

FILE NOTE**MATTER: 06-0030****5 February 2007****RE: THE CORPORATE TRUSTEES & NORTH COAST CHILDREN'S HOME****SUBJECT:**

T/a Pat Comben; he reported on Bishop-in-Council meeting at Yamba which had been convened to deal with matters of governance involving Bishop-in-Council; with regard to NCCH the opinion of the meeting was that the \$950,000.00 was merely a discount from the \$1.2 m previously offered, having regard to the withdrawal of three of the principal protagonists; the offer should therefore be rejected; also considered that previous offer of \$750,000.00 was unnecessarily generous in the circumstances; Pat suggested that this offer not be formally withdrawn but off the records suggested that such figure might be available in appropriate circumstances.

T/a Simon Harrison; advised that \$950,000.00 had been rejected; it was merely taken to be a discount on the \$1.2 discounted for the withdrawal of three of the principal protagonists; said that the opinion of Bishop-in-Council was that \$750,000.00 previously offered but rejected was considered unduly generous based on Counsel's opinion; indicated that Bishop-in-Council were inviting complainants to initiate action; off the record Pat Comben had indicated that the \$750,000.00 although previously rejected might be still available in appropriate circumstances.

Conference with Pat Comben; time engaged 15 minutes; general discussion re telephone conversation with Simon Harrison; he would discuss matter with Bishop this afternoon; his initial response was to simply reiterate the previous offer and invite them to initiate action; he was prepared to face any adverse media coverage when the matter arose.