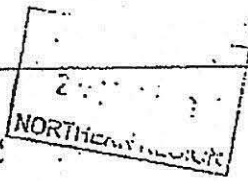


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**ISSUE**

Allegations of Conceal Serious Offence by clergy formerly attached to the Maitland Newcastle Diocese of the Catholic Church.

**BACKGROUND**

As per attached file.

**CURRENT POSITION**

The attached file relates to various allegations of sexual assault and the subsequent covering up of same by various members of the Maitland Newcastle Diocese of the Catholic Church.

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Newcastle City LAC does not have the expertise to investigate this matter. This already has significant media exposure within the Newcastle area and recent broadcast on ABC national television. The investigation will involve dealings with the hierarchy of the Catholic church and covers offences dating back to 1995.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is my submission this file should be forwarded to Sex Crimes, State Crime Command for investigation.

Brad TAYLER  
Detective Chief Inspector

1. Commander, Newcastle City LAC.

*Content and recommendation agreed to state crime charter & risk to organisation if not investigated appropriately.*  
Max Mitchell APM  
Superintendent  
20.5.10

2. Northern Region Commander.

3. Commander, State Crime Command.