



## DIOCESE OF GRAFTON

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Dear CE

My name is David Hanger. I am the new Chair of the Professional Standards Committee in the Diocese of Grafton. I spoke with Chris Newby, your solicitor on Friday. I informed him of the offer of settlement from the Diocese of Grafton of \$30,000. Chris rang back to inform me that you accepted the offer. The solicitors acting for the Diocese of Grafton will make contact with Chris to finalise this matter.

Personally and, on behalf of the Diocese of Grafton I express our deepest sorrow for the abuse you suffered at the North Coast Children's Home and apologise profoundly and unreservedly for the shameful manner in which you were treated when you courageously came forward to tell your story. The Diocese of Grafton acknowledges that financial assistance alone cannot make amends for the harm caused by the abuse you suffered as a child at the North Coast Children's Home, rather it is a means by which the Diocese acknowledges the harm caused and expresses our compassion for you.

CE it is my genuine prayer that this apology and the resolution of your outstanding claim will form a meaningful part of your ongoing healing.

Yours sincerely,

Rev Canon David Hanger

**Chair  
Professional Standards Committee  
Diocese of Grafton**



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