

SOLICITORS AND NOTARIES



THYNNE
&
MACARTNEY

Partners

Douglas R. Spence
Robert G. Behan
Francis G. Turner
Julie-Anne Schafer
John R. Moore
Susan E. Francis
Lee J. Bickley

Senior Consultant

David Hoare

Senior Associates

Glen W. Williams
Michael R. Fisher
Wendy A. Davidson
Susan J. Bruggemann

E-Mail Address

thymac@tpgl.com.au

Ausdoc

DX 142 BRISBANE

Telex

AA41358

Answerback code:

THYMAC

Telephone

(07) 3231 8888
Int. (+617) 3231 8888

Postal Address

GPO Box 245
Brisbane Qld 4001 Australia

Facsimile

(07) 3229 0855
Int. (+617) 3229 0855

LEVEL 29, COMALCO PLACE, 12 CREEK STREET, BRISBANE 4000.

Our ref: JRM:KS:991255
Direct Line: 3231 8861
Direct Email: mooregroup@thymac.com.au
Your ref: PJD:dlt:ISA990279 [Peter Deed]

This is Exhibit "O" to the Statement of
JOAN KATHERINE ISAACS

Dated: 23 OCTOBER 2013

J. Hoare

14 September 1999

Cranston McEachern
Lawyers & Attorneys
DX 143
BRISBANE

"WITHOUT PREJUDICE"

Dear Colleagues

Re: The Corporation of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane -ats-
Joan Isaacs

We refer to your "without prejudice" communication of 31 August 1999 and to your follow up discussions with our Mr Moore.

In relation to your client's claim for monetary compensation, as opposed to support that can be provided under the *Towards Healing* arrangements the Church has in place, we are endeavouring to ascertain whether any ex gratia payment can be made. We are not delaying the process, but monetary compensation claims in such matters are difficult where, in our view, civil legal liability clearly does not exist on the part of any Church institution for criminal or other alleged wrongful activities of a person who quite obviously acted outside of any scope of authority or duty entrusted to them, and certainly, outside any religious teachings. Persons who pursue their own wrongful agenda must face the criminal and civil consequences of their actions as has or will occur with Derriman.

We note that Bishop Gerry wrote to your client expressing his sympathy at the distress your client is experiencing. The *Towards Healing* protocol provides processes for ongoing support. However, it is not a monetary compensation protocol. We note your advice that your client is not pursuing a civil liability claim. She is, nevertheless, pursuing monetary compensation. It is this aspect we are clarifying so that we can try and let you have a definitive response.

We hope that by the end of September we will be able to let you know the position.

Yours faithfully

Thynne & Macartney

Associated Firms:

Dibs Crowther & Osborne
50 Carrington Street, Sydney 2000

WAP69912559998736u26.wpd



Members of ACL - INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCIAL LAWYERS