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13 December 2006

Mr Peter Roland
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 BY FACSIMILE: 02 6642 5070

Dear Mr Roland

Church of England North Coast Childrens Home

We write with reference to the above and further to our letter dated 5 December 2006.

We telephoned your office on 7 December 2006 and were informed that an open letter and a "without prejudice" letter would be with us in the course of the next two days and that March was mentioned as a possible time by which we could reply to those letters on behalf of our clients!

In the writer's absence his colleague telephoned your office yesterday to be informed that we would receive correspondence "before Christmas".

We have to say, with all sincerity that our clients' patience really has started to wear thin as we advised you it would. We had hoped to ensure that their attitude did not polarise and we have to say that the perceived, if not actualised, prevarication is doing everything to secure a polarisation which will do nothing to assist their healing and recovery and everything to do them, and we have to say the Church, significant harm

We therefore advise again that if these matters are to be settled in accord with all of the public pronouncements of Archbishop Dr Phillip Aspinall, Archbishop Peter Jensen, Bishop Slater and Mr Blake SC (in the latter's role as Chair of the Working Group), then these matters need to be resolved and need to be resolved before Christmas.

We are in a position to meet with you at short notice to conclude these matters in the interests of the former residents and no doubt in the interests of the Church.

Yours faithfully
 NICOL ROBINSON HALLETTS

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