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STATEMENT BY CHURCH AUTHORITY RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

In response to the requirements of Towards Healing Paragraph 45.7, as the relevant Church Authority of

_____ *(please enter the name of cleric or religious or layperson transferring to or visiting the Diocese)* I hereby state that in relation to this person, there have been no substantiated complaints of abuse against him or her, nor are there any known circumstances that could lead to a complaint of abuse.

I am aware that, in moving into a new jurisdiction, this person will be subject to the requirements of relevant State legislation concerning clearances to work with certain categories of persons.

Duration of Visit / Appointment: [ ]

Provide Dates of Arrival & Departure

The purpose of Visit / Appointment:

[ ]

Yours sincerely,

_____ _____ _____

Signature Printed Full Name Date of Statement

Address: _____

Official Role: _____

Relevant Paragraphs from Towards Healing

45.6 Whenever a cleric or religious is to transfer from one diocese or institute to another (whether within Australia or coming from overseas) or is to carry out a ministry or apostolate in another diocese or institute, the Church Authority to which the person is to be transferred shall ask for a written statement from the cleric or religious indicating whether there have been any substantiated complaints of abuse against him or her or whether there are known circumstances that could lead to a complaint of abuse. Such statements shall be held as confidential documents by the Church Authority.

45.7 In these same circumstances the Church Authority in the diocese or institute where the cleric or religious previously lived and worked, shall provide a statement in writing to the new diocese or institute indicating whether such authority knows of any complaint of abuse, or whether it considers that there would be an unacceptable risk to children, young people or vulnerable adults if the person were to be allowed to engage in particular kinds of ministry. Where there has been a substantiated complaint, the Church Authority shall furnish all information necessary to evaluate the seriousness of the offence, and shall report on all treatment undertaken, and other measures employed to ensure that further offences do not occur. Such statements shall be held as confidential documents by the Church Authorities.