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The Most Rev Phillip Aspinall
 Archbishop of Brisbane
 Anglican Church of Australia
 BY FACSIMILE: 3832 5030

Dear Archbishop Aspinall

The Church of England North Coast Childrens Home Lismore

We write further to our Simon Harrison's meeting with Mr McLary on 1 December and their subsequent telephone conversations yesterday and earlier today.

Our clients are most grateful that Archbishop Jensen, the Bishop of Grafton and your good self have now quite correctly become involved in these matters.

We understand from Mr McLary that the Reverend Comben yesterday confirmed that he will meet with us to discuss matters. We have this morning therefore sent a facsimile to the lawyers instructed by the Reverend Comben proposing that the meeting take place at their offices in Lismore either on Friday of this week, or alternatively Monday or Tuesday next at the latest.

Our letter of 17 November 2006 brought to your attention the contradictory approaches between the manner in which matters have progressed so far and the Churches public approach

It is however with some concern, which we genuinely hope is completely misplaced, that there has been a suggestion that the Reverend Comben wishes to deal with these matters at that meeting by debating liability issues. We have addressed the liability issues ad nauseam in correspondence and orally and are of the opinion that the former residents' arguments would prevail in any formal legal setting. We will again do so against our better judgment solely to promote settlement.

Our clients therefore hope that the contradictions we brought to your attention in our aforementioned letter are resolved and that your own and Archbishop Jensen's stated positions, as well as that of the Church nationally, and the position to be taken at the forthcoming meeting, are one and the same as opposed to a meeting which simply places these former residents in the position they were in prior to seeking your involvement (i.e. where we have been met with a strictly legalistic approach).

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We are willing to meet, and will meet, in a genuine attempt to resolve matters on that basis.

Yours faithfully
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