

From: Michael Elliott **Sent:** Friday, 6 August 2010 7:54 AM **To:** Bishop Brian **Subject:** RE: Cooks Hill Meeting

Dear Bishop Brian,
I acknowledge your comments and sincerely apologise for what unfolded at the meeting. I too was unaware and unprepared for the level of detail shared by Phil. I have learned much from this process and regret not taking on board the sound advice offered by yourself Fr. Stewart Perry and Archdeacon Stephen Pullin. I take responsibility for this situation and acknowledge the meeting was largely unproductive and distressing for many there. I am deeply sorry, this was as you pointed out, the opposite of my intentions.

I believe it highlights the need in our diocese for a qualified parish recovery team to assist in dealing with these situations and bridge the gap between the sometimes competing needs of Professional Standards processes and pastoral ministry. I will be in the office for approximately half day only this morning and would like to speak with you face to face re this if you are available.

Kind Regards

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From: Bishop Brian **Sent:** Thu 5/08/2010 9:11 PM **To:** Michael Elliott **Cc:** John Cleary; Stephen Pullin **Subject:** Cooks Hill Meeting
Dear Michael,

I believe that the outcome of the meeting at Cooks Hill on Thursday night is the very opposite of what you had intended.

Philip Lloyd created through his prosecutorial presentation much sympathy and support for ^{COJ} The comments made to me as people left the Hall indicated clearly their dismay at the detail of disclosure that Philip made in his address.

We had had a conversation in my Office in the presence of both Archdeacon Pullin and John Cleary in which it was made clear to you that there was to be

no such detailing. I understood that we had agreed on a general form of words such as 'sexualized behaviour'.

People left appalled at the presentation and at the Church's processes. No restorative justice achieved for the victims, I'm afraid.

You will have to admit that there was expressed to you this week on more than one occasion deep concern about this intended approach. I felt -and I take responsibility for my acquiescing to you- that I was being pressurized into this occasion and format. Either we did this or your preferred prosecutor would withdraw his services from the Diocese.

I think that I have allowed myself to be placed in an invidious position in which I most likely have lost the confidence of many people. I deeply regret agreeing to this meeting for I fear it will achieve the very obverse of what ought to have occurred with ^{COJ} 's pleading guilty.

Grace and peace,

+Brian

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