's home as I believe it to be the case that some of these matters remain unreported to Police. This information will be provided in due course as it is collated and prepared as per Superintendent MOORE's instruction.

Thank you for your time, I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Elliott  
 Director of Professional Standards  
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