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Statement: ABC TV Four Corners program 22 June 2020

Anglicare North Coast is the social justice and welfare arm of the Anglican Diocese of Grafton, providing professional, practical, and caring Christian ministry in the Diocese.

We have been saddened to witness the tragic impacts of Coronavirus, especially on the residents and staff of Newmarch House and other aged care facilities. Newmarch House is a facility operated by Anglicare Sydney, which is an agency of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney.

Anglicare North Coast is a separate entity to Anglicare Sydney. In fact, while all Anglicare agencies around Australia share a common name, heritage and values, we are all independent of each other and carry out diverse and independent program activities.

Anglicare North Coast is not a provider of aged care, and never has been. We do not operate any facilities or services such as those featured in the TV program.

We are working actively in all our program areas to protect staff and service users from the spread of Covid-19 by following recommended Government guidelines.

We are grateful that there has been no case of infection in any of the locations or activities associated with Anglicare North Coast.

Anglicare North Coast is not able to comment or respond to the issues raised in the story broadcast on the Four Corners Program.

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