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ATT: St Michael's Media / Church Militant Editor in Chief

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To Whom It May Concern,

Publications in relation to George Pell

I write in relation to the following publication which has recently been brought to my attention:

https://www.churchmilitant.com/news/article/cardinal-pell-found-guilty-on-all-counts-of-sex-abuse

As you will be aware, George Pell is facing prosecution for historical child sexual offences in the County Court of Victoria. The matter is therefore subject to the *sub judice* contempt principles.

As you may also be aware, on 25 June 2018 a proceeding suppression order was made in this matter pursuant to section 17 of the *Open Courts Act 2013*. That order is currently in force.

The prohibition on publication in that order applies within all States and Territories of Australia and on any website or other electronic or broadcast format accessible within Australia.

I consider that the article referred to above has a real and definite tendency to interfere with the proper administration of justice in this matter and therefore breaches the *sub judice* contempt principles.

I consider that the article referred to above also breaches the proceeding suppression order currently in force in this matter.

I request that you immediately remove the article from publication and ensure that your organisation exercises proper caution in future.

I am currently considering my options in relation to *sub judice* contempt and breach of suppression order proceedings.

Yours faithfully,

Kerri Judd QC

Director of Public Prosecutions, Victoria