

DRAFT LETTER

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Dear ^{CPD}

Having been away from Armidale for several weeks, I am now attending to letters including yours of 7 September.

I make the following response to the matters raised in your letter.

1. It is a pity that you have not yet commenced some professional counselling. As a Pastor of long experience, I cannot emphasize too strongly that professional counselling for you is the **only** way forward.

Yes, I agree to assist in paying professional fees. As a start, I am willing to assist with **half** the fee per session for a maximum of twelve sessions. Upon completion of twelve sessions, we can review this offer.

Michael Salmon would be able to suggest a few names of counsellors.

2. You seek monetary compensation. ~~Whereas you seem to have satisfied yourself that compensation is due to you, you have in no way established to my satisfaction that I as Bishop should pay you compensation. Why don't you make a claim against the man who abused you?~~

~~Should you bring yourself to take the matter of abuse to the Police, the compensation matter will become clearer.~~

3. ^{CPD} you cannot be aware of all the assistance being given at this very moment to victims of abuse. Should you wish, I will provide you with a copy of "Towards Healing" which will show you what the various parts of the Church are doing. Like yourself, most victims wish to avoid public disclosure. We respect this.

With every good wish,

Sincerely in Christ, our Lord

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