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Do you have a contact for AC I believe I have some other material that may relate to her. Would she be prepared to speak to me?

I am gradually working through all that you sent. (As my wife will testify) I am progressing with AJ and this may be very promising.

There have been a few things going on behind the (police) scenes that concern me a bit that I'll discuss with you later.

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Subject FW: Response from Bishop Malone

**From:** Doyle, Elizabeth [mailto:Elizabeth.Doyle@mn.catholic.org.au]  
**Sent:** Friday, 9 April 2010 5:43 PM  
**To:** Joanne McCarthy  
**Subject:** Response from Bishop Malone

Hello Joanne,

Please find attached Bishop Michael's response to your telephone inquiries and follow-up email.

With best wishes

Regards

**Elizabeth Doyle**  
Personal Assistant to Bishop Malone  
**Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle**

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Joanne McCarthy  
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Dear Joanne,

Thank you for your inquiries.

I acknowledge that AC has chosen to make contact with you and if she wishes to discuss matters with you I respect and support her right to do so. Nevertheless, I feel constrained to respect the privacy of any person who has been harmed by historic abuse committed by individuals who were part of the Diocese.

On a personal note, I am gladdened if, through my ministry, I have demonstrated respect for and given comfort to any persons harmed by historic abuse.

In the early 2000s I was keen to communicate matters connected with sexual abuse issues to the Australian bishops to create a greater awareness amongst us all of this evil.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) continues to have a focus on ensuring the Church responds in the most effective and pastoral way possible to allegations of historic abuse as well as promoting the safety, welfare and well being of all children. The ACBC established the National Committee for Professional Standards, with Directorates in each state. Through the National Committee the Church developed *Towards Healing*, a comprehensive policy and procedure for dealing with abuse allegations.

As part of the *Towards Healing* protocols, the Diocese is required to act with truth, humility, healing for the victims, assistance to other persons affected, a just response to those who are accused, an effective response to those who are guilty of abuse and the prevention of abuse.

The Diocese and I have in the past and will continue to cooperate fully with Police investigations. As with any Australian organisation, the Diocese upholds and believes in a person's presumption of innocence in a criminal matter.

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Newcastle Herald

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In 2005 I established Zimmerman House, a specialist child protection unit that promotes preventative strategies, investigates 'reportable allegations' that are made against any Diocesan personnel and supports the restoration of individuals and groups. Zimmerman House responds to allegations of child abuse by any person associated with the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle and provides training and information sessions to local parishes, schools and other diocesan groups. It can be contacted on 4940 8091 or toll free 1800 234 050, or by e-mail to: [child.protection@mn.catholic.org.au](mailto:child.protection@mn.catholic.org.au)

The whole Diocese, and I continue to reach out to those who have suffered harm and we try to offer some meaningful healing for them and ourselves.

I remain,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Michael Malone". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend Michael Malone  
**Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle**

+MM/ed