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**"WITHOUT PREJUDICE EXCEPT AS TO COSTS"**

Dear Sirs,

**RE: THE CORPORATE TRUSTEES & NORTH COAST CHILDREN'S HOME**

We refer to our open letter of even date herewith.

Notwithstanding the matters referred to in such letter, we have been instructed to submit a counter offer in the following terms:-

On an ex-gratia basis and totally *without prejudice*, our client is prepared to provide a lump sum package of \$800,000.00 subject to a full release of liability for the Bishop, The Corporate Trustees of the Diocese of Grafton, and all who were involved in the management of The North Coast Childrens' Home by all 41 claimants. Such sum is calculated as follows:-

First Band (12 claimants @ \$16,000.00)	=	\$192,000.00
Second Band (16 claimants @ \$20,000.00)	=	\$320,000.00
Third Band (13 claimants @ \$22,000.00)	=	<u>\$286,000.00</u>
TOTAL	=	\$798,000.00 + \$2,000.00

In the event that such offer is not acceptable, our previous instructions to accept service of process has been confirmed.

Yours faithfully,  
**FOOTT, LAW & CO.**

Per:  
Peter Roland