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Family and Community Development Committee  
Parliament House, Spring Street  
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Attention: Committee Chair, Ms Gorgie Crozier, MP  
Via post and email: [fcdc@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:fcdc@parliament.vic.gov.au)

Dear Ms Crozier,

**RE: Inquiry into Handling of Child Abuse by Religious and Other Non-Government Organisations: Further Submission by Waller Legal**

I refer to my submission to the Inquiry by letter dated 21 September 2012. I note the Committee published my submission on the parliamentary website in October 2012. I make this further submission to the Inquiry.

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Updated Information Relevant to My Submission

I also wish place before the Parliamentary Inquiry updated information about an important aspect of my submission as it relates to Victim 2 and other victims of sexual abuse by the Catholic Clergy.

My submission identified the difficulties encountered by Victim 2 in seeking appropriate compensation. I am now in a position to advise that Victim 2's further claim for compensation resolved on 26 March 2013 and he has received an additional financial settlement.

My submission identified the technical defences raised by Catholic Clergy Defendants in sexual abuse litigation and discussed the difficulties faced by victim litigants. I wish to advise that despite these difficulties I have secured settlements that total more that 1.1 million dollars in compensation since November 2012. These settlements were on behalf of 11 clients who allege that they were victims of Catholic Clergy sex abuse.

I currently act on behalf of 97 clients who allege sexual and physical abuse by various Christian Brothers, and a further 30 clients who allege abuse by other Catholic Clergy. My work on behalf of these people continues.

If I can be of assistance to the Inquiry in any way, or should you wish me to clarify any aspect of this correspondence, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Vivian Waller

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