

ANNEXURE 10

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 Dear

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. While I understand your reluctance to do so, I would again urge you to take this matter to the police. I believe the compensation matter may become clearer were you to do this.

I am wondering also why you would not be making a claim against the man who abused you?

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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

+ Luc Matthys

Most Reverend Luc Matthys
Bishop of Armidale

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