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Wednesday, 10 May, 2000

Mr John Davoren Professional Standards Office 276 Pitt Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear John,

I write to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 31st March, 2000 regarding AE

I have been in touch with Sr Evelyn Woodward, who is seeing AE: in a professional capacity, that I might ascertain the best way to take forward a Church response to AE's distress about the alleged complaint with Fr Denis McAlinden. Sr Evelyn intends to have further conversations with AE and there is every possibility that we will be setting up a personal facilitated meeting shortly. It is my hope that if I do get the chance to meet with AE that I can allay many of her fears and reassure her that she is not being rejected by the Church.

Thank you John for your continued interest in this matter and other matters that have come before you.

With best wishes.

I remain,

Yours sincerely

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dictated by and signed in absentia for:



Most Reverend Michael Malone Bishop of Maitland-Newcastle

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